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Message from the President

Dear Members,

Hope everyone remembered to bring on the roses for Valentines Day, it is a sign that the warmer weather should begin to arrive soon. Of course, if you forgot Valentines Day, warm weather is probably the least of your concerns. There are some items that are new this month, the current issue of Safety and Health makes a good point about knowing if your employees are taking any medications. If they are taking something that could make them drowsy or dizzy there is a chance that it could not only affect their work performance but it could also create a safety issue for them, others in your business or even customers or the public. Paying attention to employee health issues is not something to be taken lightly – make sure you know what is going on with the people you entrust with your business.

There was a reminder from OSHA that workplace deaths in 2016 were up 7% from the previous year, their highest since 2008. A total of 5,190 workers died as a result of job related injuries. Of this number, 2,083 were in transportation areas – 40% of all workplace fatalities and the most of any category – and drivers/sales workers and truck drivers experienced 918 fatal injuries, the most of any occupation. Let's be careful in all aspects of our business.

President Trump's mandates are finally beginning

to work into the regulatory process. The latest agenda, released in December, reflects the Trump administration's push for deregulation, and details a plan for agencies to put forth "three deregulatory actions for every new regulatory action in 2018." This could certainly help in many over regulated businesses areas, we will watch this closely to see where and when it begins to occur.

Many of our members take advantage of the free training modules from ResponderSafety.com. They have just released a new module that deals with the first 15 minutes at a scene, how to assess damages, plan for necessary equipment and personnel and do a quick damage summary. According to research this is the most critical time in an incident as these decisions affect the outcome and procedures used to achieve those goals. It is tailored to fire and police more than anyone else but there are so many good points made it would be worthwhile for any first responder to view it. You may register for free or log in to access the website at <https://learning.respondersafety.com> Take a good look at this site as there are many great programs offered at no cost to you.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has amended §22a-174-40 (Regulation Concerning Consumer Products and

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Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings) dealing with volatile organic compounds effective October 5, 2017. This statute has a far reaching effect on many industries; as an example there are new standards for brake cleaner that you may use in the shop. Your purchases after 01/01/2018 must meet new standards; if you purchase non-compliant materials after this date you and the seller may face sanctions. The final document (PR2015-196) may be viewed at eregulations.ct.gov or with the link on the TRPC website under the March 2018 newsletter. Please take the time to look at it and see what items may affect you; although it is quite lengthy it is also very important.

There is a lot of news from the Towing and Recovery Association of America. In the National Towing E-Newsletter Vol. 4, No. 6 (December 2017) there is an excellent "quick guide" link to the ELD rules from the Maryland Motor Trucking Association. There is also going to be a new certification offering from TRAA for a TRSCP (Towing and Recovery Support Certificate Proposal) that is intended to provide training and certification for supervisory oversight in traffic incident/accident situations. Last there is a reminder that FREE training in Traffic Incident Management is still available and the links and information are contained in the newsletter. It is always well worth reading the TRAA events for industry information. Read the latest TRAA President's Message here:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1104363257984&ca=c539f02b-4fc6-427b-beb2-dbb847ea33fc>

We hope to hear from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the rate increase during the month of March. If you have any political connections, please contact them and request support for the rate increase. Our industry has gone without any increases for a long time, we need all the help we can get to keep this in motion.

TRPC is continuing to work on having a representative from OSHA do a presentation at a meeting to keep you aware of how the OSHA regulations affect you in your business, both at your location and out on the road. Hopefully we can do this in the March/April timeframes. If you have any questions regarding OSHA regulations please send them into TRPC so we can include them in this presentation.

And remember...

Let's Be Careful Out There!!!

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calendar of events

2018

No March Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **April 4**
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860-677-9074 or ct.trpc@yahoo.com
Prime Rib, Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Chicken Française

No May Meeting

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **June 6**

No July Meeting

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **August 1**

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **September 12**

TRPC Annual Vendor Appreciation Night

&

Tow Truck Beauty Contest

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **October 3**

No November Meeting

TRPC Monthly Membership Meeting **December 5**
Annual Christmas Party and Toy Drive

And don't forget - sign up a new member to TRPC, and your dinner at our next meeting is on us!

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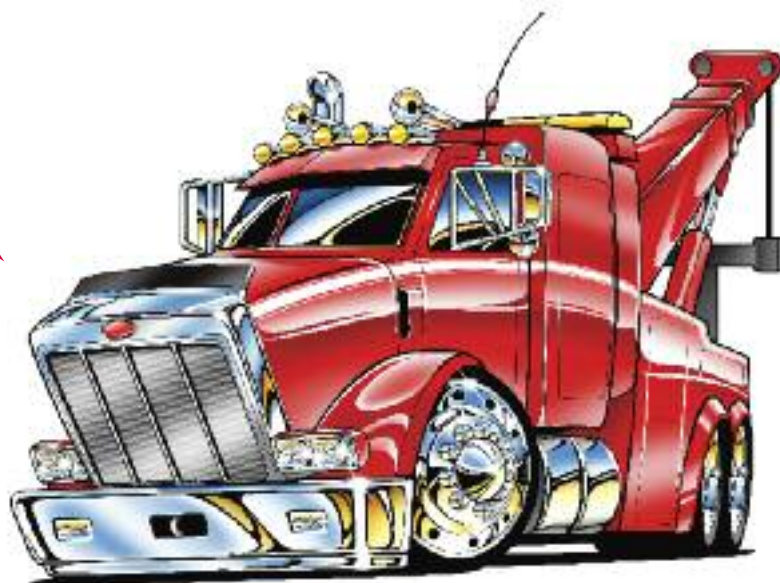
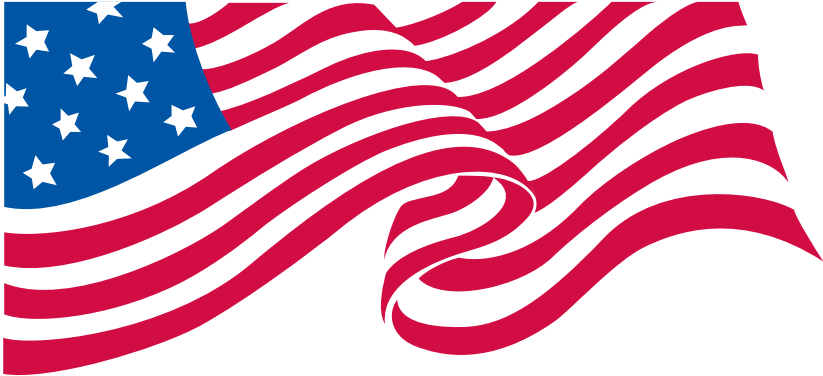
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