

SAFETY PUBLICATION – JULY 2005

In an effort to improve safety communication, I am going to publish a monthly safety information bulletin. Since safety is all of our business, this publication should be mutual as there is a lot of experience out there to be shared on the line. If you have any suggestions, ideas or topics for discussion, please email them to me at k.salois@redrockpower.com or give me a call at (406) 868-9762. As always, I'd love to hear from you.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

There have been some recent developments in the U.S. Department of Transportation arena that are of direct interest to us. All of our 1 ton crew trucks are now designated as "commercial for hire" vehicles and must contain the company logos on them along with our USDOT numbers (1354441 OPC and 935367 RRP). The 1 tons must also receive an annual DOT inspection and contain the sticker indicating they have passed this inspection and are suitable for commercial use. If your truck needs these, please contact Al at 357-3108 to setup an inspection.

Your 1 ton crew truck must contain:

- A minimum of a 5 pound ABC fire extinguisher
- A first aid kit
- Stickers on both sides of the vehicle identifying the extinguisher location (FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSIDE).
- The red triangle traffic reflectors that must be displayed in the event of a road side break-down.

Don't be surprised if the USDOT Motor Carrier Services Officer asks you for your license, registration, proof of insurance and proof of "time-in-service/origin of service/log book" on a routine stop.



The speed limit for a 1 ton truck or more while traveling on:

	Daytime	Nighttime
Interstate Highway	65 MPH	65 MPH
Two-Lane Highway	60 MPH	55 MPH

- Always wear your rubber gloves – they protect you from stray voltage!
- If it's NOT grounded, it's NOT dead! Always consider the lines, whether on the ground or in the air, along with vehicles and equipment, energized until you ground them.