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“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.” – Napoleon Hill.

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- 1. Kevin Wade
- 2. Juwan Pugh
- 3. Dionte Chapple
- 4. Leone Linse
- 5. Jaques Lacroix

Meet the winner Kevin Wade

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Hello, My Name is Kevin Wade. I live in Tennessee with my wife and two sons. I am the middle child of a family of five; my immediate family members include my wife and six kids, ranging from ages 7 to 23. I am an introvert and play Madden in my spare time.

I’ve been at Road Knights for six months. My passion for trucking started at Netts Trucking school in my hometown of Bridgeport, Connecticut. However, becoming a trucker wasn’t my idea. I got laid off and needed a job. I was searching for a position where I could help make a difference in the world, make good money, work independently or with a team, and be excited about working each day. My uncle is the one who had the brilliant idea to go into trucking, and he encouraged me to do bigger

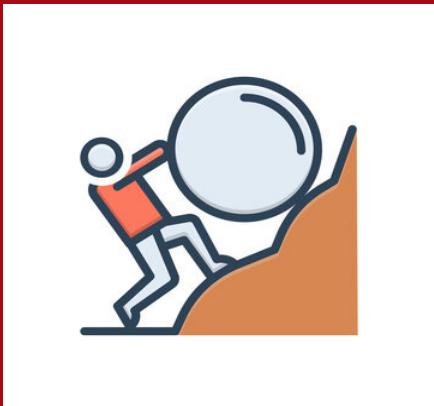


and better things. After his recommendation, I decided to become a trucker and earned my CDL eleven years ago, right before the birth of my first son. I am incredibly proud of how far I have come with the grace of the Highest. I worked hard to achieve one of my goals.

I have driven for various trucking companies, traveled to 48 states throughout my career, and have experience with Van, Reefer, and Flatbed (my favorite). Road knights have helped me achieve one of my goals of becoming an Owner Operator. I am grateful to work for a company that recognizes and appreciates its employees. Being a trucker is hard work, but it is fulfilling to be valued for our hard work and respected for our sacrifice each day. Thank you.



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“ Hard Work Quotes

“Luck is great, but most of life is hard work.” – Iain Duncan Smith

Emerging Standards Shield Trucks From Cyberattacks



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WASHINGTON — The trucking industry is exploring numerous cybersecurity standards as advances in technologies increase the risk of attack.

“There’s privacy and security issues,” Mark Zachos, a regional chairman with SAE International, said during the Fleet Data Management & Cybersecurity Conference. “What I don’t think that we pay enough attention to, frankly, is that data, equipment, the laptops, the interface device, the maintenance tools, maintenance equipment, that too needs to have security and privacy provisioned into it.”

American Trucking Associations’ Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) hosted the conference.

Zachos highlighted the importance of keeping competitors or other unauthorized parties from spying on drivers or internal data. Many fleets track the location and performance of their trucks remotely, for instance, which would be information they would want to keep secure. But the threat goes beyond data and information. With trucks becoming more modernized, it’s possible to hijack certain processes within them.

“They then control and compromise the vehicle,” Zachos said. “Maybe they de-rate the engine, maybe they drain the DEF or all the sensors. Maybe they turn the seat heater up so the driver doesn’t want to sit there anymore. And finally the safety issues like disabling the brakes.”

TMC and its industry partners have been working to develop standard practices to bolster cybersecurity among carriers, mechanics and truck manufacturers. SAE International and the International Standards Organization (ISO), for instance, have been developing a process for addressing cybersecurity threats for vehicle connectivity called ISO/SAE 21434. It has become increasingly common for modern trucks to communicate with dispatchers and

each other with the use of digital components and sensors.

“This is the world’s best experts getting together over several years to create this document,” Zachos said. “Once you engineer a new truck or engineer a new piece of software, all the way through the maintenance phase and commissioning phase. Section 13 specifies operations and maintenance. You got to find this, you got to read this to understand these principles.”

Zachos noted that cybersecurity policies are a process. It’s not just about figuring out what works. It also involves building upon that and being able to evolve as technology and threats change.

“SAE is developing something called the secure charging [electric vehicle] ecosystem,” Zachos said. “So this is the future. What we’re trying to do today is create a common method that is verifiable compliance verification testing for EV charging security, which is applicable to heavy commercial vehicles. SAE J1939, we continue to advance that standard.”

SAE J1939 is a series of recommended practices for a serial control and communications vehicle network. Zachos doesn’t believe the standard is done being developed, but it’s getting close. There are a few proposals being considered to help strengthen the standard. J1939-91A deals with in-vehicle network security. J1939-91B has to do with telematics interfaces. J1939-91C deals with secure data transfer. Zachos noted having support from the government in this area has helped.

“If we didn’t have the enforcement and regulation authority, it would take us a lot longer to converge on a compliant one way of doing things,” Zachos said. “Because you can have standards that are great, there’s so many to choose from and so many different ways to interpret them.”

SAE J1939-91C is another proposed standard to improve upon the

current process in Controller Area Network procedures to modernize cybersecurity techniques. Zachos is also looking into improving reporting standards for anomalies that appear within vehicle systems.

“What I’d like to share with you is an opportunity to craft a new recommended practice,” Zachos said. “I think the TMC should create some recommended practice for when you have an anomaly, what do you do with it and then take action on that according to each fleet and their unique situation.”

Zachos also pointed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for working to create a cybersecurity paradigm that moves defenses from network-based perimeters toward a user-, asset- and resource-focused approach. The NIST Zero Trust Architecture is a guideline for industrial and enterprise infrastructure and workflows that assumes there is no implicit trust granted to assets or user accounts based solely on their physical or network location.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CYBERSECURITY FOR TRUCKERS

Cybersecurity for truckers remains a major concern in the commercial driving industry. The threat from cyber criminals continues to rise everyday. From hacking personal identities to cargo location, it’s high time the trucking industry improves its cybersecurity measures in order to protect revenue, logistics, vehicles and drivers. This article will be giving insights on the importance of cybersecurity in protecting commercial vehicles, threats posed by cyber attacks and how the trucks can be secured.



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MORE THAN 100,000 TRUCKS RECALLED FOR POTENTIAL STEERING GEAR PROBLEM

R.H. Sheppard, a subsidiary of Bendix, is recalling 105,271 of its Sheppard steering gears, which the company said were purchased by 29 manufacturers to be used in vehicles, including major truck OEMs Daimler Trucks North America, Kenworth, Peterbilt, Volvo and Navistar.

Sheppard says certain steering gears – model numbers HD94E, M100P, M110P, HD94P, XD120P, MD83P, SD110P, M83P, M90P and M80P -- may have been assembled incorrectly, which can cause the gear to fracture, potentially causing a loss of steering control.

So far, two truck manufacturers, Daimler and Volvo, have issued recalls based on the Sheppard recall.

Daimler is recalling 6,492 model year 2021-2022 Freightliner (FCCC) MT45, 2022-2023 Western Star 4900, and 2022-2023 Freightliner Cascadia trucks with the steering gears installed.

Volvo’s recall includes 1,632 model year 2022-2023 Volvo VN model tractors.



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7 things truckers need to know about Operation Safe Driver Week



The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) Operation Safe Driver Week enforcement effort is just a few weeks away — here’s what you need to know to get ready.

Need To Know: Operation Safe Driver Week Facts

- 1 Operation Safe Driver Week is happening July 10 — 16, 2022, in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.
- 2 The purpose of Operation Safe Driver Week is to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial motor vehicles on North American roadways.

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Law enforcement agencies will be targeting both commercial vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers.

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The area of special emphasis for Operation Safe Driver Week 2022 is speeding.

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Law enforcement will also be on the lookout for other dangerous driving behaviors, including distracted driving, following too closely, improper lane change, and drunk or drugged driving.

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During Operation Safe Driver Week 2021, law enforcement pulled over 28,148 commercial motor vehicles and 17,910 passenger vehicles.

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During Operation Safe Driver Week 2021, law enforcement issued 10,486 warnings and 16,863 citations.



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PREPARE FOR THE SUMMER!



As the weather heats up, truck drivers won't have to deal with icy roads or devastating blizzards. However, summer still can present challenges, especially to drivers who don't pay careful attention to their surroundings. Brushing up on a few summer driving tips for truck drivers can help you avoid disaster.

Pay Attention to Weather Forecasts

Summer weather can be unpredictable, especially in certain areas of the country. Tornadoes, monsoons, and thunderstorms are extreme weather events that sometimes occur without warning. Always check the weather forecast for your route, and heed warnings from local traffic authorities. Don't underestimate the power of a summer storm; a flash flood on the road could strand you and your vehicle.

Check Your Truck's Condition Frequently

In extreme heat, your truck's components may suffer mechanical issues. Tire blowouts, for example, can be caused by heat. If you're vigilant about keeping your tires inflated at the correct level, your risk of a blowout will go down. Heat can also affect your truck's brakes, potentially causing them to not work properly. Make sure to check them frequently and get them fixed before a small problem grows. Finally, soaring temperatures can cause your engine to overheat more easily; on especially hot days, you may need to slow down when climbing hills to prevent your engine from overheating.

Hydrate Frequently

On a hot day, even the air conditioner is not enough to keep the symptoms of dehydration at bay. Keep a bottle of water handy at all times, and get in the habit of taking a drink even when you're not thirsty. You should also brush up on the signs of heat stroke so that you can determine if you're in trouble and need to get off the road to seek help. Symptoms of heat stroke include headaches, muscle cramps, and dizziness.

Prepare for Congestion and Traffic Hazards

During the summer months, many families choose to take road trips for vacations, potentially leading to heavy congestion on freeways. Summer weather is also a favored time for road projects. Depending on how complex a construction project is, you may be forced to detour onto unfamiliar roads. Taking the time to check traffic conditions before you get on the road can help you avoid delays. Don't forget to stay alert as you drive through areas under construction; follow all signs and watch out for road workers. Fines for traffic violations are often twice as high in construction zones.

Protect Your Eyes

Sun glare can be a persistent problem in the summer, especially if you spend long amounts of time driving east or west. Invest in a good pair of polarized sunglasses to protect your eyes from damage and to cut down on glare and dazzle. Sunlight reflecting off the road can be especially dangerous if you drive in the early morning or late evening. Without adequate protection, you may not be able to see clearly and could miss obstacles on the road.

Use Sunscreen to Prevent Painful Burns

If you drive for long periods of time with your left arm resting on the truck door, you'll likely develop a peculiar tan confined to that arm (sometimes called trucker's arm). Although your tan may raise a few amused eyebrows, avoiding sunburn is a good way to lower your chances of developing skin cancer. Getting in the habit of using sunscreen daily is just one of a few summer driving tips for truck drivers that can help you protect your health



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Summer driving is not without its challenges. Adopting a few summer driving tips for truck drivers can help you avoid issues with your personal health and your vehicle's well-being.

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