

LTSC Newsletter March 2017

Annual General meeting:

The AGM has been set down for Thursday the 18th of May in Rotorua, a 1pm start. An agenda will be forwarded earlier May.

The Council is always looking for new Council members, it is a great opportunity for Transport Operators to help shape the great Industry we work in, if you would like to join the Council which meets 4 times a year, please attend the meeting and put your hand up to join.

LTSC Projects:

The LTSC has engaged the University Of Canterbury College Of Engineering to work on 2 projects for our Industry, these are:

Load Security- Load securing in the log transport industry, injury, risks and interventions

Trailer Lifting- a review of the log trailer lifting methods (national and International) to explore feasible alternatives with a view to improving ergonomics and safety.

Both of these projects are been done by students in their last year at University. The 2 LTSC members on the working groups are Campbell Gilmour (Dynes transport Ltd) and Mark Wareing (Philip Wareing Ltd).

If as an operator you have a smart idea on either of these two projects, it is a good time to advise the LTSC, as we can get the students to check out the option either by building and trialling or at least evaluate the suggestion as part of the project. Please advise the Secretary if you are keen to share your good idea.

50MAX maps now mobile-friendly:

Since the start of July a new mobile-friendly version of the online 50MAX maps went live. The new version also has a number of advanced features including location and is compatible with all major smart phones and tablets.

For more details click on the link below:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/keeping-connected/50max-maps-are-now-mobile-friendly>

Training Pathway:

The new Senior Driver Certificate has been officially launched; this is a level 4 qualification, designed for experienced truck drivers to fulfil a senior driver or training role within a transport organisation. The program includes both theoretical and practical training and assessment to ensure drivers can effectively mentor, train and manage a group of drivers and vehicles.

If you would like more details on this certificate, check out our webpage.

The Council is pleased with the continued uptake of drivers who have completed the various stages of the Training pathway.

Up to the 1st of March, the LTSC has presented 146 Gold certificates, 20 Silver certificates and 57 Bronze certificates.

Congratulations to all the drivers who been presented with their certificates and to the Transport Companies who have embraced the training pathway.

Need more information on the pathway, please contact the Secretary or check the website.

Load Tensioners:

The delivery of the new LTSC load tensioners have arrived and are available for purchase, the cost of these are \$36.00 Plus GST plus any freight costs from Tokoroa, We have stock available also ex Christchurch.

Please contact the Secretary to place your order; currently they are boxes of 5.

Crane Code:

The LTSC and Worksafe is about to be sign off on the new code that will apply to cranes working in our Log Transport Industry, we will include this in our new Industry Standard booklet which will be ready for release later in 2017.

If you would like a copy please contact the Secretary or check our website.

IRIS database:

The Council has developed a new incident database (an off shoot of the Forest Owners IRIS database) which has been modified to reflect the business of a log transport operator. ACC has approved the database as a system that is approved for any ACC auditing.

If you would like more details how this can be used in your business please contact the Secretary or check the link on the LTSC webpage (www.logtruck.co.nz).

To make the data even more useful would be if we had more transport operators use the system, the beauty of this system is that you can benchmark your incidents against Industry average or by region.

Pro Forma vehicles:

The LTSC Executive are currently working on a new 23.8 metre Pro Forma log truck, this is based on steelwork of up to 23 metres, with a maximum rear overhang of 1 metre, i.e. 22.8 metres +1 metre.

The VDAM rule under factsheet 13 requires rear under run protection to an UN/ECE Regulation 58 standard, for loads exceeding 1 metre over the rear most point of the trailer, although it is not currently required under the 23 metre Log Truck Pro Forma, and the 22 metre permit Exemption.

Sleep Apnea project:

The Council with help from Rachel from FRMS has been developing a program that will help operators cost effectively and in timely manner pre-test employees for sleep apnoea utilising the councils own equipment. This program will include a recent produced video of accounts from actual drivers in the industry that can be shown to drivers to help break down the barriers to taking the first step to getting tested.

The program kit will include all the information and material for a suitable manager or senior staff with in companies to deliver to staff either in a group or one on one situation.

Once the pre questioner is completed by the driver the decision will be made weather the overnight sleep test is required if so then the driver will be given all the information to complete this and the results will be sent back to FRMS to be analysed.

The results on this test and any further follow up that may be required will be provided back by FRMS to the company.

Keep an eye on the web site for further information and when this program is ready and available for use”

Radio Channels:

The LTSC has recently invested in 10 radio Simples Road Safety channels across New Zealand that are dedicated to our Industry. The channels are available free to LTSC financial members; contact the LTSC Secretary for details.

Share the Road program:

LTSC members are actively supporting this program with the various Forest Owners in many parts of the Country. Operators make a truck available when a school visit is planned, the students learn about how to be safe and be seen around heavy motor vehicles, especially the students on rural roads which have a heavy motor vehicle presence.

The LTSC is also supports the program by supplying give a ways on the day, since 2013 the program in the Central North Island has visit 59 schools and has had in excess of 4000 students attend the program, Northland has been operating a lot longer and areas like Gisborne and Hawkes Bay are also running the program in their areas.

Need more information on this contact the LTSC Secretary.