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Toolbox Talk July 3rd, 2023

Vehicle Pre & Post Trip Inspections

Gray & Son recently had a Federal DOT Audit. The federal government is monitoring truck accidents and roadside inspections very closely. When the word truck is mentioned, it also refers to Foreman's Trucks and Support Trucks. If it has a DOT number on the side of the truck, as the driver you must comply. Be sure to do your pre-trip and post-shift inspections to avoid roadside inspection violations. It is company policy and the responsibility of any driver to conduct a truck inspection. This is to ensure the driver's safety, fellow workers, and the public. The driver must conduct a walk around inspection of the truck before beginning operation to make sure the truck is in good operating condition. The driver should check for the following:

- The condition of the vehicle/equipment hoses and look for puddles on the ground.
- All major fluid levels, such as oil, power steering fluid and more.
- All major belts, including the power steering belt, water pump belt, alternator belt, and air compressor belt. Check for the snugness of all belts, as well as for cracks or frays.
- Check the clutch, gearshift and brakes
- Be sure the lights are working
- Be sure the Air pressure gauge functions properly.
- Confirm that all mirrors and windshields are clean, undamaged, and unobstructed.
- Check the machine before beginning a shift and again at the end of the shift.
- Make sure to check the tires.
- Drivers must turn their forms in daily to the SHOP.

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Make sure emergency equipment is on board. Drivers should have a camera, insurance card, accident report, at least three reflective triangles, 1st aid kit, and a properly charged and rated fire extinguisher always. Gray & Son requires the extinguisher to be checked monthly. Medical Card up to date. Make sure you have your NEW INSURANCE CARD as of July 1st. **HAVE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY!!!!**

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