

THE GREEN LIGHT

The official newsletter of ATA Comp Fund

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GET READY FOR THE BLITZ!

The ATA Comp Fund is excited to announce their 2nd Annual Safety Blitz campaign, to be held throughout the month of October. The purpose of this Blitz is to create situational awareness for another challenging safety concern and a leading cause of work-related injuries: Motor Vehicle Accidents.

This year we will stretch out the Safety Blitz over the month of October, focusing on different causes of MVAs for each week:

- October 3rd - 7th: Distracted Driving
- October 10th - 14th: Speeding
- October 17th - 21st: Fatigue
- October 24th - 28th: Tailgating
- October 31st - November 4th: Weather

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks regarding this month of training, information, surprise visits, prizes, and special guests!



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: SAFETY ISN'T SCARY

ABBY GREER August 9, 2022

Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVAs) are a rising cause for workplace injuries, and have been for the past 11 years. We're going to take a look at what factors cause most MVAs and how to prevent them. Because safety shouldn't be scary... but MVAs can be.

MVAs are preventable.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates more than 42,000 people died in car accidents in 2021, up over 10.5% from the year before. The top 3 causes for crashes (speeding, driving under the influence, and distracted driving) make up over 65% of MVA-related deaths and are 100% preventable.

Don't be a statistic.

Some of the top reasons that MVAs occur are Speeding, Distracted Driving, Fatigue, Tailgating, and Weather. Let's break it down:



Distracted Driving accounts for nearly 80% of all crashes and almost 9% of traffic-related deaths per year.



Fatigue is responsible for approximately 40,000 injuries and 1,000 deaths per year.



Speeding accounts for 29% of all traffic-related fatalities, an average of over 30 people per day.



Tailgating - or following too close - is the leading cause of rear end crashes, which are the most frequently-occurring type of collision. Tailgating is responsible for more than 1,700 deaths per year.



Weather (specifically hazardous conditions) makes up about 21% of vehicle crashes and has been attributed to almost 6,000 deaths per year.

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Mark your calendars for our #SafetyBlitz2022 coming in October! This year's topic will focus on MVAs and how they can be prevented. Ask your Risk Manager for more details!

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: SAFETY ISN'T SCARY

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Stay focused, not distracted. PUT THE PHONE DOWN.

- Do not multitask while driving. Make adjustments, eat, select music, read texts, make phone calls... before you start.
- Keep your phone out of arms reach and activate your phone's "Do No Disturb" feature.

Don't get caught speeding. PUMP THE BRAKES.

- Leave early and plan your route based on time, road conditions, and potential delays.
- Adjust your speed according to road, traffic, and weather conditions.

Don't close your eyes. IT'S OKAY TO TAKE A BREAK.

- Get an adequate amount of sleep so you are not driving while mentally and/or physically tired.
- If you feel fatigued, stop the truck and get out. Movement is one of the best ways to wake up your body.

Keep your distance. GIVE 'EM SOME ROOM.

- Leave more than enough room between you and the vehicle in front of you to react and stop should the vehicle have to brake suddenly.
- Drive defensively to keep critical distance between your vehicle and other vehicles around you - in the front, on the sides, and behind you.

Stay aware. IT'S EVEN OKAY TO STOP.

- Monitor and be aware of weather patterns in the area you are driving or heading towards.
- It is your decision to continue driving or park the truck if weather conditions are hazardous or beginning to deteriorate.



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT SAFETY BLITZ!



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

RENEWALS ARE COMING!

ABBY GREER August 9, 2022

We are in the beginning stages of our underwriting review for 2023 renewals. We've made some updates to our renewal process with a goal to streamline our processes, making for an efficient and successful renewal season. We thank you for your continued partnership and look forward to another successful year!

WHAT?	WHY?
Quarterly payroll reports will no longer be required .	In an effort to make our processes more efficient (and more cost-effective for our Members), we will no longer require submissions of 941 Federal Returns or State UCI Returns on a quarterly basis. Auditors will review them collectively at the end of the coverage term. We still encourage our Members to notify Underwriting of any material change in operations or payroll volumes.
Renewal documents will be mailed in place of quotes.	In an effort to reduce costs, we will be mailing 2023 coverage documents mid-October. All requests to non-renew coverage must be received in our office no later than 5pm CST on December 1st . All notifications received after that time will be subject to a 30-day notice of cancellation, which will be strictly enforced.
Payroll change cut-off will be October 1st .	Our Underwriting Team will be finalizing renewals in early October for the mid-month mailing. All payroll changes must be submitted prior to October 1st ; all changes submitted after this date will be reviewed in January 2023.
Audit Non-Compliance Surcharges will be enforced.	Year-End Audits are required on all Member coverage in accordance with our Participation Agreement. Those Members who are deemed non-compliant (ie not scheduling audits, cancelling appointments with auditors, not providing full documentation) will be issued an Audit Non-Compliance Surcharge and will be subject to cancellation of coverage .
Hold Harmless Agreement for brokerage operations will be required.	A Contract for Indemnity, Hold Harmless & Release ("Hold Harmless") between the Member trucking company, the trucking broker or brokerage, and ATA Comp Fund will be required on all brokerage operations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



DEBRA CALHOUN RETIRES FROM ATA COMP FUND

June 28th was a bittersweet day at the ATA Comp Fund. Longtime employee, Debra Calhoun, hung up her hat after twenty-six years to spend time with her grandbaby.

When our CEO, Kimble Coaker, took over the Fund in 1995, he knew he needed to hire the "right" person to help him navigate his vision and grow the Fund. Debra was hired in March 1996 and was instrumental in getting our programs to where they are today.

Thank you, Ms. Debra, for your loyalty and dedication to our Fund and our team. Thank you for being the sweetest, most compassionate co-worker, always willing to give words of encouragement and endearment. We will miss your warm smiles and bubbly personality day in and day out. Take care, and enjoy this next phase!

ATA GOLF CLASSIC IS SET

The Alabama Trucking Association's annual Golf Classic is set for **Tuesday, September 20th** at Robert Trent Jones - Capitol Hill in Prattville, Alabama. Join the ATA for a fun day of golf, sunshine, and fundraising for the TRUK PAC.



The Golf Classic is the primary fundraiser for the industry's political action committee, dedicated to supporting pro-business political candidates in local and state elections. Contact Brandie Norcross for sponsorship opportunities or for more information at BNorcross@AlabamaTrucking.org.



NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week (NTDAW) 2022 will be September 11th - 17th. This is an important time in our country to pay respect and #ThankATrucker for their dedication to our industry, and for keeping America rolling.

Visit the American Trucking Associations website to learn more about the week and for ideas on how to show your drivers your appreciation!

PROGRAM NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The ATA Comp Fund program is proud to welcome the following new members:

- **Cal Ark International, Inc.** Mabelvale, Arkansas
- **MSDI of Florida, Inc.** Mobile, Alabama
- **TL Cruz Transport LLC** Ashland, Alabama
- **Tracie McCormick, Inc.** Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- **WKC Trucking LLC** Albertville, Alabama
- **YWK Logistics LLC** Duluth, Georgia

we're growing!

THE ATA COMP FUND TEAM CONTINUES TO GROW!

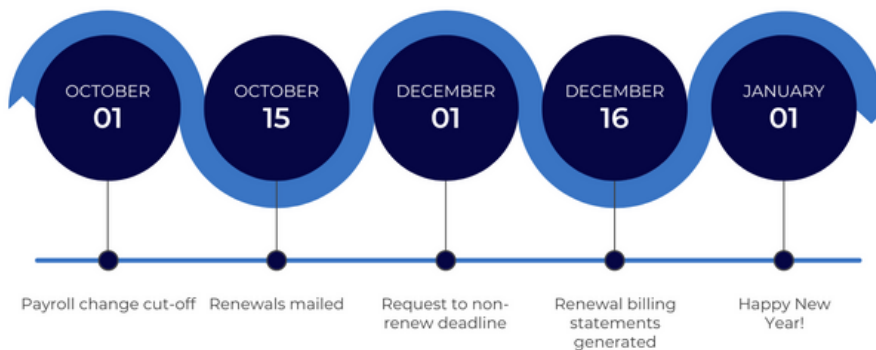
The ATA Comp Fund is pleased to announce the hiring of Barbara Evans as our Underwriting & Auditing Manager effective June 28, 2022. Barbara will be responsible for underwriting growth and profitability goals, as well as managing these departments' operations.

Barbara worked in captive and independent insurance agencies, managing general agencies, and with a program administrator providing an exclusive workers' compensation program to business owners through independent insurance agents in the Southeast. Barbara's workers' compensation expertise includes positions as Sr. Underwriter, Chief Underwriting Officer, and Chief Operating Officer.

The ATA Comp Fund is also pleased to announce the hiring of Ray Hodge, ARM, as Risk Manager in the Birmingham, Alabama area effective August 1, 2022. Ray will be responsible for providing loss control and risk management services to our members in north-central Alabama. Ray graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction and he holds the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation. He has well-established experience working in loss control for self-insured groups and large self-insured companies, specifically in the trucking, forestry, construction, and public entity industries.



2023 Renewals



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Financials
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our
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