

LTSC Newsletter March 2018

LTSC AGM:

The 2018 Annual General Meeting is planned for Thursday the 7th of June, 1pm start at the Watersports Building situated on the lake Front in Rotorua. The agenda for this meeting will be sent closer to the day, but if you would like to contribute to our Industry and join the Council please either advise the Secretary or attend this meeting.

Regional meetings:

Two Regional meeting are planned for April 2018, one will be held in Palmerston North (details below) and the other in the Canterbury Region (Venue yet to be confirmed). These meetings allow operators in these areas to get an update on the work being carried out by the Council, from the Executive Team and provides the opportunity to raise concerns, table ideas and have a say in what you would like the Council to be doing for our Industry. Once details for the Christchurch meeting have been finalised notices will be sent to Operators in those areas advising venue location and times, the meetings will be after work meetings.

Palmerston North meeting will be held at the Coachmans Hotel, Fitzherbert Street.

McKelvie Room 530pm Start Finger food supplies

RSVP please if attending: ltsc@logtruck.co.nz or phone 0274943695

HPMV pro forma units:

The LTSC has a representative on the PBS Project Team review the current pro forma fleet, the LTSC are looking to have 2 new pro forma vehicles(a B-Train at 23.8 metres and a T &T at 23.5 metres) included once the Performance Based Standards have been agreed. The review may mean that some of the current HPMV fleet will not meet the new Standards, it has been agreed that these units will have "Grandfather Rights" over their remaining lifetime. We will keep members advised as this work progresses.

Trailer Lifting Chain certification:

Transport Operators should now have completed the annual certification of their lifting chains; the forms are available from the LTSC Webpage (www.logtruck.co.nz).

The check should be carried out by a competent person; this could be your Service Manager, Service Provider, Trailer Manufacturer, an "A" grade mechanic or similar trade, or the supplier of the lifting chains.

The new stickers are now available, current stickers expire 31 January 2018.

Operators are reminded that you only have to send in the Statutory Declaration page, all calculation sheets should be kept by you.

Load Tensioners:

The latest shipment of the new LTSC load tensioners has arrived and they are now available for purchase. The cost of these is \$36.00 Plus GST per tensioner, plus any freight costs from Tokoroa, we have stock available also ex Christchurch.

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

Training Pathway:

The Council has a small team along with MITO staff reviewing the current NZ Transport of Logs by Road Certificate, once completed the new national certificate will be registered as a level 4 certificate, one below the Senior Driver and First Line Management Certificates, The new Certificates will be available from 2019.

The Council commends those drivers who have completed the various stages of the Training Pathway to date and greatly appreciates the diligence and professionalism you've demonstrated.

Up to the 16th March, the LTSC has presented 176 Gold certificates, 54 Silver certificates and 146 Bronze certificates, plus 8 Platinum certificates.

Congratulations to all the drivers who have achieved their certificates and to the Transport Companies who have embraced the Training Pathway to date.

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

Sleep Apnoea project:

The Council, with help from Rachel from FRMS, has developed a program that will help operators, cost effectively and in timely manner, pre-test employees for sleep apnoea utilising the council's own equipment. This program includes the recently produced video of personal accounts from actual drivers in the industry that can be shown to drivers and staff 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, within companies to deliver to their staff, either in a group or a one on one situation.

Once the pre-questionnaire is completed by the driver the decision will be made whether or not the overnight sleep test is required. If so, the driver will be given all the information and equipment to complete this and the results will be sent back to FRMS to be analysed.

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

Details of the program are now up on the LTSC website, don't forget to check out the video of the two drivers who unselfishly shared their experiences of having sleep apnoea and how it affected their daily lives at work and at home.

The Council has also purchased 2 additional screening machines that are available for any post incident testing Operators may wish to have carried out, contact Rachel directly if you would like to take this option up.

Radio Channels:

The LTSC has recently invested in 10 radio Simplex Road Safety channels across New Zealand that are dedicated to our Industry. These 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 supporting the program by supplying giveaways on the day. Since 2013 the program in the Central North Island has visited 65 schools and has had in excess of 4500 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.

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 to fulfill its auditing requirements.

If you would like more detail as to how this system can be used to enhance your business, please contact the Secretary or check the link on the LTSC webpage (www.logtruck.co.nz).

To make the data even more meaningful and useful requires more transport operators to be using the system. The beauty of this system is that you can benchmark your safety performance against the Industry average by region. It helps the LTSC identify and focus on key areas requiring improvement. All information entered remains confidential to the provider.

Wood Flow 2018

The full programme for the Woodflow 2018 event is now up on the event website, www.woodflow.events the content of the programme has come from discussion with harvesting and wood transport operators so should be well received. As a supporter of Woodflow 2018, LTSC members will receive a discount off the standard registration rate when and if they register. It's set up as a better rate than the early-bird rate. The access code for our LTSC members is **xLTSC** if they are registering.

Check out the timing and location of this Conference on the website above.

AGM Date: 7th June 1pm Watersports Building ROTORUA