

2017 Critical Issues in the Trucking Industry

American Trucking Associations & ATRI

The American Transportation Research Institute has published its 2017 Critical Issues in the Trucking Industry survey results.

The driver shortage jumped to the top of the list this year, compared to being ranked at number seven in 2016. It surpassed the ELD Mandate, which dropped to being the number two issue.

Top 10 Issues

1. Driver Shortage
2. ELD Mandate
3. HOS Rules
4. Truck Parking
5. Driver Retention
6. CSA
7. Cumulative Economic Impacts of Trucking on the Industry
8. Driver Distraction
9. Transportation Infrastructure / Congestion / Funding
10. Driver Health and Wellness

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Freight Factoring on Upswing in 2017

Transport Topics

According to industry experts, freight factoring is on the upswing this year as traditional banks apply stringent lending standards and truckers who are most likely to sell invoices benefit from a robust spot market.

Owner-operators and fleets rely upon factoring to generate immediate cash flow rather than wait a month or two before the shipper issues a check.

Since yesterday's dollars usually fund today's price at the pump, the lag can bankrupt a trucking company operating paycheck to paycheck.



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2017 International Roadcheck Results

During the 72-hour period, approximately 62,000 driver and vehicle safety inspections on large trucks and buses were conducted.

Of those inspected, 19.4 percent of vehicles were placed out of service. Additionally, 4.7 percent of drivers were placed out of service.



Top Vehicle OOS Violations

The top three out-of-service violations for vehicles were as follow:

- Brake systems (26.9 percent)
- Cargo securement (15.7 percent)
- Tires/wheels (15.1 percent)

Top Driver OOS Violations

The top three driver-related violations were as follow:

- Hours of service (32.3 percent)
- Wrong class license (14.9 percent)
- False log book (11.3 percent)

There were also 710 safety belt violations during the 2017 spree.

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Preventable or Not?

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Trucker John Joe approaches a railroad crossing when the warning lights and signal bells come on.

Doe stops, having an abundance of caution, but then he sees a car approaching fast from behind.

Doe decides to inch ahead to give the car as much room as possible to stop before hitting him, but the front of his hood gets hit by the descending guard-arm.

Was this preventable or not?

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