



FALL DRIVING HAZARDS

Autumn is here ... and it's time to begin thinking about the hazards you may face on the road during this time. Below are some tips on what to look for and how to lessen some of the risks you may encounter.

Stay Alert for Deer - Deer collisions become more frequent during fall & winter due to deer migration & mating season, especially at dusk & dawn. Always be aware of deer crossings & look for deer eye shine. Deer are herd animals, so if you see one, be aware there are probably more. If you think you're going to hit a deer, brake firmly but do not swerve out of your lane into on-coming traffic or off the shoulder into a ditch. If you do strike a deer & have damage to the truck, notify dispatch & follow accident protocol.



Changing Weather Conditions – Fall can be a damp, wet season. There are many rainy and/or foggy nights and as the temperature drops, frost often coats the ground at night. Fall also brings shorter days when the sun is lower in the sky.

- When driving in fog, set headlights to low beam which aims the light down toward the roadway.
- When frost is present, drive slowly & use caution on overpasses and bridges as they freeze up easily.
- Be aware of black ice forming on the roadways & use extreme caution.
- Keep sunglasses handy and make sure your vision is as clear as possible by keeping your windshield clean.

Farm Vehicles - Fall is also the time of year when motorists & farm equipment are sharing the road. Remember that farm machinery has a legal right to use public roads just as other vehicles & can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway. Drivers must quickly identify farm equipment & slow down immediately to avoid rear-end crashes. Machinery that is traveling less than 25 miles per hour should display a slow moving vehicle emblem on the back of the equipment, like the one shown here.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4th, 2018. This means shorter daylight hours & longer driving time in the dark. This can lead to increased drowsiness and a decrease in visibility. Make sure you remain alert, get plenty of rest, keep your windows & mirrors clean and make sure your windshield wipers are working properly.

DON'T FORGET to turn your clocks back 1 hour!



and the winner is...

Mike Chyma

... he was randomly chosen as the winner of the gift certificate this month for turning in his signed newsletter.

Have a safe & happy
Halloween!



I have read and understand the above information regarding "Fall Driving Hazards".

Signature

Date