

The Sheehy Mail Driver Newsletter

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Sheehy Mail Recognized For CNG Innovations



This month Sheehy Mail was recognized with a SmartWay Excellence Award and was named an HDT Top 50 Green Fleet!

Since 2012, Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc. has been an industry leader in the use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel in transportation. As it stands, more than 92% of our fleet operates entirely on CNG fuel.

This month, SMCI received two honors recognizing our commitment to be an environmentally friendly supplier to the USPS and all of our customers.

For the second year in a row SMCI received a SmartWay Excellence Award recognizing our use and advocacy of CNG as an alternative fuel in transportation. By receiving this award we join 40 other companies from around the U.S who have also committed to “Getting there through cleaner air.”

This week, Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine (truckinginfo.com) announced

their 2018 Top 50 Green Fleets award recipients. For a third year in a row SMCI has been recognized as a Top 50 Green Fleet for our implementation and advocacy of CNG as an alternative fuel in transportation.

To be considered as an HDT Top 50 Green Fleet a carrier must display a long-term commitment to sustainability, but also be at the forefront of new initiatives. HDT also looks for companies acting as leaders in their own industry niche promoting fuel efficiency and alternative fuels.

We’d like to give a HUGE thank you to all of our drivers who have been nothing but supportive in our mission to be one of the greenest motor carriers in the industry. Your support has allowed us to show other industry leaders the positive impact that implementing CNG fuel has had on not only fleet efficiency but on drivers as well!

In The News

- EPA plan to propose new truck emissions rule by 2020 to lower NOx and uniform regs
- CVSA tells inspectors not to disturb drivers during off-duty/sleeper time for inspections
- Trucker stops adapt to health push and changing job demands
- The Federal Government approves the use of hair testing in motor carrier drug screenings

Happy Thanksgiving!

From everyone at Sheehy Mail we want to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving Day holiday! We have a lot to be thankful for, and are honored to be able to work with you every day to help bring joy to people around the country.



Personnel

Fed Med Card Renewals

If you need to renew your Fed Med Card now is the time! Every driver who holds a valid Class A or B CDL is required to have an up-to-date Fed Med Card on file in order to drive with Sheehy Mail.

If you know that your Fed Med Card is coming up for renewal during Peak-Season we highly recommend that you get it renewed before the holiday rush!

Please contact the Sheehy Mail Personnel Assistant, Marlo Birkholz, if you have any questions about renewing your Fed Med Card.

Feedback

In Personnel we are always looking for feedback on how we can improve and what you think is going well. If you would like to give some positive acknowledgement to another driver or Sheehy Mail employee we'd love to hear about it!

To submit any feedback please feel free to reach out to the Sheehy Mail Personnel Director, Malonda Heinkel, at mheinkel@sheehymail.com.

Safety

Winter Driving Tips

It's that time of year again when winter begins to set in all across the country. As drivers you are well aware of how hazardous and scary winter weather driving can be, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice.

Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, as well as help motorists deal with an emergency. Below are the three Ps of safe winter driving:

PREPARE for the trip

PROTECT yourself

PREVENT crashes on the road

During your pre-trip inspection make sure to check the battery, tire treads, windshield wipers, and put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir.

Always try to have on hand a flashlight, jump cables, abrasive material, shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices, blankets, non-perishable food and water, any essential medications, and a cell phone.

Hopefully these tips can help ease the stress of winter weather driving this year!

Dispatch

Peak-Season 2018 Is Here!

It's that time of year again. The holiday rush and Peak-Season is upon us! Whether you're new to Sheehy Mail or have been with us for 20 years this is what Peak-Season means to us:

First, What Is It?

-Peak-Season is the annual increase in mail volume between the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day holidays.

-To get all of the holiday mail delivered, the USPS depends on Sheehy to pick up many additional mail loads and deliver them on-time.

What Does It Mean For Me?

-Peak-Season is short but intense. Everybody - drivers, mechanics, and office staff - can expect additional work during Peak-Season.

-Time-off is extremely limited for all employees during Peak-Season. We need everybody to pitch in, and any time-off requests submitted during Peak-Season will most likely not be approved unless it is for an extenuating circumstance.

-Peak-Season is a great opportunity to boost your income at the end of the year (and pay for all of those holiday gifts). With the new Driver Bonus Program and no shortage of work there will be plenty of opportunity to earn additional income if you desire to do so.

-Each successful Peak-Season helps ensure the long-term security of our postal routes! A successful Peak-Season ensures that our postal contracts are maintained and opens up additional opportunities to acquire more contracts. Many e-commerce merchants depend on the USPS to deliver mail on-time and Sheehy Mail needs to be the BEST in class!

Thank you for all of your hard work, and we look forward to a successful Peak-Season 2018!

Accounting

Thanksgiving Payroll

We would like to remind all drivers that during the week of Thanksgiving you will be paid on **Friday, November 23rd** instead of Thursday, November 22nd due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. If you have any questions please reach out to us!

Paycheck Availability

During the week of payroll paychecks are almost always released on Wednesday evening. Once paychecks are released we cannot control how quickly your bank will mark the deposit as pending. If you ever have any issues with your paycheck not depositing when you think it is supposed to please let us know ASAP and we will work with you to get the issue resolved.

Maintenance

Draining Fuel Filters

We'd like to remind all drivers to drain the CNG truck fuel filter at the end of your route. If the fuel filter is not properly drained the remaining liquid inside could freeze and cause permanent damage to the filter. If you need a refresher on how to properly drain the fuel filter please reach out to any one of the shops!

Look Out For Deer!

It's that time of the year again to be on the look-out for deer. Please always make sure to be aware of known deer crossings and drive the speed limit during the nighttime hours or below in areas where deer may be present. Use your high beams in dimly lit roads and be alert at all times!

Sheehy Mail Quick Quiz

Last month's question asked what other vehicles require a Class A CDL in order to operate it effectively? The answer: All of the above (Coach Bus, Military Transport Trucks, Tank Vehicles, etc.)

There is no denying that the U.S Postal Service is one of the most important public services in the U.S. However, how much do you actually know about the USPS? This month's question is all about mail. How many pieces of mail does the USPS deliver each day?

- A) 100 million
- B) 234.5 million
- C) 493.4 million
- D) 764.7 million



Reminders For Drivers

Peak-Season Time-Off Requests

Due to the increase in workload from November 23rd - December 24th any request for time-off will be denied. Requests for time-off will **ONLY** be approved under an extenuating circumstance with provided documentation. Please contact your Load Planner if you have any questions.

Route Diversions

If your route has to be diverted for any reason from the planned schedule drivers **MUST** obtain a Form 5397 from the post office and contact Dispatch. Every stop also needs to be scanned by the post office. Just because your trailer is empty does not mean that you get to skip a stop.

Reimbursements

If you have any receipts for reimbursement please make sure to submit those as soon as possible to either Dispatch or Marlo Birkholz so we can get those processed and paid to you!

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