



The U.S Without Trucking



What would the country look like if all of the truck drivers and semi trucks suddenly disappeared?

Even in 2018 most people don't recognize the important roles that truck drivers and trucking play in how people live their day-to-day lives. Almost all of the products that Americans buy (food, clothes, electronics, etc.) have been transported by truck at some point on their journey to the store or your doorstep.

The U.S economy depends on trucks to deliver ten billion tons of virtually every commodity consumed. Over 80% of all freight transported annually in the U.S is done so via truck.

The sad fact of the matter is that when trucks stop, America stops. Trucking impacts every industry in the U.S, and if all of the truck drivers and trucks suddenly disappeared it would be a scary scenario.

The following industries would be impacted the most:

- The food industry
- Healthcare
- Waste Removal

-If truck drivers and trucks disappeared in 2-3 days significant food shortages would occur.

-Most hospitals operate on a just-in-time inventory system, and within a matter of hours medical supplies would be exhausted.

-Within days of trucks disappearing Americans would literally be buried in their own garbage.

Trucking is single-handedly one of the most critical U.S industries. Thank you for all that you do, and always appreciate your fellow drivers.

In The News

- ATA sues Rhode Island over truck only tolls (FleetOwner)
- Pilot program to allow under-21 veterans to drive trucks in interstate commerce (Truckinginfo.com)
- Program to train more diesel technicians expands to three more colleges (FleetOwner)

Driver Spotlight

For this month's Driver Spotlight we have Pat Wormsbecher! Pat currently drives out of our Joliet, IL location, and travels from Joliet to Sandusky, OH and back daily on our 680FE mail route. Pat has been driving for Sheehy Mail for almost 10 years! Pat says that she enjoys working for Sheehy Mail because the compensation is excellent and is always on time, and she loves having steady work and a dedicated route that provides her with some normalcy. In her free time, Pat enjoys gardening and quilting. We can't begin to thank Pat enough for all of her years of hard work and service, and we hope that we get to work with her for many more years to come.



Personnel

Finding Open Positions

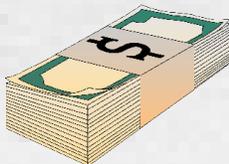
Lately, it seems like we always have at least one open position or two. When a position becomes available, current drivers have just as much of an opportunity to be considered for an open route as a new driver does.

You can locate open routes/positions by visiting our "Employment Opportunities" page on www.sheehy-mail.com, or by talking with Dispatch. We are currently working on a system of communication to let all current drivers know when new positions become available.

Please contact Malonda Heinkel if you have any questions.

Refer A Driver!

Remember, any time that you refer a driver you can earn up to \$500 per referral! There is no limit on the number of referrals that you can submit. We are always looking for dedicated and hard working drivers to join our team!



Safety

Practicing Safe Driving Habits

Safety would like to remind and encourage all Sheehy drivers to be courteous to other motorists on the highway, and to always practice safe driving habits.

We have received four driving complaints from other motorists involving our drivers so far in the month of July. We take these calls very seriously and investigate all incidents fully.

We have had cases of drivers weaving back and forth, texting while driving, and one forced a vehicle off of the road. Please be careful when engaging with other traffic. Sheehy drivers are professionals, and as such, need to make the right decisions.

We understand that long hours, heavy traffic, and weather all add to your daily routine, but try to remember that the company name is on the truck and that the motoring public is watching you.

Thank you for helping to keep our highways safe so everyone can get home safe to their families!

Dispatch

Q&A

I Didn't Get A Late Slip (Form 5466). Now What?

If you are delayed at a postal facility you should receive a Late Slip from an expeditor or supervisor on site. It is important to turn these slips in at the conclusion of your route since they show you were not at fault for the delay. If you think you should have received a late slip, but did not, please call Dispatch immediately.

Can I Wear This (Shirt, Hat, Pants, etc.)?

Drivers are the front-line representatives of Sheehy Mail and should always present a professional and positive appearance. As a general rule, clean and intact clothing without rips, tears, or objectionable graphics are permitted. Unacceptable clothing includes baggy pants, tank tops, and open toed footwear of any kind. See your Sheehy Employee Handbook for more information.

Can I Bring My [Child, Dog, Friend, Hamster] In The Truck?

Unfortunately no. Due to insurance requirements and federal regulations we cannot permit unauthorized passengers in trucks. Transportation of unauthorized passengers will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Who Decides Hourly Pay Rates?

Hourly rates for Highway Contract Routes are determined by the the U.S Postal Service and specified to carriers like Sheehy Mail. The rates are based on prevailing wages at the facility managing the route. That's why postal rates can vary greatly. It's also why rates don't all change at the same time. Sheehy Mail always seeks the highest possible rates from the USPS, since high wages mean better recruiting and retention. A copy of current and historical wage determinations can be found at www.dol.gov.

I Got Picked For a Random Drug Test Again! Is It Really Random?

Yes

Congratulations to driver Todd Heiman from Waterloo on 19 years of service!!!



Accounting

Congratulations to Kaylor Wiedenbeck!

We are excited to announce that Kaylor, our Assistant Accounting Manager, recently welcomed a new baby girl into her family. Congratulations Kaylor! We are extremely excited and happy for you!

Turn-In Your Paperwork!

Your friends in Accounting would like to remind all Sheehy drivers to please remember to turn-in your paperwork (BOL's, fuel receipts, 5397's, etc.)! When we don't have paperwork it makes it much hard to obtain what we need from customers. Please give us a helping hand and remember to turn it in!

Sheehy Mail Quick Quiz

Last month's question asked on average how many miles do you think a truck driver drives in a given year?
The answer: 125,000

Everyone knows that truck drivers can work long hours often with irregular schedules. The FMCSA is the federal agency responsible for regulating how long drivers can work in a given day/week. According to FMCSA Hours-of-Service regulations, what is the maximum number of hours a driver can be on duty in a given week?

- A) 40 hours
- B) 50 hours
- C) 60 hours
- D) 70 hour



Reminders For Drivers

Entering Trailer Numbers Into LoadTrek

We would again like to remind all drivers to always remember to enter your trailer number into the LoadTrek onboard computer. Doing this allows Dispatch to more efficiently track trailer locations, as well as optimize our trailer pool in certain locations if need be. If you need a refresher on how to enter your trailer number into LoadTrek please feel free to reach out to Dispatch for assistance!

Cleaning Truck Windows

If you have time at the end of your route please always try to remember to wash your truck's windows. In every Sheehy Mail truck their should be paper towels and glass cleaner. If you happen to pass through a fuel station just before you end your route please feel free to use a squeegee and glass cleaner to give the windows a good wash. The driver who hops into the truck after you will greatly appreciate this simple gesture!

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