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# SAFETY...SAFETY...SAFETY

As the days are getting shorter, please be careful driving. Seat belts, no cell phones or scanners/distracted driving. Traffic is also getting back to more normal crazy busy and reckless so be careful please! One of drivers got pulled over I95 this week for lane weaving in the heavy wind. He got a warning but be careful and slow down when its this windy or go US 1.

Also, please pay attention to your truck throughout the day. I spend around \$5,000 per month on tires and another \$8,000 on maintenance so we're putting on new tires and doing the right things. Yet, we had a tire blow out the other day and more than likely a preventable problem that cost me a \$400! Watch your tires throughout the day. Don't drive with low tires they just blow out! You could cause an accident and get killed! These are trucks not tanks. Please respect these trucks. They are your meal ticket. Without them and packages you have no job so please treat them as the valued tools that they are to you and me.

### **PEAK VOLUME?**

Last news letter I talked about peak volume. We've been expecting volume to ramp up before peak only to see it drop. I know that everyone is feeling it in their paychecks, I wish we could make the volume re-appear. Compounding the problem is the fact that we need new drivers to learn the job. Unfortunately, this means taking already lower stop counts and moving some to new drivers to train and stay busy. We all like high stop counts per route. You make more money and we make more money. Please be patient the next week or so because peak will be here and then there will be plenty of freight to go around. After peak, we'll maintain our higher route stop counts.

# **RAFFLES!**

This Saturday and Sunday we will be running a raffle each day before dispatch. We'll have the usual \$50 per winner prize with the size of the winner pool yet to be determined. Another incentive to work on Saturday and Sunday!

### **NEW TRUCKS**

A new GMC 16' pass-through has just arrived and is waiting on FedEx approval! The new 26' box truck will be arriving next week along with the 2 new Ford P1000's. (Be good out there if you want to land a new truck!) We're still waiting on

another P1000, P1200 and the other 5 trucks this winter and spring. With the additional new trucks, MMV will now have 34 branded FedEx vehicles available for delivery. This includes those in and out of the infirmary (Mech Joe).

## PEAK PARKING AND TRUCKS

I'm sure that there is a lot of rumors swirling now that fleet of rental vans have moved from the grass on the westside of the buiding down to the cruise lot. FedEx has rented that parking lot for peak. They want all contractors to park their overflow trucks there and have their drivers leave their cars there and pickup and drop off the truck every morning and night. This does not impact any truck that is loaded inside the terminal. There are many many many problems with the whole idea. As of right now, we are leaving our trucks at the terminal. However, there will be a problem with finding a parking spot at the terminal. We're looking at parking options including shuttling drivers...these are only ideas nothing is final except we will be short of parking spots. This shortage will impact all drivers unless you arrive super early, which I don't recommend. We will keep everyone informed about any changes.

# **RESPECT YOUR TRUCK!**

Just to repeat myself: respect your truck! It is how you make a living. It is a tool for delivering and picking up packages. You drive it everyday. Inspect it throughout the day. There are nails, screws, metal all sorts of things that are on the road that you will runover. These items WILL damage your tires. Please please please look at your tires throughout the day to ensure that they are properly inflated. Driving 70MPH on tires that are deflating because of leak is a disaster waiting to happen. Running on deflated tires is danagereous and expensive, the tire life is greatly reduced and it will lead to a blow out, and tow. It will only cost you more time in your day, aggrivation and it will cost me more money in towing (\$150) and tires (around \$200). Being careless costs me and you time! So please respect your truck and treat it like the valued tool of your job that it should be to you.

### **MEAL SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER!**

Date	Entree	Drinks
11/06/2020	Dunkin Donuts - Sandwiches	Orange Juice
11/08/2020	McDonalds - Sandwiches	Orange Juice
11/13/2020	Donuts	Orange Juice
11/15/2020	Donuts	Orange Juice
11/20/2020	McDonalds - Sandwiches	Orange Juice
11/22/2020	Dunkin Donuts- Sandwiches	Orange Juice
11/29/2020	Dunkin Donuts - Sandwiches	Orange Juice
12/1/2020	McDonalds - Sandwiches	Orange Juice

Here is the schedule for October