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Welcome to the new year, 2012
Deeper into SAFETY AWARENESS we should delve.

The IMI-Tennessee Drivers Pledge

On December 13, 2011 the Managers in the imi-Tennessee division signed a pledge showing our commitment to the safety of our Company, Ourselves and the Community. All team members took their signed copy of the Pledge and hung them by the door in their office as a reminder of our commitment. The items included are things that we have elected to do as a Division and things that are "Laws of the Road".

We all committed to the following pledge:

As a member of the **imi-Tennessee** Management Team and committed to the safety and well being of myself and the community, I pledge to operate my vehicle in a manner that extends beyond the practice of the general public. I pledge the following:

1. I pledge that while operating my vehicle, I will wear my seatbelt and insist that all passengers do so as well prior to driving.
2. I pledge to travel with my headlights on at all times.
3. I pledge I will not be involved in texting/emailing of any kind while my car is in motion.
4. I pledge to use no tobacco products while in my vehicle. (Light Duty Only for Now)
5. I pledge to keep my vehicle in proper operating order.
6. I pledge to keep the interior and exterior clean and free of unnecessary debris.

Something to Think About!!

Safety is one decision at a time, make that the most important decision of the day!

-- Gary Hanson

7. I pledge to keep cell phone use to a minimum while my vehicle is in motion. (Bluetooth/ Handsfree Use Only)
8. I pledge to observe all speed limits and rules of the road.
9. I pledge to take extra precautions when travelling in inclement weather.
10. I pledge to G.O.A.L. (Get Out And Look) when I cannot see behind my vehicle.

Once the Management Team signed the Pledge it was taken to each Departments Meetings and signed by all imi-Tennessee Team Members that drive company vehicles. On January 27, 2012 the Sales and QC Departments signed their pledge at the same time, and on February 1, 2012 the Fleet and Plant Maintenance Departments signed their Pledge. Everyone received a copy of the signed pledge as a reminder. We are all committed to being the safest we can be while operating our company and personal vehicles!



Have a Safe and Happy
March and St. Patrick's
Day!!



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Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilled execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

Stuck Trucks and The Hazards

Just a couple weeks ago, while delivering ready mix for a grain bin base near Lebanon, Indiana, our driver, driver #1, got stuck in mud before unloading as he approached the discharge location. Another driver, driver #2, had just finished delivering his load. Driver #2 had not yet washed his truck down and still had the chutes in place. Both drivers took the cable from truck #1 and hooked the front of truck #2 to the back of truck #1. Driver #2 attempted to pull truck #1 backwards away from the site of the pour and his stuck position.

According to Driver #1, several attempts were made to pull his truck backwards without success. Driver #1 rocked his truck forward and backward a couple of times, as did Driver #2. At some point about 10:00 AM the cable broke right behind the cable loop fastener on the end attached to truck #1. Since the chutes were hung on truck #2, Driver #2 had moved them to the side. When the cable broke it whipped back through the windshield of the truck. Due to scuff marks on the back of the steering wheel, it appears that the cable struck the steering wheel than struck Driver #2 in the face.

The most severe injury was to several teeth which were chipped. The dental issues may take a while to resolve because of the impact of the blow. A cut on an upper lip was the only external sign that the injury occurred. He was very fortunate!



–If front to back pull is required because of circumstances, only use flip over chute. Place chute and flip over in front of windshield in down position when pulling from front pin. A hardhat and eye protection is required for this procedure.

•Best Practices

- Stuck Truck - “We don’t push, we pull”**
- The cable is intended to be used only to pull trucks away from the job site after the pour, not into the job site**
- Do not bump or jerk cables**
- Always pull back to back when possible**
- Never double over cables unless appropriate attachments are available to avoid kinking the cable.**
- Drivers are responsible to assure that periodic inspections of the cable for serviceability and damage are conducted.**

Location: _____

Supervisor: _____

please sign below, confirming the material was reviewed: _____

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