

# NEWSBREAK

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### MPTA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The Minnesota legislature will convene its upcoming session on January 3, 2023. The legislature must adjourn by May 23, 2023. The fall election has resulted in a significant turnover in both the House and Senate. There will be 47 new House members (35% turnover) and 24 new Senators (36% turnover). Of the top 5 legislative leaders, 4 will be brand new to their positions. Speaker Melissa Hortman will be joined by new DFL House Majority Leader Jamie Long to lead the House caucus. Rep. Lisa Demuth will be the new House Republican leader. In the Senate, Sen. Kari Dziedzic will be the new DFL Majority Leader and Sen. Mark Johnson will be the new Republican Senate leader.

It was recently announced that Minnesota now has a projected \$17.6 billion surplus which is on top of the already existing \$2.8 billion reserve fund. This is a record breaking surplus that Governor Walz and the legislature will be using to set the State's 2-year biennial budget.

Of particular interest to MPTA is advancing two bills that were introduced during the last legislative session. One bill expands current seasonal load restrictions to specifically include towing operators so that our members are not in technical violation of the law when assisting heavy vehicles such as garbage haulers, school buses and milk trucks, which are already excluded under the law. The exemption for towers would apply when traveling to or from the recovery scene or actually towing the stranded vehicle.

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## Message From MPTA President, Ron Gardas Jr.

A year in review and time to move forward.

Although 2022 was a challenging year battling COVID19 in the early stages of 2022, stock market has seen better days, inflation through the roof, fuel prices ate up a lot of our profits, not to mention the Fed rate increases. In a nutshell, easy to get down a bit on life. I know we are facing some difficult times, but now is the time to lean on each other, support each other. As we embark on 2023, let's make 2023 a better year. A better year for our industry, a better year to network with one another, a better year to attend more industry events, such as our annual picnic, annual meeting and our Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I have noticed participation in MPTA events was down a bit as most of us struggled with labor issues.

Some of my best friends in life are towers and even towers that are "my competitors". I wouldn't want it any other way! MPTA members can always get more involved whether it be attending MPTA events, running for the board or nominating a hero of ours for the MPTA Hall of Fame. If someone wishes to see a name on the Hall of Fame ballot, they need to nominate them. In 2023, we need to look in the mirror and ask ourselves, how can I be a better person, how can I make this industry better, how can I be a better tower, a better operator? Use the MPTA to network with other towers. Strength in numbers! We all have the same challenges and struggles.

In 2022 the MPTA hosted three Training classes. Want to personally thank MPTA members for sending their employees to our classes. Our training classes is one of MPTA's major income streams for the Association.

This year MPTA successfully defended legislative language hurting our members. MPTA had two bills (Spring weight exemption & liens on vehicles for proper payment of recovery, storage and cleanup costs from insurance companies) In one bill, in a nutshell, they said that if we don't follow the law exactly you will lose that police contract. Meaning that if a part time 16-year old kid didn't do "relief based on need" correctly you will loose towing for that municipality. We also had a heavy weight "rotator" bill that was never heard in committee.

Lance Klatt, Rob Leighton, John Grideland, and myself sat in front of committees testifying about towing issues. One of the legislative members was shocked that when we are called by police to move a vehicle that we would even charge the public. They pressed Lance Klatt hard on why it's the vehicle owners responsibly to pay towing bills. Legal Aid's "relief based on need" is back authored by Rep. Moller. We will have a good strategy. With this year's elections, Democrats now control both the house and the senate with legislation all of us have consequences we have to deal with. Working hard for each and everyone of you one day at time, now is the time to interact with one another including when a call to action is needed in contacting your local legislators.

I am excited for 2023, ready to look into the mirror, question is, are you ready?

Happy Holidays!

**Ron Gardas Jr**  
*President - Minnesota Professional Towing Association*  
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**Twin Cities Transport & Recovery**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TOWING INDUSTRY CELEBRATES  
PASSAGE OF MOVE OVER LAW  
RESOLUTION**



November 15, 2022

Washington, DC – The Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc.® (TRAA) celebrates today’s passage of the Move Over Law Resolution (H.Res. 1463) in the U.S. House of Representatives. The resolution, which was introduced by Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA 2), supports the goals and ideals of Move Over laws and urges relevant Federal and State agencies, as well as nongovernmental organizations involved in traffic incident management response, to promote the existence of and adherence to State Move Over laws.

“Roadside emergency responders – from law enforcement, fire service personnel, and EMTs to tow truck operators and other transportation workers – know all too well the dangers of roadside response. They keep us safe every day, and we have a responsibility to do our part to keep them safe in return,” said Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA-02), “As we recognize National Crash Responder Safety Week, and head into the holiday season, I am proud to champion this effort in the House of Representatives and pass this resolution to raise public awareness about the importance of “Slow Down, Move Over” laws.”

The passage of H.Res. 1463 will undoubtedly increase public awareness of Move Over laws and the need for drivers to slow down and move over when they see any incident responder on the side of the road. The industry deeply appreciates Congressman McGovern’s leadership on this issue and the entire House of Representatives for their concern for the nation’s traffic incident management responder community which includes tow truck operators, law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, and transportation workers.

Every state has a “Move Over” law that generally requires motorists to move at least one lane over when there is an emergency or rescue activity taking place on the shoulder or side of the roadway; or, if unable to do so safely, to alternatively slow down and pass the scene with caution. However, according to the Emergency Responder Safety Institute, there were still 65 traffic incident management responders who were killed due to roadside collisions in 2021 and studies show that a tow operator dies every six days in the United States.

“TRAA is incredibly proud to have worked with Congressman McGovern and his staff on this over the past year and especially since its introduction in April,” says Cynthia Martineau TRAA’s Executive Director. “We strongly believe that this resolution will bring much needed attention to each state’s existing Move Over Law and increase roadside safety for every responder.”

TRAA looks forward to the anticipated passage of the Senate companion, S.Res. 734, introduced by Senators Blumenthal (D-CT) and Braun (R-IN), in August 2022.

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The Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc.® (TRAA) is the voice of the towing industry. As the only national association for the towing industry, TRAA represents more than 35,000 towing companies that operate more than 210,000 commercial motor vehicles and employ more than 350,000 professionals in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and many Territories.

Reducing roadside fatalities is a priority for the towing industry at both the state and federal levels and TRAA advocates for a variety of policy initiatives in Washington, DC to protect the industry’s workforce.



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# IRS Provides Tax Inflation Adjustments for Tax Year 2023



The Internal Revenue Service today announced the tax year 2023 annual inflation adjustments for more than 60 tax provisions, including the tax rate schedules and other tax changes. Revenue Procedure 2022-38 provides details about these annual adjustments. New for 2023

The Inflation Reduction Act extended certain energy related tax breaks and indexed for inflation the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction beginning with tax year 2023. For tax year 2023, the applicable dollar value used to determine the maximum allowance of the deduction is \$0.54 increased (but not above \$1.07) by \$0.02 for each percentage point by which the total annual energy and power costs for the building are certified to be reduced by a percentage greater than 25 percent. The applicable dollar value used to determine the increased deduction amount for certain property is \$2.68 increased (but not above \$5.36) by \$0.11 for each percentage point by which the total annual energy and power costs for the building are certified to be reduced by a percentage greater than 25 percent.

## Highlights of changes in Revenue Procedure 2021-38:

- The tax year 2023 adjustments described below generally apply to tax returns filed in 2024.
- The tax items for tax year 2023 of greatest interest to most taxpayers include the following dollar amounts:
- The standard deduction for married couples filing jointly for tax year 2023 rises to \$27,700 up \$1,800 from the prior year. For single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately, the standard deduction rises to \$13,850 for 2023, up \$900, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$20,800 for tax year 2023, up \$1,400 from the amount for tax year 2022.

**Marginal Rates:** For tax year 2023, the top tax rate remains 37% for individual single taxpayers with incomes greater than \$578,125 (\$693,750 for married couples filing jointly).

## The other rates are:

35% for incomes over \$231,250 (\$462,500 for married couples filing jointly);

32% for incomes over \$182,100 (\$364,200 for married couples filing jointly);

24% for incomes over \$95,375 (\$190,750 for married couples filing jointly);

22% for incomes over \$44,725 (\$89,450 for married couples filing jointly);

12% for incomes over \$11,000 (\$22,000 for married couples filing jointly).

The lowest rate is 10% for incomes of single individuals with incomes of \$11,000 or less (\$22,000 for married couples filing jointly).

The Alternative Minimum Tax exemption amount for tax year 2023 is \$81,300 and begins to phase out at \$578,150 (\$126,500 for married couples filing jointly for whom the exemption begins to phase out at \$1,156,300). The 2022 exemption amount was \$75,900 and began to phase out at \$539,900 (\$118,100 for married couples filing jointly for whom the exemption began to phase out at \$1,079,800).

The tax year 2023 maximum Earned Income Tax Credit amount is \$7,430 for qualifying taxpayers who have three or more qualifying children, up from \$6,935 for tax year 2022. The revenue procedure contains a table providing maximum EITC amount for other categories, income thresholds and phaseouts. *(continued on next page)*

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For tax year 2023, participants who have self-only coverage in a Medical Savings Account, the plan must have an annual deductible that is not less than \$2,650, up \$200 from tax year 2022; but not more than \$3,950, an increase of \$250 from tax year 2022. For self-only coverage, the maximum out-of-pocket expense amount is \$5,300, up \$350 from 2022. For tax year 2023, for family coverage, the annual deductible is not less than \$5,300, up from \$4,950 for 2022; however, the deductible cannot be more than \$7,900, up \$500 from the limit for tax year 2022. For family coverage, the out-of-pocket expense limit is \$9,650 for tax year 2023, an increase of \$600 from tax year 2022.

For tax year 2023, the foreign earned in-come exclusion is \$120,000 up from \$112,000 for tax year 2022. Estates of decedents who die during 2023 have a basic exclusion amount of \$12,920,000, up from a total of \$12,060,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2022.

The annual exclusion for gifts increases to \$17,000 for calendar year 2023, up from \$16,000 for calendar year 2021. The maximum credit allowed for adoptions for tax year 2023 is the amount of qualified adoption expenses up to \$15,950, up from \$14,890 for 2022.

#### **Items unaffected by indexing:**

By statute, certain items that were indexed for inflation in the past are currently not adjusted.

The personal exemption for tax year 2023 remains at 0, as it was for 2022, this elimination of the personal exemption was a pro-vision in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

For 2023, as in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018, there is no limitation on itemized de-ductions, as that limitation was eliminated by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

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A separate bill supported by our membership expands permitted liens beyond simply the towing and storage charges to also include the costs involved with the recovery and storage of cargo as well as accident site clean-up. Both of these bills successfully passed through committee last year and were made a part of the Senate Transportation Omnibus Bill. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the Democrats and Republicans could not reach an overall agreement prior to the end of session, none of the omnibus bills passed into law. The MPTA will be working to pass these pro-active bills into law during the upcoming legislative session.

Another bill likely to be brought forward from Legal Aid is a bill authored last year by Rep. Kelly Moller that deals with the retrieval of certain contents from towed vehicles by registered owners who receive government benefits, legal aid services or are currently homeless. The MPTA continues to work with Rep. Moller and Legal Aid representatives to craft a bill that is more workable for the towing industry.

During the upcoming 5-month legislative session there will be a flurry of activity with hundreds of bills introduced in both the House and the Senate. The MPTA will continue to monitor proposed legislation that impacts the towing industry and our members.



Robert J. Leighton, MPTA Lobbyist



# Diesel prices inch downward as fuel supply crunch shows signs of easing

By **The Trucker News Staff** - November 29, 2022

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Diesel prices continue to trickle down as U.S. stocks of road diesel show signs of stabilization and even increasing slightly.



This news is welcomed as concern built before the Thanksgiving holiday that U.S. diesel stocks were dwindling toward a possible shortage.

John Kemp, a senior market analyst specializing in oil and energy systems, said that although the increase is small, “it runs against the normal trend for a drawdown at this time of year and indicates high prices and a slowing economy are starting to rebuild inventories.”

Meanwhile, distillate fuel oil inventories increased by 3 million barrels in the six weeks between Oct. 7 and Nov. 18, according to Energy Information Administration (EIA).

“In the 10 years before the pandemic, distillate inventories declined by an average of more than 11 million barrels over the same period,” according to Kemp. “Between 2010 and 2019, seasonal drawdowns ranged from as little as 7 million barrels to as much as 21 million barrels.”

Distillate inventories have not increased at this time of year since 2008, when the financial crisis was pushing the economy further into recession, Kemp noted.

Stocks are still 21 million barrels (-16% or -1.25 standard deviations) below the pre-pandemic five-year seasonal average.

But the deficit to the seasonal average has narrowed from 34 million barrels (-24% or -2.05 standard deviations) on Oct. 7, Kemp said.

As for diesel prices, the latest numbers from the EIA show that the national average sits at \$5.141 per gallon, down from \$5.233 per gallon on Nov. 21, \$5.313 per gallon on Nov. 14 and \$5.333 on Nov. 7.

However, the average national diesel price per gallon is still up more than \$1.50 over this time last year.

## Three NYPD Police Officers pleaded guilty to steering damaged vehicles to a towing company operated by a former NYPD Officer.

James Davneiro, a former New York City Police Department (NYPD) officer, and Giancarlo Osma pleaded guilty to conspiring to participate in a tow truck scheme to steer vehicles damaged in automobile accidents to a licensed tow trucking and automobile repair business company owned by retired NYPD Officer Michael Perri. The two officers took thousands of dollars in bribes from the tow truck business owned by Perri.

These actions were in contravention of NYPD’s Directed Accident Response Program (DARP), which requires the NYPD to identify appropriate licensed tow trucking and automobile repair businesses to respond to automobile accident scenes and remove damaged vehicles.

“These three officers abused the public’s trust and disgraced their NYPD badges by lining their pockets with bribes,” stated United States Attorney Breon Peace. “This Office will continue working closely with our law enforcement partners to vigorously investigate and prosecute corruption by those who are sworn to enforce and uphold the law.”

Source: [justice.gov/](https://www.justice.gov/) Tow Industry week



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# AAA Activates ‘Tow to Go’ over this past Thanksgiving Holiday



By Editorial Staff | November 23, 2022

Source: AAA

AAA will be working to keep impaired drivers off the road during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The Auto Club Group is activating its Tow to Go program, which provides transportation for the would-be impaired driver and their vehicle.

AAA has offered Tow to Go during major holidays for almost 25 years. During that time, AAA has removed more than 25,000 impaired drivers from the road.

How does it work? When someone calls Two to Go, AAA dispatches a tow truck to transport the would-be impaired driver and their vehicle to a safe location within a 10- mile radius. The service is free for anyone, yet AAA asks that it be treated as a last resort.

Nationwide, AAA expects this to be the third-busiest Thanksgiving on the roads in history. Crash data from NHTSA proves that combining cocktails with crowded roads can be deadly. During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, from 2016-2020, over 800 people died in crashes involving a drunk driver (NHTSA).

“AAA is proud to offer this service to help everyone make it home safely this Thanksgiving,” said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. “Alcohol, drugs and even prescription medications can affect your ability to drive. So don’t put yourself at risk. Find a designated driver or ridesharing program. If you’re tempted to drive impaired, call AAA instead and we’ll get you to a safe location.”

Tow to Go service areas are Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, North Dakota, Nebraska, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Colorado (Denver), North Carolina (Charlotte) and Indiana (Fort Wayne/South Bend.)

The Tow to Go phone number is (855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246.

## **Tow to Go motorist guidelines:**

- Provided from 6pm Wednesday, November 23rd – 6am Monday, November 28th
- Free and available to AAA members and non-members.
- Confidential local ride for one person and their vehicle to a safe location within a 10-mile radius.

Appointments cannot be scheduled in advance to use Tow to Go. It is designed as a safety net for those that did not plan-ahead. Always choose a designated driver before celebrating.

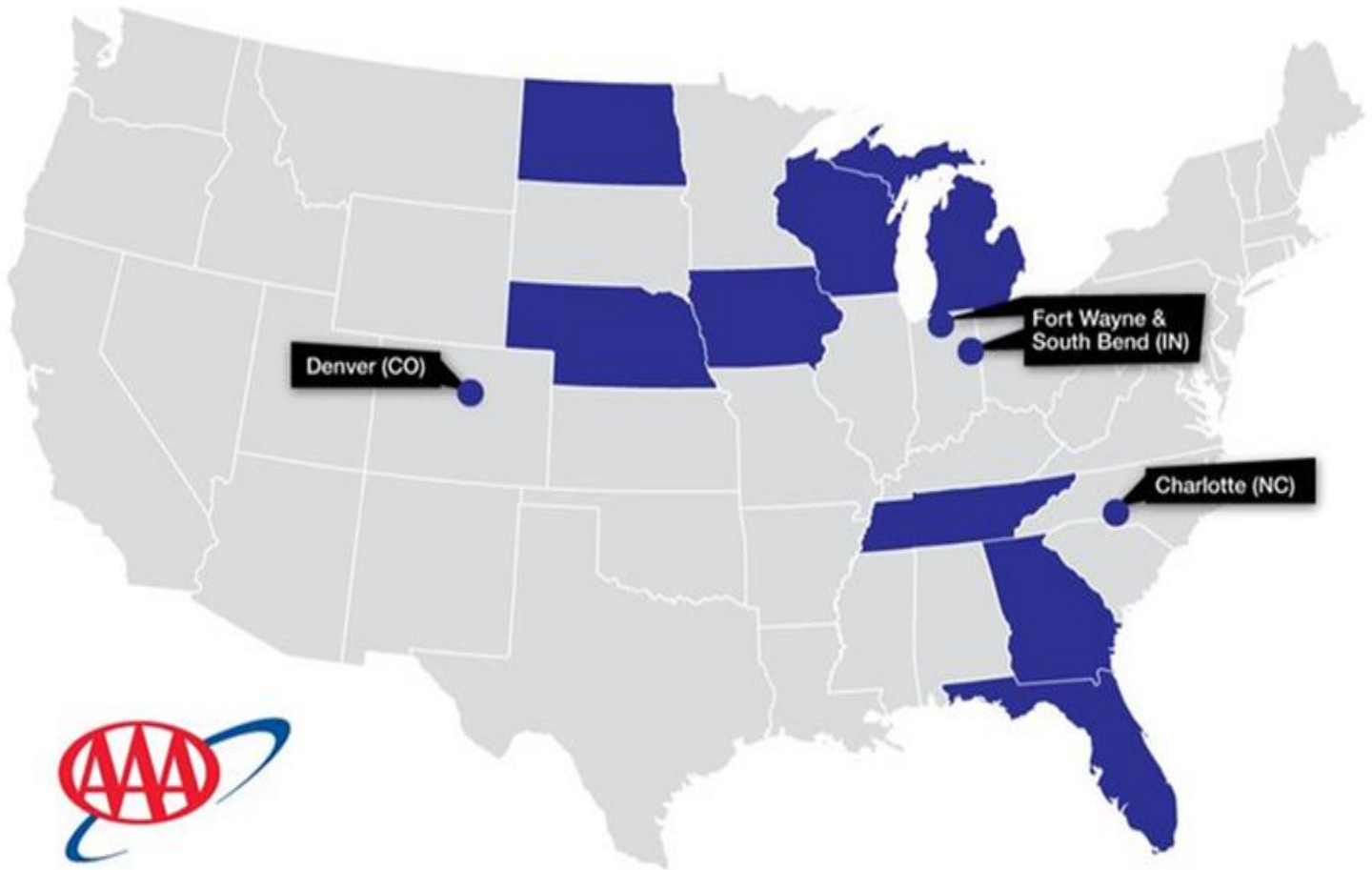
In some situations, AAA may need to make other arrangements to get an impaired individual a safe ride home.

Tow to Go may not be available in rural areas or during severe weather conditions

# Celebrate Responsibly

## Tow to Go 2021

Tow to Go programs available in select areas only.



### KEY

■ Tow to Go

Offered in FL, GA, IA, MI, ND, NE, TN, WI, CO (Denver), NC (Charlotte), and IN (Fort Wayne/South Bend) from 6 pm on Friday 12/24/21 to 6 am on Monday, 1/3/22.

**This program is not offered nationwide.** Safe ride services are offered in select areas during certain holiday periods. AAA strongly encourages motorists to pick a designated driver before they head out for any holiday celebration.

\*Alaska and Hawaii not shown as this service is not available in those areas

# HOW TO GET YOUR TOW BUSINESS READY FOR AN EXTREME WINTER: A 9-POINT CHECKLIST

## #1 BATTERY

Extreme cold will turn a weak battery into a money-losing headache for your tow business. Check the batteries on all your trucks and replace any that aren't performing at their best.

**Extra tip:** Install a battery protector so if a driver leaves a light on, the battery won't fully drain.

## #2 TIRES

You can't expect to arrive safely at the scene, let alone recover a challenging wreck, if your tire treads aren't in good shape. (Don't forget to check your spares, too.) Look for signs that your snow chains have seen better days, including poor fit, and stretched, marked or otherwise damaged links.

**Extra tip:** If you don't already have snow chains, buy some now and test them out on a nice day. Gramps may not have seen snow and ice in your area, but chances are you will.

## #3 HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Check your hydraulic lines for cracks or chafing, and leaks at connection points. Run the pneumatic system air dryers through their paces. Check your engine anti-freeze.

**Extra tip:** If extremely cold temperatures are expected, switch to a cold weather hydraulic fluid that's recommended by your manufacturer.

## #4 WINCH LINES

Winch failure is disastrous and can usually be prevented by proper maintenance. Check for fluid leaks at the hydraulic motor mount and gear case seams. Look for loose bolts in the winch frame. Ensure there isn't too much movement in the winch drum. Lubricate your winch lines for extra protection from winter moisture.

**Extra tip:** Only use the recommended type and grade of lubricant for your winch. If you don't have your manual, check the manufacturer's website.

## #5 SUPPLIES

Stock up on windshield washer fluid, batteries for equipment such as flashlights, road salt or other ice melt, snow shovels, diesel additive, and lock deicer.

**Extra tip:** Check stock levels and expiration dates of items in first aid kits. (Every tow truck should have a kit.)

## #6 EQUIPMENT FOR COMMON WINTER CALLS

Are all your jumpstart sets complete and working? How about the jumpstart batteries—are they strong? Do you have working battery testers on every truck?

**Extra tip:** Keep disposable hand warmers and even a thermos of hot chocolate on hand for customers who may have been waiting outside for a while.

## #7 CLOTHING

Check that last year's hi-vis and insulated clothing still fits your operators and hasn't been compromised by excessive washing or on-the-job stains. Go for ANSI Class III clothing whenever possible. Make sure all operators have warm, waterproof gloves; insulated steel-toe boots; insulated socks; and a toque.

**Extra tip:** Freezing rain and cold rain call for insulated waterproof clothing, including bib overalls.

## #8 KNOW-HOW

Safety should come first every time an operator climbs into a tow truck, but during a winter storm, conditions become that much more dangerous. Ensure your operators know how to safely tow and recover in snow, ice, wind and flood conditions, and when they shouldn't attempt a recovery without backup.

## #9 STAFFING

If extreme winter weather hits, it'll be all hands on deck. Make sure you have enough operators to cover freak storms that may last several days and the means to take care of them. Mistakes happen when operators are cold, hungry and overtired.

**Extra tip:** Talk to your staff ahead of time about what they need and their ideas for staffing efficiencies during high-demand storms

**Check off every item on the extreme winter preparedness checklist.**

# WINTER TOW TRUCK DRIVER SAFETY TIPS

**For many tow truck drivers, winter is the busiest season. With drivers sliding off the road, batteries failing in the cold, and more, there's a lot of towing to be done in the winter. Whether you're a roadside service driver or a repossession driver, here are a few winter tow truck driver safety tips to keep you on the road this winter.**

## **Before You Leave for Winter Towing Jobs**

You can keep yourself safe this winter by taking a few extra steps before you hit the road. It doesn't matter what type of towing you're doing — from helping those who have been in accidents to towing repo vehicles — winter driver safety is always important.

## **Stock Your Truck with First-Aid Kit**

When the chilly weather hits, make sure your tow truck is stocked with a first-aid kit. Basic first-aid items like band-aids, gauze, and triple-antibiotic ointment can come in handy no matter the weather, but the threat of accidents is always greater in the winter.

## **Keep Spare and Extra Warm Clothing in Your Truck**

In the event that something does happen while you're driving this winter, it's important to make sure you've got everything you need. Always dress warmly for your winter workdays, and keep a spare pair of boots, gloves, and even a sweatshirt and extra pair of pants in your vehicle. As you know, towing isn't an easy job, and if something happens, you don't want to be stuck in the cold weather without warm, dry clothes.

## **Check Your Truck Before You Leave**

Your truck is your #1 asset on the road. If it's not working, you're not working. While most repo and roadside assistance companies keep their trucks in top shape, it's still worth it to give your truck a once-over before you head onto the wintry streets. Not sure what you're looking for?

## **While You're Towing Vehicles in the Winter**

Once you've gone through the before-you-leave tips, you'll be ready to hit the road. Here are some tips to keep you safe while you're actually driving your tow truck this winter.

## **Slow Down**

It's a good reminder for everyone — not just tow truck drivers — but speed limits are posted for regular, non-snowy conditions. If the speed limit is 55, but it's snowing buckets, it's worth it to slow down. The slower you go, the more control you have, and the more reaction time you have if something goes wrong on the road ahead of you.

## **Use Your Brakes Sparingly**

In the winter, roads are slick and icy. The best way to avoid a dangerous situation is to drive slow and avoid slamming on the brakes even if you do have an ABS system. Sudden pressure on your brakes can cause fishtailing, and the extra weight of another vehicle behind you adds up to a very bad situation. Drive slowly and use your brakes to gradually bring your truck to a stop.

## **Give Yourself Plenty of Time**

After ice and poor road conditions, other drivers are your biggest risk and challenge when driving in the winter. Always give yourself plenty of time to turn, brake, and accelerate. Turn your blinker on earlier than you might in good weather and leave plenty of space between you and other drivers. The more space you put between your tow truck and other drivers, the safer you are likely to be.

## **Watch Out for Black Ice**

Ice is one of the most dangerous hazards for winter tow truck drivers. Black ice is almost impossible to see. Know where to expect it — on overpasses and bridges where cool air below the road causes ice to form sooner. And to avoid any problems on ice and black ice, drive slowly and use your brakes cautiously.

## **Increase Your Visibility**

Tow truck drivers are in the most danger in the winter when they're outside of the vehicle. You have to get out to secure the towed vehicle to your tow truck, and that can be dangerous in bad weather, especially if you're on a busy road or expressway. Do your best to make you and your tow truck as visible as possible in the winter. Flashing lights, bright clothing, flares and orange construction cones do a great job of letting other drivers know where you are. When they know you're there, they can get over and let you do your work safely. -Keep your head on a swivel!

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<b>Apple Valley</b>	Dick's Valley Service 952-432-2848	<b>Duluth</b>	Dukes Towing 218-722-8885		Bobby & Steve's Auto World South Minneapolis 612-861-6133
<b>Austin</b>	Otomo's Auto Towing 507-450-0051	<b>Eagan</b>	Mark's Towing 651-454-1533		City of Minneapolis Public Works 612-704-0428
<b>Big Lake</b>	Bob's Towing & Recovery 763-262-8697		Magnum Towing 651-423-7201		Miller Towing 612-827-5591
<b>Blackduck</b>	Bogart's Towing 218-835-4548	<b>East Bethel</b>	Schmit Towing 763-253-1568		Schmit Towing 763-253-1568
<b>Blaine</b>	Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc. 651-642-1446	<b>Eden Prairie</b>			Silverback Towing & Recovery 763-332-1563
	Dan's Complete Auto Care 763-784-8668		Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-944-1690		
	Frovik's Towing 763-786-9220	<b>Eden Valley</b>	Jack's Towing 320-453-6560	<b>Minnetonka</b>	Kustom Karriers 952-938-4680
	Citywide Service Corp 763-786-9020	<b>Elk River</b>	Collins Brothers Towing 763-241-9177	<b>Monticello</b>	Burdas Towing 320-257-5525
<b>Bloomington</b>		<b>Faribault</b>	Glenn's Service LLC 507-334-4202	<b>Moorhead</b>	
	Darrick's Preferred Auto 507-583-9994	<b>Fergus Falls</b>	Beyer Towing 218-205-6137		Aggressive Towing & Recovery 218-287-2344
<b>Bloomington</b>		<b>Forest Lake</b>	Dan's Towing 654-464-5551		Ed's Towing Service 218-233-7740
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-831-8833		Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc 651-642-1446	<b>Motley</b>	
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World West Bloomington 952-881-1024	<b>Golden Valley</b>	Feist Automotive 763-544-5512		Collins Brothers Towing Of Motley 320-257-5525
	Chief's Towing, Inc. 952-888-2201	<b>Hamel</b>	MN Towing and Repair 612-326-6687	<b>Mountain Iron</b>	Iron Range Towing and Automotive 218-780-1726
<b>Brooklyn Park</b>		<b>Inver Grove Heights</b>		<b>New Brighton</b>	Freeway Towing 651-633-5525
	Citywide Service 763-424-4900		South East Towing 651-451-9721		Statewide Towing 651-633-4262
<b>Brainerd</b>		<b>Ironton</b>	AutoSmith Service Group 1-218-545-5715	<b>Newport</b>	
	Collins Brothers Towing Of St. Cloud, 218-822-5525	<b>Lafayette</b>	Five Star Towing 507-843-2677		Absolute Towing & Recovery 651-337-2149
<b>Burnsville</b>		<b>Lakeville</b>	Marek's Towing & Repair 952-469-3182	<b>Oakdale</b>	Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc. 651-642-1446
	Captain Towing 952-856-2901	<b>Little Falls</b>	Collins Brother Towing Of Little Falls 320-257-5525	<b>Owatonna</b>	Dean's Westside Service 507-455-1950
<b>Cannon Falls</b>		<b>Loretto</b>	Burdas Towing 320-257-5525		Sweet Towing & Repair 507-451-3424
	Siewert's Towing 507-263-4791	<b>Mankato</b>	Affordable Towing 507-388-8697		
<b>Clearwater</b>		<b>Marshall</b>			
	Blaine Brothers 320-558-9966		Pulver Towing 507-828-5720		
	Collins Brothers Towing & Repair 320-257-5525				
<b>Columbia Heights</b>					
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-944-1690				
<b>Coon Rapids</b>					
	Highway 10 Towing 763-757-6789				
	Corky's Towing 612-919-1106				

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Frankies Towing Co  
763-595-0321

**Ramsey**  
Nicety Towing  
763-245-2619

**Red Wing**  
Siewerts Garage  
651-388-9163

**Rochester**  
CSC Towing  
507-289-8344  
Rochester Towing, LLC  
507-288-7317  
Pulver Towing  
507-282-3851

**Rogers**  
Burdas Towing  
763-428-9911

**Sauk Centre**  
Centre Towing Inc.  
320-352-1500

**Savage**  
Allen's Service Inc.  
952-894-1000

**Scanlon**  
Blaine Brothers  
218-879-6681

**Spring Lake Park**  
Citywide Service  
763-432-4550

**St. Anthony**  
Twin Cities Transport  
& Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446

**St. Cloud**  
Collins Brothers Towing  
Of St. Cloud, Inc.  
320-257-5525  
Andy's Towing  
320-251-5691

**St. Francis**  
Ark Towing & Recovery  
763-434-1686

**St. Paul**  
Twin Cities Transport &  
Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446  
Elite Towing of Minnesota, Inc.  
952-808-0808

**Stillwater**  
Stillwater Towing  
651-439-5744

**Strandquist**  
Nordic Towing  
1-833-667-3421

**Sunburg**  
Dans Diesel Inc  
320-264-5852

**Vernon Center**  
Giefer Towing & Service, Inc.  
507-549-3300

**Virginia**  
Armory Shell Towing & Service  
218-741-6050

**Waseca**  
Bocks Service Inc.  
507-835-5407  
Tesch Service Center  
507-835-4610

**West St Paul**  
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651-455-2788

**White Bear Lake**  
Twin Cities Transport &  
Recovery, Inc.  
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**Willmar**  
City Line Towing  
320-231-3869  
Dans Diesel Inc  
320-995-6108  
Ed's Service Center & Sales  
320-235-5945

**Winona**  
Borkowski Towing & Salvage  
507-452-9073

**Zumbrota**  
Bergs Towing & Repair  
507-732-5613

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Hanifen Co, Inc  
515-243-3205

**Sioux City**  
Meier Towing Inc  
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Berg's 24 Hour Towing  
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Nordic Towing  
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**Baldwin**  
Day & Nite Towing, LLC  
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**Balsam Lake**  
Lake Services Unlimited  
715-857-5753

**LaCrosse**  
Goldbeck Towing Service  
608-781-4869

**Hixton**  
Jensen Towing and Repair  
715-963-3431

**Independence**  
Kabus Auto Body & Recovery  
715-985-2252

**Roberts**  
Jerry's Towing  
715-749-4450

**Superior**  
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218-722-7781

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Paul Rottinghaus 1-800-222-6047

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Sean Poppen 763-639-3192

### Health Insurance

Health & Life Financial Services  
Kevin Urlaub 763-287-0055

### Insurance

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MPTA Board Meeting

January 17, 2023

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm

MPTA Office



*In observance of Christmas and New Year's  
the MPTA Office will be closed*

*Monday, December 26th, 2022*

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*Monday, January 2, 2023*