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Maine Chapter

## Weekly Tool Box Talk: DRIVER SAFETY

**You witness it** with greater frequency as you drive--aggressive driving, driver insensitivity, poor driver performance, and the latest term: road rage! Whatever you call it, it is a growing phenomenon that should concern every driver.

**The National Traffic Administration** defines aggressive driving as “operating a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger persons or property.” Examples of road rage include lane weaving, running red lights, speeding, tailgating, and, in keeping with this “digital” age, the use of obscene hand gestures requiring no translation. How many examples are you guilty of? One? Two? More?

**If you’re driving a company vehicle**, you have the responsibility to drive safely and cautiously at all times. Aggressive driving is dangerous, foolhardy, and a threat to every driver on the road.

**Here’s a list of questions** to ask yourself BEFORE you are involved in an accident:

1. Is my driver’s license current? If not, why not?
2. Is my vehicle’s state inspection sticker current? If not, why not?
3. Does braking cause my vehicle to swerve right or left?
4. Are all of my driving lights (headlights, rear lights, dashboard lights, etc.) in good working order? What about my emergency lights? Have I ever checked them?
5. If I’m driving a company vehicle, does the shop foreman have a maintenance checklist, indicating the repairs and other maintenance done on the vehicle?
6. When was my vehicle last lubricated and all fluids checked?
7. How much tread do I have on all four tires? How about my spare tire?
8. How is my night vision? Slightly impaired? Be honest!
9. How is my DMV record? Any alcohol-related or speeding convictions?
10. Do I respect and honor all speed limit signs? School zones? Hospital zones?
11. Do I leave sufficient time to get to my destination? Or do I make up for leaving late by driving twice as fast? Be honest!
12. Do I take as good care of my company vehicle as I do my personal vehicle?
13. If I’m driving a dump truck with a load, do I always put the tarp over the load so stray gravel, bedding material, and dirt don’t fly all over the road and impair the vision of vehicles behind me?
14. If I’m involved in an accident, am I courteous to the other driver and investigating law officers?
15. In the past month, how many times have I used indecent gestures to tell other drivers what I think about their driving?

Safety Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Specific Topics: \_\_\_\_\_

M.S.D.S. Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attended By: \_\_\_\_\_

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