

Arkansas Trucking Association Safety Management Council Meeting 7/10/08

Welcome

Curt Valkovic, SMC Vice-Chairman. I'd like to call this meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Safety Management Council to order. Mr. Valkovic informed the attendees that Don Holman, SMC Chairman, had a scheduling conflict that precluded his being in attendance. The meeting was held at the La Quinta, Little Rock, AR.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated June 10, 2008

The minutes were published on the web-site after our last meeting. May we have a motion to approve these minutes? Is there a second? Approved.

New Business/Old Business

Is there any other new business from the audience at this time? None.

Break for Lunch

Presentation - Topic: Training Opportunities Offered by Advance Online Solutions

Mr. Valkovic introduced the Presenter as follows:

Mr. Allen Maeker, Business Development Manager, Advance Online Solutions, Houston, TX

Mr. Allen gave a brief summary of his company's capabilities with emphasis on the following:

- Incorporated in the 1990's.
- Innovator in web-based training for OSHA, DOT, health and safety, and human resource training. Over 225 courses available.
- Only online training site approved by the DOT Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) for FMSCR training.
- The Learning Management System (LMS) is the backbone that features the ability to select from a menu training courses to be assigned to individuals or to groups, records progress, generates online reports, and a myriad of other functions.
- Currently Advance Online is partnering with about 20 state Trucking Associations including Arkansas, to offer web-based training at an affordable rate. Rates are negotiable based on the company size and degree of training required.
- Benefits from using Advance Online Solutions training materials:
 - DOT approved training.
 - Can assist to keep cost down in the event of legal actions.
 - Good return on investment for training costs.
 - Offers best practices training for OSHA and Human Resources.
 - Training tailored to a company's requirements.
 - Employees fill out a survey at the end of each course which provides good immediate feedback to the employer.
 - Course certificate is issued for each course completed.
- Companies can create an account by going to either the Arkansas Trucking Association or Advance Online Solutions web sites.
- Each member of the Arkansas Trucking Association will be eligible for 1 free management bundle by contacting Mr. Maeker by August 15, 2008.
- Questions pertaining to the capabilities of Advanced Online Solutions can be sent to Mr. Maeker by email AMaeker@AdvanceOnline.com or by calling him at 713-952-1102.

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Question & Answer / Points

Q: Who has access to the data from individuals who participate in your program?

A: The data is restricted to your company. We do provide to DOT the numbers of courses completed each month. But we do not provide any information on a company or an individual.

Q: How is the material completed graded? Is it pass, fail, and/or retrain?

A: Our standard is 70% for passing. A person can review the questions missed for the correct answers. If a person fails, they can be retested on areas missed. A new series of questions will be used for any one requiring retesting. The system only has the capability to retest three times before the individual would have to start from the beginning again.

Q: Are there 3 charges if a person fails 3 times?

A: No. Billing is based on the size of the company and the number of courses desired during a training cycle.

Our next meeting is September 4, in Little Rock.

Number in attendance: 26

Note of Appreciation:

A special thank you was extended to the members who filled leadership positions for this year's driver's truck championship, the volunteers, ATA members, companies who served as sponsors, the drivers who participated, and to Lane and his staff.

Meeting Adjourned - travel safely.