

Braking News



Driving Defensively: Avoiding Auto Accidents

You are doing a great job at driving safely through the dangerous winter weather conditions. Yes winter is almost over, however, for the rest of 2015 let's continue to work at preventing auto accidents. Below are some reminders on ways to drive defensively in order to reduce the risk of an auto accident. Driving defensively means taking every possible precaution to avoid an accident, despite the hazards around you.



- Stay alert and watch your speed. To maintain control of your vehicle, you must control your speed. Higher speeds make controlling your vehicle that much more difficult if things go wrong.
- Keep your eyes moving. Check your mirrors and be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you. If necessary, let the problem drivers move ahead of you.
- Check blind spots before you change lanes. There's always side streets and parking areas where people can pull out without you noticing.
- Look both ways before you enter an intersection, even if you have a green light.
- If you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction. Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.

New Employee Awards Program

Beginning July 1, 2015 employees who meet certain criteria will have the opportunity to win a cash award. On a semi-annual basis each Partner will nominate an employee and the nomination will be approved by TransNet. The award recipient will receive \$500 at a presentation which will be held at each Partner location. Eligibility is based upon the following criteria:

- No accidents or incidents for a 6-month period
- No unexcused days off
- Employee is observed doing something above and beyond the call of duty
- Professional appearance (follows dress-code)
- Compliments received
- Appropriate use of Ecolane (if applicable)

Kudos

TransNet would like to acknowledge the following employees for going above and beyond what is expected of them.

Sara Geyer, a vehicle aide for Mid County Transportation showed excellent teamwork while she and her driver were waiting in line to pick up consumers from a workshop. With a smile, she took it upon herself, in the rain, to help a fellow coworker provide passenger assistance to her passengers.

George Johnson, a driver for Bux-Mont Transportation, was transporting a consumer who went into cardiac arrest while in the vehicle. He immediately stopped the vehicle at a safe location and contacted dispatch who dialed 911. While waiting for the police to arrive George proceeded to give the consumer CPR and was able to revive her before the paramedics arrived.

Daryl Postell, a driver for Bux-Mont Transportation, exhibited exceptional customer service while picking up consumers from their program. He was genuinely warm and welcoming to each passenger as he greeted them by name. It was apparent that the consumers thoroughly enjoyed riding on his bus.