

RED DEER REGIONAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Place: Holiday Inn, 6500 - 67th Street, Red Deer
Time: *** 12:00 Noon Luncheon Meeting ***

Director: Don Jackman (Enviro Sort)
Chairperson: Dawna Mislán (Care Safety Inc.)
Co-Chairperson: Don Hutton (Hutton Safety Group)
Co-Chairperson: Chris Davis (Flint Energy)

MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

Stan Vickers called the meeting to order at 12 noon followed by self-introductions of 10 people in attendance including 1 AMTA staff member.

2.0 Additions (if required) and Approval of Agenda.

Agenda was approved by Don Jackman.

3.0 Approval of the September 2011 Minutes

Minutes were approved by Cliff Plante

4.0 Reports –

A) Board of Directors: given by Don Jackman

- ITF (Industry Task Force Committee) – Sept 21 & 22 – discussed and received updates on several items, such as, WCB Financial Status Report, ITF budget, OH&S update, WCB update, Dispute Resolution/Decision Review, etc. More information can be found on the AMTA website.
- IRT Manager Interviews went very well. AMTA wishes to welcome Tara Stroud as the new Injury, Reduction and Training Manager. Tara brings with her several years experience with injury management and working closely with WCB in the mining industry. Tara is based out of Edmonton and is in progress of hiring a new Edmonton Regional coordinator.
- Temporary Foreign Worker Progress – Oct. 11 – The Executive Director attended a consultation session on the Temporary Foreign Worker program. Minister Jason Kenney (Citizenship, Immigration and Multi-Culturalism), Minister Diane Finlay (Human Resources and Skills Development) were also in attendance. General discussions were held regarding the program and initiatives to improve the TFW program. Good Industry representation.
- The search for a new office space is going well, an offer has been placed on space at 625 Parsons RD SW, it is 5,500 sq ft, and hopefully AMTA will be moving at the end of 2011.

B) Injury Reduction and Training Advisory Council: written by Tara read by Stan
Tara Stroud started on 11 October as the IRT Manager and is located at our Edmonton office. With a background in injury management within the mining sector, Tara has a steep learning

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curve but is really enjoying the transition to the transportation industry. Feel free to take her card and give her a shout and invites for site tours are welcomed.

Top priority is being given to appointing an Edmonton regional IRT Coordinator, with interviews taking place Friday 4 November. We hope to have someone up and running before the end of the month who will work closely with our current coordinators to learn the ropes and get started in the Edmonton and surrounding areas.

AMTA have identified a great location for our Edmonton operation and negotiations are currently underway. The building is located on Parsons Road (behind South Common) and is in a growth area with a good mix of business and industry. Our aim is to create a top class training facility and office in accordance with our budget. There is ample parking for course participants and this location is very convenient, being situated amongst major access roads.

We are currently reviewing the course list descriptions on the AMTA website to ensure we're reaching our target audience and maximizing value for participants.

Since introducing our Toolbox in September, we have sold 20. We will look at a way to follow up with those customers to ensure they're making progress with their procedures.

Since June 2011, we have completed 106 COR and SECOR audits. There have been a number of referrals from Enform under the 50714 General Transportation code. Our COR team is being kept very busy!

The next IRT Advisory Council meeting has been scheduled for 6 December 2011 at AMTA's Rocky View premises.

Food for thought: As key players in the transport industry, we (AMTA) are keen for your thoughts and ideas in relation to advertising. How and who do you think we should place at the centre of our campaigns for 2012 and what is the message we need to be sending to promote safety within our industry?

- C) **Compliance and Regulatory Affairs:** written by Bud Rice and read by Stan
The CRA department has just finished delivering the following courses in the Calgary Region, PDIC, LCV, Cargo Securement, and Collision Investigation Course. All were well attended. It was also noted that in many cases not just now but in the past the Instructors are forgetting due dates to be recertified. Please try and have some sort of reminder to yourself at least a couple of months ahead of time to enroll into a class.

The CRA Manager attended the Grand Opening for Boots Transport Sept.30, who have moved in just down the street from us. They gave everyone a warm welcome and a tour of the facility, followed by a lot of really good food.

The CRA Manager has already started making arrangements for the 2012 Provincial Truck Driving Championships. Next year they will be held in Calgary at Rosenau Transports yard on June the 16th. We have also booked the Glenmore Inn for the Awards Banquet and have had the hotel block off 75 rooms.

The CRA Manager also took part in the AMTA Strategy planning meeting on October the 20th. We have a number of strategic goals that have been taken on by the Board members, such as public awareness and language barriers for example.

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The CRA Manager also held a CRA meeting with the board up in Edmonton on October the 25th. Some of the issues that were reviewed were, Weight Allowances for Super Single tires, Class 2 Plates and travel radius, Converter Airbrakes, Heavy Tow Truck Operator classification in emergency situations.

The CRA manager has also been visiting a few trucking companies that aren't members yet but do have a lot of questions. We are encouraging them to join the association so that we can help them to get where they need to be.

- D) RCMP: given by Corp. Al Nicholson**
2 fatality collisions in the last couple of weeks. Engineering changing some of the off and on ramps on Hwy 11 & Hwy 11A are completed.
- E) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch: given by Dave Tipp**
C.V.E. going to Attorney General, at this time it only means changing the shoulder badges of the uniforms. .
- F) Partners In Compliance:**
The Partners In Compliance (PIC) program is an Alberta based safety excellence program developed for commercial truck and bus companies. The program is dedicated to identifying, recognizing and rewarding those companies whose development of safety and compliance programs has exceeded prescribed benchmarks and protocol. Requirements for membership were developed with input from Alberta Enforcement, Alberta Transportation, and most importantly, input from industry leaders. Our members represent the best in the business. In June of 2009, the Alberta Minister of Transportation, Mr. Luke Ouellette, signed off on specific tangible benefits available only to Partners In Compliance member companies. These benefits were inclusive of:
- An Alberta Safety Fitness rating of "Excellent"
 - The ability to pull unlimited carrier profiles at no charge
 - A cost reduction of \$15.00 per Alberta abstract (the government fee)
 - The Alberta CVIP shop annual permit fee being waived

There are now 40 companies in the PIC program, including our 2 most recent entrants FKD Contracting from Hythe, AB and Swap Mats from Grande Prairie. FKD is a 3 truck company (with a 4th on the way) who want everyone to know that safety and compliance are not just about the big outfits and Swap Mats 100 plus employees managed to go more than 1700 days without a lost time claim. Great companies and now proud members of the PIC program. We represent approximately 8500 vehicles, with 1600 of these utilizing the transponder system. The transponder equipped vehicles have by-pass privileges at the Alberta Inspections stations at a rate or 98%. To the end of September, 2011, these vehicles by-passed Alberta scales 324720 times. At an estimated savings of \$5.00 these vehicles have saved companies in excess of 1.6 million dollars. Of course any driver will tell you the savings to him/her is much greater than that. In British Columbia these same vehicles enjoy a 95% by-pass and we will soon see a bypass rate of 99% at Alberta 3 busiest scales.

The Partners In Compliance program is unique in that it recognizes carriers who manage their own efforts well enough that they do not require regular scale stops. This frees officers to concentrate on the less than excellent companies. This program is mutually beneficial to both industry and government, allowing industry to operate more efficiently and enforcement to spend their valuable time on companies that do not meet PIC standards.

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Lorri and Kim are currently working with over 20 companies who may already meet Partners standards or are working diligently to achieve them; these tremendous efforts serve to improve safety for all that travel our roadways. For anyone who wishes to join in this move to make travel safer for yourself, your staff and the general driving public; please contact:

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PIC Director

SR Coordinator

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G) Workers' Compensation Board Report – given by Jim Watson

- 2012 rates will be released on December 8

New timetable for financial planning allows additional time to evaluate financial indicators and trends and ultimately improve forecasting of year end results and next years premium requirements, supporting more stability in our financial planning

• Proposal

- A new measure be added to PIR to increase PIR refunds for employers who do well on using modified work
- All other aspects of PIR remain unchanged

Process

- Developed a proposal for policy consultation to our stakeholders, as PIR incentives are defined by WCB Policy
- Policy is now posted online December 12, 2011
- [Http://www.wcb.ab.ca/public/policy/policy_new.asp](http://www.wcb.ab.ca/public/policy/policy_new.asp)

How Does the New Refund Work?

If an employer has modified work on 80% or more of their lost time claims, they would earn 5% refund

The RTW refund would be paid in addition to the refund they would normally earn under the PIR program.

The maximum PIR refund would remain at 20% for combined refund under the PIR program.

Qualifying for Incentive

- Will STILL require a valid Certificate of Recognition (COR)
- Will STILL need to be in compliance WH&S
- Will STILL need to be in compliance WCB legislation
 - claims reporting
 - suitable modified work
- Essentially there is no change in the fundamentals of PIR

5.0 Driver of the Month:

The Driver of the Month for October is Sebastian Leskiw of Capstan Hauling in Grande Prairie; and the Driver of the Month for November is Jorge Orejarena of Legal Freight Services in Edmonton.

Companies are encouraged to submit their nomination forms. Form can be found at www.amta.ca.

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6.0 Guest Speaker: Chris Plante – Danatec

Topic: Dangerous Goods Paperwork

Carrier Responsibilities

- defined as "a person who, whether or not for hire or reward, has possession of the Dangerous Goods while they are in transport".
- a carrier must not take possession of a shipment of Dangerous Goods unless he has a shipping document.
- shipping document must be in possession of the carrier while Dangerous Goods are in transport.
- when Dangerous Goods are offered to another person, the carrier must provide a copy of the shipping document to that person who could be a carrier or a consignee.
- driver in power unit must place the shipping document in pocket mounted on the door, or within driver's reach.
- if driver leaves the power unit the document must be placed in the door pocket, on the driver's seat or in a visible place in the power unit.
- if the driver leaves the power unit in a supervised area, a copy of the shipping document must be left with the person in charge of the supervised area.
- if the power unit is detached from trailer or Dangerous Goods are unloaded and left in an unsupervised area, the shipping document must be placed in an accessible, identifiable, water proof receptacle.
- when Dangerous Goods are no longer in transport, each carrier who transported the Dangerous Goods must be able to produce a copy of the shipping document related to the Dangerous Goods for two years after the date the Dangerous Goods are no longer in transport.
- within 15 days on which a carrier receives a request from an inspector, the carrier must produce a copy of the shipping document.

If you would like a complete copy of Chris's presentation please email Nancy at nancyc1@amta.ca

7.0 Outstanding Business

No outstanding business.

8.0 New Business:

No new business

9.0 Door prize & 50/50

50/50 total collected was \$25.00 and \$13.00 was won by Gail Kary and donated back to the cause. Y.T.D=\$842.00

Doorprize – Fleece Hoodie donated by Arresting You was held over till January meeting

If your company would like to donate a door prize, please contact Nancy at ncancyc1@amta.ca

10.0 Adjournment

Stan adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

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