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Safe + Sound Week 2026

Reinforces Our Commitment to Workplace Safety

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SAFE + SOUND



Safety remains one of our core values, and this year's Safe + Sound Week provided an opportunity to strengthen that commitment across our operations. Throughout the week, associates participated in focused safety discussions covering key workplace hazards, while our Safety Manager represented the company at the Hancock County Safety Council with a presentation on Hazard Communication (HazCom). Together, these efforts reinforced the importance of proactive safety practices, associate engagement, and continuous learning.

Safe + Sound Week centered on five critical topics that directly impact associate safety and operational excellence. The week began with a focus on forklift inspections, emphasizing the importance of thorough pre-shift inspections to identify issues before they become incidents. Discussions highlighted how checking brakes, steering systems, wiring, warning lights, and other critical components can prevent equipment failures, property damage, and injuries while ensuring compliance and reliability.

The second day focused on trailer securement through the proper use of glad hand locks and wheel chocks. Associates reviewed how these controls work together to prevent unexpected trailer movement at loading docks. Using both methods creates layered protection that helps safeguard associates, equipment, and visiting drivers.

Tool safety was the topic of Day Three, with reminders about selecting the right tool for the job, inspecting tools before use, maintaining required guards, and removing damaged tools from service. Teams also discussed the importance of personal protective equipment, organized workspaces, and proper tool storage practices.

Day Four addressed walking-working surfaces and the prevention of slips, trips, and falls, one of the leading causes of workplace injuries. Associates were encouraged to maintain strong housekeeping practices, promptly address spills and obstructions, and report hazards before they result in injuries. The week concluded with pedestrian safety, highlighting the blind spots associated with forklifts and commercial vehicles and reinforcing safe interaction between pedestrians and mobile equipment operators.

In addition to internal safety activities, our Safety Manager presented a Hazard Communication program at the Hancock County Safety Council. The presentation focused on OSHA's Hazard Communication standard, which remains one of the agency's most frequently cited regulations. Topics included associates' Right-to-Know requirements, chemical labeling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), GHS pictograms, secondary container labeling, and the shared responsibilities of employers and associates in maintaining a safe workplace.

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Interesting Ohio History

Trenton, Ohio, has a rich history that dates back to the early 1800s. Founded in 1815 by John Wade, the city was originally named Bloomfield before being renamed Trenton after Trenton, New Jersey. Its location along important transportation routes helped it grow as a farming and trading community. The arrival of the railroad in the 19th century boosted local businesses and encouraged new residents to settle there. Today, Trenton preserves its small-town charm while honoring its historical roots through community events, local landmarks, and a strong sense of civic pride.

Spotlight July Winner:

Ottawa, OH

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The presentation also covered OSHA's 2024 Hazard Communication rule update, which aligns the standard with GHS Revision 7 and introduces updated hazard classifications, labeling requirements, and compliance deadlines. Businesses were encouraged to review their written programs, associate training, chemical inventories, labels, and SDS management systems to ensure readiness for the upcoming compliance requirements.

Whether discussing forklift inspections, trailer safety, pedestrian awareness, or chemical hazard communication, the message throughout the week was consistent: safety is everyone's responsibility. By investing in training, maintaining strong safety programs, and encouraging associate involvement, we continue to strengthen our safety culture and provide a safer workplace for our associates while delivering exceptional service to our customers.

Truck Driver Appreciation Week, Sept. 13th

Every year, Truck Driver Appreciation Week gives us an opportunity to recognize the men and women behind the wheel who keep America moving. While most people rarely think about how products reach their local stores, nearly everything we buy has traveled by truck at some point in its journey.

The numbers tell an impressive story. In 2024, trucks moved approximately 72.7% of all domestic freight by weight, transporting an estimated 11.27 billion tons of freight and generating approximately \$906 billion in freight revenue. The trucking industry supports roughly 8.4 million jobs, including approximately 3.58 million professional truck drivers.

But behind those numbers are people who make the supply chain work.

Truck driving is a demanding profession requiring skill, patience, responsibility and commitment. Drivers deal with traffic, construction, changing weather, tight schedules and thousands of miles of highway. Many also spend significant time away from their families. Through it all, they are responsible

for delivering valuable freight safely and on time.

The industry itself is changing. The average truck driver is approximately 47 years old, creating a growing need to attract younger workers and new professionals to the industry. Women and people from diverse backgrounds are becoming an increasingly important part of the trucking workforce. At the same time, carriers are investing in improved equipment, advanced safety systems, route optimization, real-time visibility and other technologies designed to make driving safer and more efficient.

The trucking industry is also dominated by small businesses. More than 91% of motor carriers operate 10 trucks or fewer, demonstrating that trucking is not simply an industry of large national fleets. It is an industry built on thousands of individual businesses and millions of dedicated professionals.

As we look toward the remainder of 2026, the industry faces both opportunities and challenges, including changing freight volumes, operating costs, technology adoption and the ongoing need to recruit and retain qualified drivers.

However, Truck Driver Appreciation Week is ultimately not about statistics. It is about saying thank you.

Thank you to the drivers who leave home early, stay focused through long hours, navigate difficult roads and deliver the freight that businesses and communities depend upon.

To all of our drivers: Thank you for your dedication, professionalism and commitment. Every mile matters, and we appreciate everything you do to keep America moving.



9/11/01 25 Years Later



On September 11, 2001, Todd Beamer boarded United Flight 93 for what was supposed to be an ordinary business trip. Instead, he and the other passengers found themselves prisoners aboard a hijacked aircraft headed toward an unknown target.

Beamer reached a telephone operator on the ground and explained that the plane had been hijacked. He knew the situation was desperate—and that doing nothing could mean thousands of innocent Americans would die.

Beamer and other passengers discussed what they could do. They understood they might not survive, but they refused to simply surrender.

Before joining the effort to retake the aircraft, Beamer asked the operator to pray with him. Then he turned to the other passengers and asked, "Are you guys ready?" After hearing their response, he said the words that would become a symbol of American courage: "Let's roll."

The passengers charged the hijackers. Flight 93 crashed into a Pennsylvania field rather than reaching its target.

They were ordinary Americans in an extraordinary moment. They had no weapons or guarantee of survival—only courage and the determination to protect others.



Ohio Logistics Donates To Flag City BalloonFest



Natalie Gutman of Findlay receives a \$1,000 scholarship check from Chuck & Dee Dee Bills. Natalie was one of four students that benefitted from the Flag City BalloonFest Scholarships. Ohio Logistics is proud to have been able to support this great event since it first began in 2000.

From Flag City BalloonFest:

We are so grateful for Ohio Logistics' continued support of the Flag City BalloonFest Scholarship Program.

Your generosity makes it possible for us to

recognize and support outstanding students in our community as they take the next step in their journeys. We truly appreciate your partnership and heart behind it.

Thank you for helping us make a difference right here at home.

Ohio Logistics Supports Youth Sports



Showing off her Ohio Logistics spirit is Ellanna McGuire – granddaughter of Stephanie Miller from our corporate team. “Lanna” is almost 8 years old and is starting the second grade this fall. She loves mermaids, crafts, and of course playing softball.

She is the oldest sibling of dad Brandon and mom Emily McGuire with a little sister Athena, and a baby brother coming soon!

Tech Talk By Ohio Logistics' IT Manager, Jeff Kirkendall

Protecting Your Data Starts with You

Cybersecurity threats continue to grow, but protecting company data does not have to be complicated. One of the most effective things you can do is use strong, unique passwords for your accounts and enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) whenever available. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification, making it much harder for unauthorized individuals to access your information. It is also important to stay alert for suspicious emails, links, or attachments. If something seems unusual, take a moment to verify it before clicking or sharing information.

Another important step is keeping your devices and applications up to date. Software

updates often contain security fixes that protect against newly discovered vulnerabilities. Whether you are working in the office, at home, or on the go, make sure sensitive information is stored in approved company systems rather than personal devices or cloud storage services. Regularly backing up important files and following company security policies can also help prevent data loss and speed recovery if an incident occurs.

Data security is everyone's responsibility. By practicing good cyber habits and staying aware of potential threats, each employee plays a critical role in protecting company information, customer trust, and business operations. Small actions taken every day can have a significant impact on keeping data safe and secure.

Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) 1) A quantity of materials awaiting further processing. It can refer to raw materials, semi-finished stores, or hold points, or a work backlog that is purposely maintained behind a work center.
2) In the theory of constraints, buffers can be time or material, and support throughput and/or due date performance. Buffers can be maintained at the constraint, convergent points (with a constraint part), divergent points, and shipping points.



2) The service offered by a motor carrier for pick-up and delivery of ocean containers or rail containers. Drayage agents usually handle full-load containers for ocean and rail carriers.



3) The effective management of all costs associated with logistics functions and activities so as to minimize their sum across the product supply chain.



September Dates of Importance:

September 5 - International Bacon Day
September 6 - Pilgrims Set Sail From England, 1620
September 7 - Labor Day
September 11 - Patriot Day
September 13 - Grandparents Day
September 16 - Mayflower Day
September 17 - Constitution Day
September 23 - First Day of Fall

Answers to “Test Your Logistics IQ”
3. Management of All Logistics
2. Drayage
1. Buffer

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Meet Dallas Robinson

Dallas is a seven-year Associate and Senior Supervisor at our Trenton, OH location. Read below to learn a little more about Dallas.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Dallas: I've been with my wife for 22 years, and we've been married for the last 10. Together, we've raised three amazing kids who are now grown, and we're enjoying our role as grandparents to three wonderful grandkids. Watching our family grow has been one of the greatest joys of our lives.



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OL: How do you like to spend your free time?

Dallas: Free time is pretty simple for me. I enjoy spending it with my wife, who is my best friend. Whether we're relaxing at home, swimming, or enjoying our backyard, that's where I'm happiest. I also love fishing when I get the chance.

OL: If you wanted to impress someone by cooking them a meal, what would you prepare?

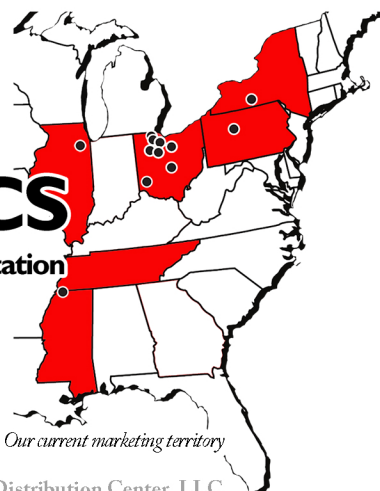
Dallas: I'd serve a slow-roasted barbecue beef brisket with spiced sweet potato wedges and tangy yogurt coleslaw. It's hearty, flavorful, and always a crowd pleaser. Besides, nothing says "I wanted to impress you" quite like dedicating an entire day to cooking a piece of meat!

OL: Tell us about the best vacation you've ever taken.

Dallas: My best vacation was a Fourth of July trip to Tybee Island, Georgia with my wife and extended family. The ocean views were beautiful, the food was outstanding, and spending time with family made the trip extra special.

OL: Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know.

Dallas: Most people don't know that I've always wanted to visit Scotland. It's been on my bucket list for years, and my wife and I hope to make the trip someday. Until then, I'll settle for fishing trips and backyard adventures a little closer to home!



Our current marketing territory

Happy Birthday To You!

OL Ohio

Ramiro Alvarez 9/1
Damen Ardery 9/20
Chuck Bills 9/9
Jamie Dodge 9/11
Debra England 9/27
Nathaniel Frasure 9/22
Corey Gardner 9/29
Zach Hall 9/15
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Daniel Landers 9/24
Ron Lawrence 9/20
Dave Lenartavage 9/6
Elizabeth Lonyo 9/19
Ray Martinez 9/4
Richard Miller 9/9
Diana Myers 9/4
Edernise Pierre 9/15
Peggy Schmitz 9/15
Hannah Shaferly 9/5
Dillon Sizemore 9/24
Jerrod Steffensen 9/20
Dave Tong 9/18

OL Southern Tier Div.

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David Bruce 9/7
Dale Erick 9/14
Patrick Folsbee 9/24
Garrison Koehler 9/15
Ray Morrison 9/25
Joseph Moyers 9/14
Joseph Rohalla 9/27
Dianne Salyga 9/9
Ashley Stevens 9/1
Allen VonRapacki 9/9

OL Penn Centre Div.

Jena Wetzel 9/8

It's Your Anniversary!

OL Ohio

Eric Baker 8 Years
Mike Beining 30 Years
Michael Booth 2 Years
Aidan Boyce 2 Years
Kyle Brown 1 Year
Myiesha Clark 1 Year
Randy Dorman 36 Years
Cheyenne Fugitt 1 Year
Emmett Kelly 8 Years
Eric Lambert 1 Year
Elizabeth Lonyo 1 Year
Ray Martinez 3 Years
Luis Miguel 4 Years
Mathew Miller 1 Year
Jaysonn Opp 3 Years
David Osborne 6 Years
Larry Polta 6 Years
Lori Schaffier 1 Year
David Simonis 2 Years

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Bryant Angrove 2 Years
David Bruce 5 Years
Michael Curkendall 4 Years
Dale Erick 1 Year
Michael Harden 5 Years
Ann McHale 7 Years
Ray Morrison 7 Years
Scott Potts 18 Years
Tim VanDusen 7 Years
Lawrence Woodard 12 Years

OL Penn Centre Div.

Brad Darby 13 Years
Kayden Cooper 1 Year

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"September 11 is one of our worst days, but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and reminded us of what we stood for and stand for."

- Lamar Alexander -