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# THE GREEN LIGHT

The official newsletter of ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk



**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR SAFETY** RESOURCES LATELY?

One of the many perks of being a member of the ATA Comp Fund/Alliance Interstate Risk program is access to our extensive educational resources. Custom videos, informative articles, mock audits, and even on-site help with safety meetings are just the tip of the iceberg. We provide membership to the National Safety Council (NSC), access to WebNet Online Safety Training and <u>Safety Source Video On-Demand</u>, as well as full access to our YouTube channel's library of safety videos... all at no cost to our members!

Contact your Risk Manager today to make sure you are taking complete advantage of our program and the benefits we offer!

#### TURNING UP THE HEAT: SUMMER MONTHS = MORE CLAIMS

#### ABBY GREER May 13, 2022

Summer isn't just about sunshine and beach trips in the workers' comp world. Summer months mean more claim activity.

Did you know that June, July and August are the peak months for claims? According to the <u>Bureau of Labor Statistics</u>' Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), more workplace injuries occur during the summer months than at other times of the year. There are many contributing factors to this increase in claim activity, from higher temperatures and heat-related illness, to more demand for products and an increase in road traffic.

#### HOW DO WE "FIX" IT?

Our mission is to keep our members trained and informed on all aspects of Safety. While there is no "one size fits all" for preventing claims, we strive to provide our members with as many proactive resources and solutions in order to train their drivers and employees. Below are just a handful of some Summer Month trainings available. Click on the hyperlink to access the resource.

- <u>WebNet Online Training</u>
  - Heat Related Illness Awareness
  - Driver Safety
  - Severe Weather Awareness
- Safety Source Video On-Demand
  - Heat Stress: Tips for a Cool Summer
  - Heat Stress: Facts & Prevention
  - Indoor Heat Illness: Facts & Prevention
  - Driving Distractions of the Professional Driver
- ATA Comp Fund YouTube Channel
  - Trucking Safety: Heat-Related Illness
  - Top 10 Risks for Truck Drivers
- <u>National Safety Council (NSC)</u>
  - NSC Defensive Driving Online Course
  - Roadway Safety: Distracted Driving
  - Workplace Safety: Impairment

Visit the Risk Management Educational Resources on our website to learn more. Members of the ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk have access to many training tools, including custom videos and online training.





## **AWARDS & EVENTS**

#### **2021 SAFETY AWARDS AT THE SMMC BANQUET**

The ATA Comp Fund presented their 2021 Safety Awards during the Alabama Trucking Association's Annual SMMC Awards ceremony on Monday, March 21st in Pelham, Alabama.



#### **RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The RMAC held its second meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at the ATA/AIR offices in Montgomery, Alabama. The goal of the RMAC is to bring together a small group of industry leaders to discuss current topics, new injury trends, safety initiatives, and resolutions to solve pressing issues within the transportation industry. Ideas and suggestions were then distributed to members in order to assist in creating a more safe work environment for their employees. Topics of discussion included:

- Identifying and preventing catastrophic claims
- Driver Managers and their role in safety
- <u>Ownership/executive management involvement in safety</u>
- 2021 Safety Blitz recap and 2022 Safety Blitz planning

If you would like more information on the Risk Management Advisory Committee and our meeting recaps, contact your Risk Manager today.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING



#### **ATA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE BACK!**

The Alabama Truck Driving Championships are BACK! This popular event celebrates our industry's most valuable players: professional truck drivers. It all goes down Friday, May 27th on the grounds of



the Pelham Civic Complex in Pelham, Alabama. Be sure to make plans to come out and support our state's drivers! If you would like to sponsor the event, please contact <u>Brandie Norcross</u>.



#### **SCTA ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The <u>South Carolina Trucking Association</u>'s 90th Annual Meeting will be held June 12th-15th at the Westin Resort & Spa in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The theme for this year's meeting will be "Surfing Waves of Upheaval" and topics for discussion will include upheavals in our business, our people, our technology, our economy, the nation's politics, and the state of the world. <u>Early Bird Registration</u> is still open until June 1st so don't delay!

#### **GMTA ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The <u>Georgia Motor Trucking Association</u>'s premier industry event of the year will be held June 19th – 21st at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida. <u>**Register today**</u> and don't miss out on the opportunities to learn and connect with other members





Check out our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> pages to see the 2021 0% Loss Ratio Certificate recipients!

#### 2021 0% Loss Ratio Certificates

Each year, the ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk Service presents certificates to its Members and member companies who achieve a 0% loss ratio for the prior year. Our Risk Management program doesn't just focus on checking the safety boxes (which are still crucial), but also on developing a culture of safety throughout the entire company. We celebrate those member companies who have implemented the model and are seeing success with it. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you for your dedication to #safety in our industry!



## PROGRAM NEWS



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The ATA Comp Fund and Alliance Interstate Risk programs are proud to welcome the following new members:

- All Pro, Inc Northport, Alabama
- Armstrong Transportation & Trailers LLC Memphis, Tennessee
- Blackjack Express LLC West Memphis, Arkansas
- Cox Logistics LLC Lone Star, Texas
- Duncan Leasing LLC Jasper, Alabama
- Duval Semi Trailers, Inc Conley, Georgia
- Express One, Inc Brewton, Alabama
- Fortson Moving Systems LLC Oneonta, Alabama

- Hat D Transport Co. Tallapoosa, Georgia
- Independent Waste LLC Birmingham, Alabama
- Premier Holding Company LLC Alabaster, Alabama
- Premier Vehicle Transport, Inc. Augusta, Georgia
- Rusty Hosmer, Inc. Wilsonville, Alabama
- Sadler Brothers Trucking & Leasing Co., Inc. Nashville, Tennesse
- Skyline Transportation, Inc. Knoxville, Tennessee
- Uptime Fleet LLC Duncan, South Carolina

#### **THAT'S A WRAP ON AUDITS!**

2021 Year-End audits are wrapping up. Thank you to our Members and member companies who scheduled and completed audits prior to the April 15th deadline. If your company has not completed the 2021 Year-End audit process, please contact our offices immediately. *These must be completed in order to avoid an additional audit premium surcharge.* Should you have any questions, please contact Rita Golson at RGolson@ATACompFund.org.



A copy of our most recent <u>Financials</u> can be found on our website.





#### **ATA ANNUAL CONVENTION RECAP**

Thank you to the <u>Alabama Trucking Association</u> (ATA) for another wonderful convention! This year's 83rd Annual Convention was held at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama, and had a record turnout.

Things kicked off the evening of Thursday, April 28th with a Welcome Reception at Julep Point. Friday and Saturday mornings were spent in sessions with speakers such as Governor Kay Ivey, Rebecca Brewster (American Transportation Research Institute), Harold Sumerford Jr (Chairman, American Trucking Association), Tommy Tuberville (US Senator), Jerry Carl (US House of Representatives), and many more! As usual, the entertainment did not disappoint with JD & the Man at Friday's Reception (sponsored by the ATA Comp Fund) and Purple Madness, a Prince tribute, capping off Saturday night's festivities. If you missed out this year, be sure to join us next year at the 84th Annual Convention at the Hilton Sandestin in Sandestin, Florida!