

# MAPLETON AG LLC NEWSLETTER

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## International Roadcheck Set for May 4-6 Emphasis on Lighting and Hours of Service

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has set May 4-6 as the dates for this year's International Roadcheck. Over that 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors will conduct inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers. This year's inspections will focus on the truck's lighting system and hours of service.

Inspectors will be looking at the vehicle's brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft components, driver's seat, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims, hubs and windshield wipers to make sure they are compliant with regulations. Inspectors will also check the driver's operating credentials, hours of service documentation, seat belt usage and for alcohol or drug impairment.

Please make sure to keep all necessary documents with you, including load-related paperwork, medical certificates (including waivers) and your commercial drivers license.

Please remember to remain professional despite any frustrations at being pulled over. Just like you, troopers and inspectors are just doing their job when they conduct a roadside inspection. Their main goal is to make sure everyone on the road stays safe. Acting in a defensive or combative manor can prolong the inspection and lead to schedule interruptions and fines. If a conflict arises, try your best to stay calm and contact your supervisor to avoid escalating an issue.

## BIRTHDAYS

MAY 20: CHAD MANUEL  
MAY 23: GEORGE GREEN

## FEATURED STORIES

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or the website.

## Shop Inspection – May 21

An OSHA employee will be visiting the shop on Friday, May 21 to do a walkthrough, and give us suggestions on safety improvements. Please make sure you are filling out your Lock Out, Tag Out slips as needed.



## Training Dates for CDL Drivers & Milk Loaders

CDL Drivers and Milk Loaders, please sign up for one of the following safety training dates in the shop:

Monday, **April 26**, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, **April 28**, 2:00 pm

Saturday, **May 22**, 7:30 am

Training topics include: CDL Airbrake Pre-trip Inspection, Driving in Work Zones, Cleaning the Bulk Tank and Proper Backup Techniques. This meeting will likely take 1 hour and 15 minutes, so please arrive on time so we can begin promptly at the start time.

## Financial Security Warning

We were recently made aware of a national scam involving fraudulent unemployment claims, which has affected several of our employees. Hackers are using real identities – likely stolen during previous data breaches – to file fraudulent claims and collect benefits in the name of individuals who are not unemployed. COVID-19 has created an overwhelming number of unemployment cases, which makes it hard for the State to monitor legitimate cases.

The Department of Labor (DOL) urges anyone who has received official communication about unemployment benefits – like a monetary determination letter – but did not apply for unemployment benefits, to immediately report it to the Department of Labor at [on.ny.gov/uifraud](https://www.on.ny.gov/uifraud). We are keeping a watchful eye for false unemployment claims in the office, and will notify you if there are any attempts made under your name. If you have any questions, please see Lorrie.

To help protect yourself, remember to change your password/login information for online accounts (especially banks); Place a free fraud alert on your accounts using a credit bureau like Experian, TransUnion or Equifax; Monitor your credit with an app like Credit Karma.



## Watch For Farm Equipment

The weather is getting warmer, which means farmers are hitting the fields! Please pay attention to slow moving farm vehicles on the roadways, tractors and equipment entering/exiting the fields, and the resulting road debris, like mud.

Most farm vehicles only travel short distances, so remember to slow down, leave a safe distance, and be aware of other drivers trying to pass.