# TRPM NEWS



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### Important News from our friends at Maryland Motor Truck Association:

You Must be Registered in FMCSA's Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse on January 6! FMCSA's Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse launches January 6, 2020. The Clearinghouse is a record of those CDL drivers who have violated the federal drug and alcohol testing program. Carriers will need to do an annual query of all of your drivers, similar to pulling a motor vehicle record, to see if they have any drug or alcohol violations. That query must be done within one year (by January 5, 2021). Carriers will also need to query the Clearinghouse when screening a driver who is applying for a job, and work with their Third-Party Administrators to report positive tests to the Clearinghouse. To access the Clearinghouse, users must register at https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov.

If you have an FMCSA portal account: Before you register in the Clearinghouse, go into your FMCSA portal account and assign user roles for your staff. There are two roles available – DACH Motor Carrier User and DACH Motor Carrier Administrator. If you take this step in your portal account, it will make it much easier for you to register in the Clearinghouse, assign a TPA, purchase query bundles, etc.

- Go to your FMCSA portal account and assign roles for your office staff who will be using the Clearinghouse. One must be the administrator and all others are users.
- Register in the D&A Clearinghouse at https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov.
- Have the administrator you identified in your portal account log into the Clearinghouse and they will see the option to purchase queries, designate a TPA, etc.

If you do not have an FMCSA portal account: FMCSA just released instructions for employers that do not have a USDOT number and, therefore, have no portal account. Follow the notice at www.mdtrucking.org/files/Registration-Instructions-Employer-without-Portal.pdf

**Problems Accessing your FMCSA Portal Account?** Many members attempting to register for the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse are reporting problems accessing their FMCSA portal accounts, or they cannot link their portal accounts with their Clearinghouse registrations. If you are experiencing these problems, members should call FMCSA at (800) 832-5660 for assistance.

FMCSA Increases Random Drug Testing Rate to 50%. FMCSA is increasing the minimum annual percentage rate for random controlled substances testing of CDL drivers from 25% to 50% effective January 1, 2020. The law requires FMCSA to increase the testing percentage whenever the positive test rate in a calendar year is equal to or greater than one percent. The positive rate for 2018 was one percent, so the increase is mandatory. The rate for random alcohol testing of drivers will remain at 10%.



### From the president:

Happy Birthday TRPM!

Forty years ago, TRPM held our first meeting. Over the years, we have tried to keep you informed on local, state, and federal laws, through monthly meetings and the newsletter. We now have a website to provide information to you. There is a Members Only link that you can access.

TRPM has not mailed out a newsletter for a year, since we have had the website.

We have recently had requests to start sending the newsletter out again. We are happy to provide them again. In this newsletter are pictures of events that took place this past year.

TRPM held a Slow Down Move Over - Family Fun Day in October. Due to the A.T Expo being held in December, TRPM did not hold a Meet N' Greet Event.

Our Annual Bull & Oyster Roast will be held April 4, 2020 at Michael's 8th Ave, Glen Burnie, Md. The tickets are now on sale.

TRPM has monitored the Legislative Issues this year, but there has not been any major towing legislation.

Nominations for Officers and Regional Directors will be held at the April 1, 2020 Meeting at Perry's in Odenton, Md. If you are interested in serving on the board and have the time to commit, please call the TRPM Office to let us know.

The Western Region General Meeting will be held at the Redhorse Restaurant in Frederick, Md on March 4, 2020. I hope you plan to attend. Come out and discuss any issues that you are concerned about.

I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Be safe on the roads, Wayne Sullivan, Acting President.

### Upcoming TRPM Dates...

March 4, 2020 - Western Region Meeting, Frederick, MD. Call Betty at the TRPM office to reserve your seat.

**April 1, 2020** - Nominations Meeting, Odenton, MD. The following positions are open: 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. All four Regional Directors (Western, Eastern, Northern, and Southern). Regional Directors, Secretary and Treasurer are for 2 years. If you feel the Board of Directors don't hear you, help you, etc., then please run for a position on the board. We're always looking for new people with fresh ideas and perspectives. Call Betty at the TRPM office to reserve your seat.

**April 4, 2020** - Annual Bull and Oyster Roast at Michael's 8th Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD. Call Betty at the TRPM office to get your tickets. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$550 for a table.

May 6, 2020 - Results from elections announced, Odenton, MD. Call Betty at the TRPM office to reserve your seat.

### A reminder from our Friends at Maryland Motor Truck Association...

**New Minimum Wage in Maryland.** The minimum wage in Maryland increased to \$11 per hour on January 1 for all jurisdictions except Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. In Montgomery County, the minimum wage is \$13 per hour for employers with 51 or more employees and \$12.50 for those employers with 50 or fewer employees. In Prince George's county the minimum wage is \$11.50 per hour.

### The next TRPM meeting...

Will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Red Horse Restaurant, 996 West Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21703. The meal is a choice of NY Strip Steak, Salmon, or Chicken Roulade, served with: Salad, Stuffed Potato, Vegetable, Roll and Butter, Coffee, Tea, or Soda and Dessert. The price is \$40 per person.

Call Betty at the TRPM office (410-414-5406) to RSVP. We need a count for dinner. The times are: Gathering 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m. and the meeting follows dinner. See you there!

### The TRPM April Meeting...

Will be held Wednesday, April 1, at Perry's Restaurant in Odenton, Md. Nominations for Director at Large will be held at this meeting. If you are interested in serving as one of the 4 Directors at Large, please plan to attend. Contact a board member or me to ask any questions about the position.

### Congratulations!

On December 6, 2019, several TRPM members were awarded the American Towman Trust Award. This is the first year for this award and it is given to companies that have displayed customer satisfaction through their Google and Yelp reviews. The companies are:

Blake's Towing Service, Baltimore Chesapeake Service Center, Elkton Hensler's Towing, Pocomoke Past & Present Towing & Recovery, Inc., Laurel Tim's Towing, Inc., Baltimore

### Congratulations to our Big Money Winners...

July Tkt #224 Jed Hurley Aug Tkt #136 Sara Hurley Sept Tkt #289 Jim & Barb

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### The times for our meetings...

Are as follows, unless otherwise noted: Gathering: 6:30 p.m., Dinner: 7:30 p.m., Meeting: 8:30 p.m. Dinner is usually \$40 per person. Please remember to RSVP!

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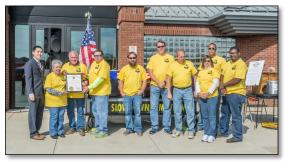
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### Famly fun day Oct. 19, 2019











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## Bull and Oyster Roast April 6, 2019











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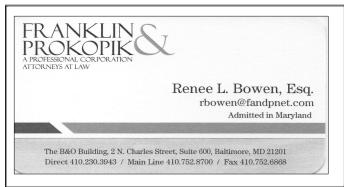


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### Elizabeth A. Green, Member

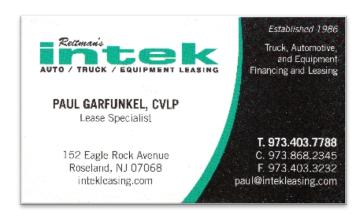
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