

Safety Meetings are important!

They: get your employees actively involved
encourage safety awareness
help identify problems before they become accidents
motivate employees to follow proper safety procedures

We are happy to provide you with a monthly topic for your agenda.

ROUTE TO:

- General Manager
- Safety Coordinator
- Supervisor Dept. _____
- Other _____
- Date of Meeting _____



Driver & Facility Security - August 2020

Driver Safety

Driver safety is paramount to our businesses and more importantly to our business families. Drivers are on the frontline for our exposure to COVID-19 and now they have to prepare for protests and driving in areas ravaged by riots. We can help them with a little preparation. Below are some suggestions to help keep your drivers safe:

Communication is critical.

- Call the customers in areas of unrest and ask about the situation: are any protests planned, have they changed their hours of operation
- Drivers should stay in close contact with dispatchers.
- Drivers and dispatchers should monitor local news to make sure routes are open to their destination.
- Consider a “No Stop” policy to thwart hijackings. Such a policy instructs drivers that in most situations, not to stop their vehicles if someone is attempting to get them to do so. Even at low speeds, large trucks are difficult to stop if the driver is intent on not stopping.

Schedule Appropriately:

- Timing of deliveries. Most of the violence, looting and rioting has happened at night so nighttime deliveries should be avoided.
- If you have regular runs, try to vary routes the drivers take in case cargo thieves are conducting surveillance on your trucks and have planned a hijacking along your known route of travel.

Measures taken by the Driver:

- Conduct thorough Pre-trip and Post-trip inspections to detect vehicle issues early.
- Lock doors at all times.
- Listen to the local news radio station.
- Avoid areas where large crowds gather



After-dark deliveries:

- Park in well-lit areas away from crowds.
- Nighttime breaks should be taken at well-lit truck stops with on-site security and video surveillance.

If Driver encounters a crowd:

- Open windows ½". Windows that are down approximately ½" are actually harder to break than windows that are tightly closed.
- Turn off the ventilation system so any smoke or tear gas that is in the air is not pulled into the vehicle.
- Make sure recording devices are on. Recorded events could assist the police if anything happens to the driver or truck.
- Don't leave the cab, assess the situation before leaving the cab and abort the delivery if it's too dangerous. Doors and windows should remain locked.
- Remove keys from unattended vehicles.
- Call the police if drivers see an emergency situation.

