

LTSC Newsletter February 2019

2019 AGM:

The 2019 AGM will be on Thursday the 23rd of May at 1pm, this meeting will be held at the completion of the May Council meeting.

A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

Regional meetings:

The Executive has agreed that we should visit 4 more locations in 2019, details of location and timing yet to be finalised, we will keep members posted on any decisions made.

HPMV pro forma units:

Recently the LTSC was involved in PBS testing of a new HPMV Pro Forma unit for logging, this was a 23.5metre Log Truck, the results of the testing and our application to have this vehicle included in our options for a HPMV unit have been forwarded to NZTA for consideration.

Training

The Labour Government has announced a major overhaul of the training industry and its providers which will affect the current system. Currently the MITO Board and Industry Council are considering the release by the Minister and are holding urgent meetings to discuss the implications to the Industry it represents.

The small working group that has been working with MITO reviewing the National Certificate met in the last week before Xmas to finalise the unit standards for approval.

A few more changes have been made and now the certificate will be finalised and sent to NZQA for sign off.

Our Industry will have to now wait on the outcome of the Minister's rethink of the current Training system.

The Pathway is continuing to evolve, with more and more certificates being achieved across the country, which is great to see.

The LTSC Executive has announced that the LTSC will sponsor 10 Training scholarships for current financial members or their employees, Details of the scholarships are attached as well as on being posted on the LTSC Website. Applications close Friday 3rd of May 2019.

New Industry Video's

The council is working on producing 3 short videos which will be of a promotional type, one that could be used in conjunction with career days at schools, and for the second one we are looking at producing an induction video that can be used as part of the process to educate new drivers entering the industry.

The Forest Owners Association has made available \$30,000 to assist with the cost of this project.

Health& Wellness

Remember, that all LTSC members have access to the sleep apnoea kits to help identify at risk drivers.

The video and a full package of information to help deliver the program to your staff are available by going through the LTSC web site.

This program will identify at risk staff and provide them with the necessary tools and assistance to eliminate the effects of sleep apnoea.

It's not hard to do the test and any sufferers will be able to start living a better life once they have been identified and provided help, doing nothing is risking lives and increases potential crash rates, which adversely impacts everyone.

IRIS:

Due to the large number of on road incidents lately the secretary has sent out an E-mail asking for members to contact us with details of any on road rollovers this Year. This is a no blame no shame process, we must help ourselves here as without accurate information from the industry we leave ourselves open to vicarious blame. It only takes a minute to send through the date & location of the incident, please help.

LTSC Manual

Our current LTSC Industry Standards manual is being reviewed and revised, the Council engaged a Design Company to assist with this project, and currently the book is being reviewed by a small team to ensure we have got it right.

LTSC Webpage:

The web page now provides nearly all of the LTSC resources from Sleep Apnoea to trailer certification docs. It is simple to use, and we would recommend getting your drivers to have a look at it on their smart phones, they may even see a picture of themselves or friends and any feedback they may have will be greatly appreciated.

Trailer Lifting Chain certification:

The LTSC has issued just over 1900 stickers to date; the current sticker will expire 31 January 2020.

Operators will be advised later in the year about renewing these, operators should ensure that they visually inspect the lifting chain when they service their vehicles, the chains can be easily damaged by Forestry equipment.

Contractor Certification:

The LTSC is working with FISC to see if Transport Certification could be developed like the Logging Contractor certification but used in our Industry as a generic H&S Audit system. A small working group has been put together to look and possibly develop a certification process.

Chain Throwing/ Load Tensioning:

A small team of Operators and Trailer Manufacturers is reviewing current options and what might be coming up shortly in an effort to improve this part of our operation. Hopefully they may have some data by the end of the Year.

Load Security

At the next LTSC Executive committee meeting, there will be a larger group participate in a review of incidents involving load security over the last 2 years, with a view to undertaking a risk analysis. There is likely to be an increase in transportation of debarked logs, and we need to be sure our current procedures are appropriate and adequate.

LTSC/Forest Owners Transportation Committee meeting:

The Forest Owners Transportation Committee is working on the following projects, some in conjunction with the LTSC and others with their own resources:

- ERUC review: NZFOA Supports use of this system
- Road Safety in Schools; continued support of the "Share the Road" program
- Rural Roads project; working with Local Authorities to ensure fair and equitable solutions to provide roading infrastructure fit for purpose at times of Harvest.
- GIS project; feeds into rural roads project to provide data for future planning purposes.
- HPMV review; measure national uptake, identify impediments.
- Road Engineering manual; currently being reviewed and updated.
- Driver availability, recruitment and training review.
- Agree in principle to work with FISC to develop a Transport component to their Safe tree Contractor Certification process.
- Update New Zealand Log Transport Safety Accord. currently under review for the purpose of updating, to better align with current time's i.e. legislative change, vehicle design etc

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.

2018/19 meeting dates:

LTSC Council

Thursday 23 May 2019

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