



# The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

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### Not All Travel is Interstate Bound Drive Safely on Rural Roads

Your travels take you places most may never get an opportunity to see themselves. Maybe big cities, beautiful mountainsides, or canyon views out West. One thing for sure, it won't always be via interstate. When you find yourself on a rural road you have some additional things to look for.

**\*Observe those speed limit signs.** Rural roads are usually not designed for high speeds.

**\*Maintain a wide view of the roadway, pay strict attention to changing road situations like:**

- \*Connecting roadways
- \*Farm vehicles or other large machinery on or near the highway
- \*Livestock or other animals in the roadway
- \*Watch for cyclists and pedestrians and allow plenty of room when passing

*Enjoy the views you get to encounter and keep SAFETY first every day!*

### Top Five: Truck Driver Factor Indicators of Future Likelihood of Crash Involvement

While some of these percentages have changed with new studies by ATRI, they remain incredibly consistent. Don't become part of a statistic.

***The safety of you and everyone else on the roads is most important!***

Driver Factors	Percentage increase for likelihood of future crash involvement
1) A Reckless Driving Violation	325% Increase
2) An Improper Turn Violation	105% Increase
3) An Improper/Erratic Lane Change (Conviction)	100% Increase
4) A Failure to Yield Right-of-Way (Conviction)	97% Increase
5) A Failure to maintain Proper Lane (Conviction)	91% Increase

Your Fuel Discounts Really Add Up –  
Check It Out!

By using your Com Data card at TA/Petro and Pilot/Flying J Travel Centers your average fuel discount in January was "\$0.39"!



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### CDL – Privileges the Average Driver Does Not Have

You hold a special license granting you special privileges the average driver does not have. Each of you are held to a higher standard of care because of your training and experience. You are trained, practiced, skilled and an expert at what you do. You are certified and licensed making you the ultimate driving professional. The roadways are filled with drivers who don't fall into this category, and probably never will. Practice patience when you are out there. Maintain a calm, cool and collected state of mind knowing you are the best of the best - the driving professional.

***Stay safe out there!***



### Defeating Distracted Driving

The last thing you want is a distracted driver out there with your family, right? Avoid anything that divides your attention while driving like eating or drinking. We've all done it, but it IS a distraction and takes your focus away from the road. Don't touch those phones! Not only is it prohibited – it's the biggest distraction out there.

Lives matter most– messages can wait!

### SPEEDGAUGE – Let's Be on the Same Page

The bottom line is speed is the number one cause of crashes. We monitor this because we must. It is required of us as a motor carrier. We get it, you have time sensitive loads to move but it cannot be speeding that gets you there. Use your cruise control? Watch for changing signs! We are addressing these alerts daily. It's not our intention to penalize rather help remind you and make sure you adjust old habits if needed. We are here to help you protect your hard-earned professional accreditation – your CDL! #donotspeed