

CHANGING GEARS

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FAST LANE FREIGHT SERVICES / LANE LOGISTICS

TOP RUNNERS

OWNER/OPERATORS

July: RAJINDER

August: RAJINDER

September: RAJINDER

COMPANY DRIVERS

July: MIKE

August: BENNY

September: CHRIS

THANK YOU!



Welcome to our third issue/fall edition of 'Changing Gears'. This issue is dedicated to growth/safety.

If you have anything you would like to see or contribute, including pictures, jokes or stories (nothing racist, sexist or homophobic) please forward to Kali at kali@lanelogistics.com



A special welcome to our new drivers – please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

GEORGE (118) TAEGIL (122),

JAGWINDER (132) & KUKA (133)



"Put your freight on the Fast Lane"



Darren Lane, President & CEO

Fast Lane Freight Services, Inc & Lane Logistics, Inc

DARREN'S CORNER/PAGE

Due to popular demand and because Darren needed more space Darren's corner has grown to a full page. LOL enjoy everyone.

Greetings to all!

Welcome to our fall edition of 'Changing Gears'. Our focus is on safety and growth in this issue.

We are actively working on the merge between Fast Lane Freight and Lane Logistics. The merge will be complete by March 31, 2018 and by then all the equipment will be branded Fast Lane Freight Services.

We have now implemented a policy that makes it mandatory that all staff wear PPE while in our yard for ANY reason. This includes office staff as well. We feel that it is a good policy and if it saves one injury, it is well worth it. The signs will be posted shortly.

Another suggestion at our last safety meeting was when drivers are working in our yard (or customers) after hours they should contact (via text or phone) dispatch once they start and again, once they finish. This is when a driver is securing/ un-securing or tarping a load. This is only when there is not a second person present who could report any injuries.

It is also that time of year that I need to meet with drivers for yearly reviews. Try and help coordinate time with dispatch so we can meet and complete all reviews in a timely manner. Drivers will also be trained on ELD's soon as the deadline is quickly approaching for compliance.

We have increased our fleet size in terms of trucks as well as trailers so that means our yard is tighter than ever. Please help do your part in keeping yard clean by putting away dunnage and not leaving equipment in/on trailers which are supposed to be in the shop. Park trailers close together and be prepared to drop trailer next door if asked to do so.

Company drivers are reminded to park their personal vehicles at the south end of the shop. Parking may also be available at the north-east corner.

Snow and ice is just around the corner so please ensure you are prepared for winter driving. It's a good time to start increasing your stopping distances and driving defensively. There should also be fuel conditioner, air brake antifreeze and tire chains in all the trucks. If not, please see Doug in the shop. Trucks must be plugged in if left outside overnight and the temperature is expected to dip below -10 degrees C.

With the cold weather please ensure you are also draining the air tanks to help prevent frozen brakes/valves. It is also a good idea to have survival kit including food, candles, blankets, etc.

This may seem early, but the next edition is not due until January, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful & safe holiday season and a Merry Christmas!



How are E-Logs going to help you, the Driver?

- #1 reason is Safety with lowered crash rates – “Based on data from the Center for Truck and Bus Safety of Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, drivers using E-Logs had a significantly lower total crash rate (a 11.7% reduction) and a significantly lower preventable crash rate (a 5.1% reduction) than trucks not equipped with electronic driver logs.” And “the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) estimates that 1,844 crashes can be avoided, and 26 lives saved annually. If one life could be saved it would be worth it.”
- simplifies your hours of service (HOS) - no more estimates, no more violations due to error.
- best routing options save time, wasted miles & fuel
- no more paperwork that takes time away from driving or from your off time – estimates based on 30 minutes/day working on log books multiplied by 260 work days/year = 7800 minutes or 130 hours which is 5.6 days/year!!
- everything is digitally stored so you do not need to produce or sift through piles of paper
- reduced truck downtime due to the built-in fleet management system
- monitoring of truck idle times, speeding events and other fuel wasting actions, fleet management can build incentives to reward drivers.
- save office staff from collecting and reviewing logs as well as compiling information for IFTA and this means less stressed office staff and dispatch which of course benefits you the driver!
- improves customer satisfaction which make Darren happy and this benefits you, the driver!

An example:

“ELD’s provides engine diagnostics data which will allow us to be proactive instead of reactive with truck maintenance. Being proactive typically reduces overall maintenance cost and allows for overall better maintenance of the vehicles. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reports that telematics technology can help a company reduce maintenance and repair costs by [as much as 14%](#).”

If a driver can’t complete a delivery because the battery is dead. This sets out a chain of events:

- You’ll probably have to find another truck, perhaps even rent a truck to transfer the load.
- Then, his truck might have to be towed. You lose the truck plus the working hours as the driver sitting there doing nothing.
- The delay in deliveries might cause customer satisfaction issues. This can all be avoided with ELDs and setting up a notification when the vehicle’s battery is losing voltage, saving you time, money and improving customer relations.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

GROANERS

Why didn't the lifeguard save the hippie? Cause he was too far out man!

When the cannibal showed up late to the luncheon, they gave him the cold shoulder

Cartoonist was found dead in home...details are sketchy

Velcro - what a rip off!

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger...then it hit me.

Did you hear about the fellow who fell into the upholstery machine? He's ok, fully recovered!

I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid... he says he can stop anytime

I'm reading a book about antigravity... I can't put it down

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went... then it dawned on me

PMS jokes aren't funny, period!

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

A midget fortuneteller killed his customer. Now he's a small medium at large

I just read a book about the Stockholm syndrome – it was pretty bad at first but by the end I kinda liked it

Did you hear about the guy who had a car accident and lost his whole left side? He's all right now.

I was recently crushed by a pile of books...but I suppose I've only got my shelf to blame

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

My coworker and I often laugh how competitive we are – but I laugh more

I love Russian Dolls, they are so full of themselves!

I started a band called 999 Megabytes – we haven't gotten a gig yet

What's the difference between a hippo and zippo? One is really heavy and the other a little lighter

At the end of the day, the Egyptian mortician says, "That's a wrap"

I've been reading the thesaurus lately; because a mind is a terrible thing to garbage

In case you forgot, or we forgot to mention how much you are appreciated every day for everything you do for Fast Lane Freight & Lane Logistics – THANK YOU!

