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## Annual Convention 2017

### This year's convention offers special ELD session

It's that time again, the Kansas Motors Carriers Association Annual Convention is being held in Wichita, Kansas Tuesday, September 26 through Thursday, September 28, 2017. The convention offers an opportunity for those in the trucking industry to network with their peers as well as law enforcement and vendors.

As always, education is an important component to the convention. This September, KMCA is offering a special ELD session on Thursday morning. December 18, 2017 marks the beginning of the ELD mandate and we've fielded several questions about it. This session will address the logistics of ELD usage and how you can become compliant. For those companies wanting education on ELD usage, but do not plan to attend the convention, there is a separate registration for the ELD session only.

As in previous years, the convention includes a golf tournament and a clay shoot followed by the board meeting. Running concurrently with the tournament and shoot is a welcome event that will feature two popular restaurants in the Old Town section of Wichita - River City Brewery and Public at the Brickyard. There is a separate fee for the welcome event.

Other events of note include the annual state of the industry talk at the Wednesday lunch, educational sessions, the regulatory speaker panel and exhibition and trade show. Early registration fees are due by Friday, September 8, 2017. Any registrations received after that date include an extra fee.

You can book your hotel room at the Hyatt Regency Wichita by contacting (402) 592-6464 or (888) 421-1442. See inserts in this issue of the Dispatch for registration forms and schedule or visit [www.kmca.org](http://www.kmca.org) to download the forms.

# FMCSA Posts New Guidance for HOS Ag Exemption

By Tom Whitaker

On July 6, 2017, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) posted a new guidance clarifying a slight modification to how they interpret the 150-air mile hours-of-service agricultural exemption and how it will work with the upcoming ELD mandate. As with any exemption, confusion on how this interpretation will affect the motor carriers operation will persist until law enforcement provides additional guidance.

Traditionally we have interpreted the 150-air mile exemption as counting towards work done within the radius throughout the day, however now the interpretation is being applied to any work being done within the radius (loading/detention time/ etc.) whether they are operating within the radius throughout the day or just at the beginning of their trip. For example, if a carrier hauling cattle from Montana to Colorado starts their day at a hotel location near the loading point then all time spent waiting to load, loading and driving within the first 150 air miles (172 actual miles) is covered under the exemption and not until the carrier is outside that radius does the hours of service clock begin.

The bullet points explain how this interpretation will work with the new electronic logging mandate.

- 49 CFR 395.1(k) provides exceptions from the HOS rules, during planting and harvesting periods as determined by the State, for the transportation of agricultural commodities (including livestock, bees and other commodities) within a 150-air mile radius from the source of the commodities. The same provision applies to the delivery of supplies and equipment for agricultural use from a wholesale or retail distribution point.
- The HOS regulations do not apply to the transportation of agricultural commodities operating completely within the 150-air mile radius. Therefore, work and driving hours are not limited and the driver is also not required to use an Electronic Logging Device (ELD). In an operation where drivers share vehicle(s) equipped with ELDs, a driver that is always exempt can use an "Exempt Driver" account.
- Once a driver operates beyond the 150-air mile radius, the HOS regulations apply. Therefore, starting at the time and location where the transporter goes past the 150-air mile radius, the driver must maintain logs using an ELD, unless the driver or the vehicle meets one of the limited ELD exemptions. The driver must work and drive within the limitations of the HOS rules when operating beyond the 150-air mile radius. Time spent working within the 150 air-mile radius does not count toward the driver's daily and weekly limits.
- When operating within the 150 air-mile radius the driver should not log into the ELD. Upon exiting that radius, the driver should then log into the ELD, and annotate that any unassigned miles accumulated prior to that point were exempt miles.
- A driver transporting agricultural commodities is not required to use an ELD if they do not operate outside of the 150 air-mile radius for more than 8 days during any 30-day period or if the vehicle was manufactured before the model year 2000, provided they prepare paper logs on the days when they are not exempt from the HOS rules.
- Covered farm vehicles, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, are exempted from the HOS regulations per 49 CFR 395.1(s). Carriers operating under this exemption are also not required to have an ELD. This includes private transportation of agricultural commodities, including livestock. Electronic Logging Devices Hours of Service (HOS), and Agricultural Exemptions FMCSA-ADO-17-009 June

## FMCSA posts new guidance continued...

### **California Congressman adds one year delay for livestock haulers from the ELD rule**

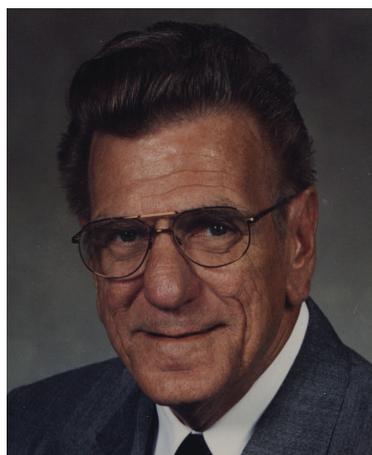
A California member of the United States House added an amendment to the House version of the Transportation, House and Urban Development budget bill essentially delaying for one-year the ELD mandate slated to go into effect on December 18, 2017. For livestock haulers this process budget process of course hinges upon the Senate bill, the ability to negotiate with the House and Senate and the ability to actually pass a budget in Congress. Stay tuned for further details as we move through the process.

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## Editorial

# Always use caution when near large trucks

by Ken Leicht, Past KMCA President



I know by now that you are all shocked and saddened as I am by the news about eight people killed in two fiery truck-involved crashes in Texas and Kansas last week. My heart and prayers go out to the families.

This gives the trucking industry a black eye. We begin to look at the trucks as a danger to those sharing the road with them. Based on reports (unconfirmed) the semi driver comes over a rise in the highway entering a construction zone. The semi-truck then struck the other vehicles. The report adds that brake marks on the highway show the truck attempted to stop just prior to the impact.

As a person with 40 plus years experienced in transportation, I could make all kinds of excuses for the driver, however, the fact remains the driver was not attentive.

Inattentive driving is generally the failure to pay proper attention to the road while driving. It includes, among others, talking, eating, using cell phones, other wireless or electronic units or even thinking about the argument you just had with your spouse or dispatcher.

As difficult and emotional as it is I ask you to not forget the big picture when condemning trucks. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration reported in 2015 the number of for-hire carriers on file totaled 586,014, private carriers totaled 747,781 and other interstate motor carriers totaled 144,170. 305 million truck drivers employed and 279.1 billion miles traveled by all registered trucks.

They transport about everything on the store shelves. These drivers are your neighbors, have children in your schools and attend your church. We in Kansas have many drivers that have accumulated millions of safe mile traveled.

As always, we have some that may violate the rules but for most that is not the case. It is always a good idea to use caution when traveling around big trucks the same as if you were approached by someone bigger than you. Please use caution around large vehicles.

In ending, I again want to say that my heart goes out to anyone injured or dies from a vehicle accident and I pray to God to Bless all drivers and keep them safe.

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# Discount offered

*A 20 percent discount is being offered to all Kansas Motor Carriers Association members for Security Solutions products. Keep your cargo secure and your security handles personalized with the wide range of products. The sales ends Monday, July 31, 2017. To order, visit the link on the KMCA home page - [www.kmca.org](http://www.kmca.org).*

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## Sponsorship Opportunity

# Add your company logo to the KMCA trailer

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association is looking for carrier companies to sponsor the official KMCA trailer. The trailer has been wrapped with a superhero-themed design that features the KMCA and Trucking Moves America Forward logos prominently. The trailer was unveiled during June's Truck Driving Championship and will be on display at the annual convention in September as well as other events. When not in use, the trailer will be parked at Kansas Van and Storage Criqui Corp.'s parking lot and will be visible to drivers on Interstate 470.



*Pictured: The soon-to-be completed KMCA trailer. The trailer will receive a new paint job and other improvements before its unveiling.*

The KMCA is looking for six carrier companies to sponsor the trailer.

Sponsorship is \$1,000 and would include two logos - one on each side of the trailer. The size of the logo would be equivalent to the sizing of a logo on a tractor trailer door. Sponsorship opportunities will be given on a first come, first served basis. The sponsorships will help defray the costs of rehabilitating the trailer and installing the advertising wrap.

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association thanks Walmart Transportation for their donation of the trailer, Great Plains Trucking, Inc. for their donation of time and space to get trailer in working condition, Miller Trucking LTD. for their donation of side skirts and Kansas Van and Storage Criqui Corp. for their donation of a parking location.

Please contact Shelby Stacy at [sstacy@kmca.org](mailto:ssstacy@kmca.org) if you are interested in sponsoring the trailer.

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# New Members

To become a member of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, please visit our website at [www.kmca.org](http://www.kmca.org) or call (785) 267-1641.

RMJK Enterprises Inc dba HIT – Kansas City, KS  
ICD Freight, Inc. – Lenexa, KS  
Lilly's Towing Service – Iola, KS  
SI Trucking LLC - Park City, KS

## Calendar of Events

August 8, 2017

Safety Council Meeting - Topeka, KS

September 26-28, 2017

KMCA Annual Convention & Board Meeting  
- Wichita, KS

November 29, 2017

KMCA Board Meeting - Wichita, KS

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# Winners of the 2017 Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championships

The 2017 Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championships was held in Topeka on Friday and Saturday, June 16th and 17th at the Kansas Expo Centre and Capital Plaza Hotel. The annual event brought in 67 of the best professional truck drivers from all over the state to compete in a series of challenges designed to test the drivers' safety and knowledge. The winners of the Kansas competition will compete in the national competition August 9-12, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

During the competition, drivers maneuvered through a course of six challenges, proved their industry knowledge by taking a 40-question written examination and conducted a vehicle inspection. Judges for the event were state and federal law enforcement officials and members of the Kansas Corporation Commission. To compete, drivers must have been accident free in the previous 12 months. The eight classes of competition drivers entered included: straight truck, sleeper berth, three-axle trailer, four-axle trailer, five-axle trailer, tank truck, flatbed trailer, and twin trailers.



## Written Exam Award

- First Place: Don Logan - FedEx Freight
- Second Place: Jimmie Wisley – YRC Freight
- Third Place: John Bouddhara – FedEx Freight

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## Field Test Top Score

- First Place: Jeff Davis – Walmart Transportation
- Second Place: Jeffery Thompson – FedEx Freight
- Third Place: David Knight – Walmart Transportation

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## Grand Champion Winner Don Logan - FedEx Freight

Don has served the trucking industry for 31 years and he has driven 2.7 million safe miles. During his time as a professional truck driver, he has been part of the president's safety team, received a 24-year safety award, received the Bravo Zulu award and was Kansas Driver of the Month in 2009. He has competed in 11 Kansas TDC's and placed first 10 times. He has made 8 trips to the national level taking first 4 times. The grand champion driver award is given to the driver who has the highest score average from the three events.



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## Vehicle Inspection Award

Don Logan - FedEx Freight



## Rookie of the Year Award

Richard Williams - Walmart  
Transportation

# 2017 Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championship - Class Winners



## **STRAIGHT TRUCK CLASS:**

- First Place: Bryan Studley – Walmart Transportation
- Second Place: Ronald Gabel – FedEx Freight
- Third Place: Dennis Cole – Holland Inc.



## **3-AXLE VAN CLASS:**

- First Place: Jeffery Thompson – FedEx Freight
- Second Place: Jimmie Wisley – YRC Freight
- Third Place: Matt Rohrer – Walmart Transportation



## **4-AXLE VAN CLASS:**

- First Place: Kaleb Diehl – YRC Freight
- Second Place: Darren Buntain – Old Dominion Freight Lines
- Third Place: David Knight – Walmart Transportation



## **5-AXLE VAN CLASS:**

- First Place: Gary Harms – Walmart Transportation
- Second Place: Jason Damron – Convoy Systems LLC
- Third Place: Brian Baldwin – Old Dominion Freightlines

## 2017 Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championship - Class Winners



### **5-AXLE TANK CLASS:**

- First Place: Jeff Davis – Walmart Transportation
- Second Place: David Eckles – Old Dominion Freight lines
- Third Place: Dennis Chambers – Walmart Transportation



### **5-AXLE FLATBED CLASS:**

- First Place: Don Logan – FedEx Freight
- Second Place: Terry Covey – FedEx Freight
- Third Place: Gregory O'Rear – Old Dominion Freight Lines



### **5-AXLE SLEEPER BERTH CLASS:**

- First Place: Richard Williams – Walmart Transportation
- Second Place: Gary Stackhouse – Convoy Systems LLC
- Third Place: Darren Bogart – Walmart Transportation



### **TWINTRAILER CLASS:**

- First Place: John Bouddhara FedEx Freight
- Second Place: Dean Harris – FedEx Freight
- Third Place: Ernie Arnote – XPO Logistics

# 2017 Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championship - Team Winners



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