



PREPARING FOR ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) annual International Roadcheck will take place June 6 – 8, 2017. Over a 72-hour period, CVSA-certified commercial motor vehicle inspectors will conduct inspections of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers. They will primarily be conducting Level 1 inspections, which are the most thorough roadside inspections. It is a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Drivers are required to provide items such as their driver's license, hours-of-service documentation, motor carrier registration and shipping documentation and inspectors will be checking drivers for seat belt usage and the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The vehicle inspection includes checking items such as the brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices (required lamps), steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, and windshield wipers.



Going through a roadside inspection can be stressful and take time. This causes loss of revenue, lost loads, missed appointments, and perhaps even receiving a fine for infractions. There are several techniques that professional drivers use to avoid bringing attention to themselves and their equipment. The following are some tips that may help:



- * **Conduct a thorough pre-trip inspection**
- * **Wear your seatbelt**
- * **Fix defective or inoperative items immediately**
- * **Obey the speed limit**
- * **Keep the dashboard uncluttered**
- * **Do not talk on the cell phone when driving**
- * **Avoid aggressive driving, like hopping lanes and tailgating**
- * **Be well rested, groomed and cleanly dressed**
- * **Keep the interior and exterior of the tractor and trailer as clean as possible**
- * **Conduct a thorough post-trip inspection**

CULTURE ...

... a set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices that characterize an institute, business or organization.

Please join me in working hard on our company culture. We need to talk about the company in a positive light, help new employees feel welcome and want to refer new employees to DCM Transport.

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I have read and understand the above information regarding "Preparing for Roadside Inspections".

Signature

Date



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Rod Howard

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