

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN! **MY RIDE TO WORK RESPONDS TO COVID-19**

BY GEOFF DONAHUE

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every My Ride To Work team member and commend the way everyone has come together during these unprecedented times. During the only pandemic in modern history, MRTW was deemed an essential business and we have been imperative to the success of our partners, who happen to be some of the largest employers in Nevada. My Ride to Work has been at the front lines

of this, everyone has stepped up to the plate and I am extremely proud to be a part of this team!

With that said, we are ready to move forward and I want to introduce "The Dispatcher", a MRTW internal newsletter that you can use to keep up to date with all things My Ride To Work. The newsletter will be produced monthly and will include: drivers meeting updates, maintenance updates, an interview of a

fellow MRTW team member, and a cross word puzzle for to use during your free time on customer sites.

Our goal is to ensure communication across the board with an easy to read, accessible monthly announcement. If you are interested in being involved or have information to share, reach out to your direct manager – we would love to hear from you and include your ideas and suggestion in our upcoming issue.

SAY HELLO! Since our last driver's meeting, we have added to our team! Please welcome Edward Trammel, Georgia Schostag, Craig Shank, Aurelia Woods and Martha Uribe-Sermiento to MRTW!

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BY HEATHER GREEN

OPERATIONS:

All of our partners who are deemed essential have continued operations and we are excited Tesla is starting to ramp this week. Ridership will be increasing over the next couple of weeks as we work alongside of their ramp schedules. We want to share with you what MRTW is doing for the riders and drivers to keep everyone safe:

- Social distancing while boarding and limited seating on buses
- Distribution of face masks to riders and drivers
- Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer

HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Our garden is almost completed
- We improved our yard by laying rock
- Garage has been cleaned and sanitized
- Electric signs in Temsa's – coming soon

MRTW SHOUT OUT

Huge thanks to our wonderful cleaners and the increased efforts over the last 10 weeks!

TRAINING:

We are excited to have Craig and Gail currently conducting vehicle training. This is mandatory for all drivers. Please check Deputy for your time.

REMEMBER TO STAY VIGILANT!

- DVIRs – Accuracy is key
- Requesting a marshal before bus movement
- Wear your safety vest
- Report safety concerns

MRTW SAFETY TIPS

1. Don't forget your sunglasses! Driving into sunrise or sunset can create issues with visibility
2. Be Predictable! Try to avoid sudden stops or lane changes because those around need time to react.
3. And always remember... when your speed doubles, your braking distance quadruples!!

MATTERS OF MAINTENANCE

BY TERESA AQUILA

In the past several months, we have managed to reduce the daily bus failures by reducing or eliminating idle time on the buses. Idling is not something diesel engines today are fond of as it creates unburned emissions that accumulates in the exhaust.

With unnecessary idling, it wastes fuel, causes air pollution and increase engine wear. An idling diesel engine produces much higher emissions than it would while using the same amount of fuel under load. Extended idling causes a build-up of soot inside the engine and

results in a puff of black smoke when the engine revs and premature failures occur to the DPF.

A diesel particulate filter (DPF) is a filter that captures and stores exhaust soot (some refer to them as soot traps) in order to reduce emissions from diesel engines. But because they only have a finite capacity, this trapped soot periodically must be emptied or 'burned off' to regenerate the DPF.

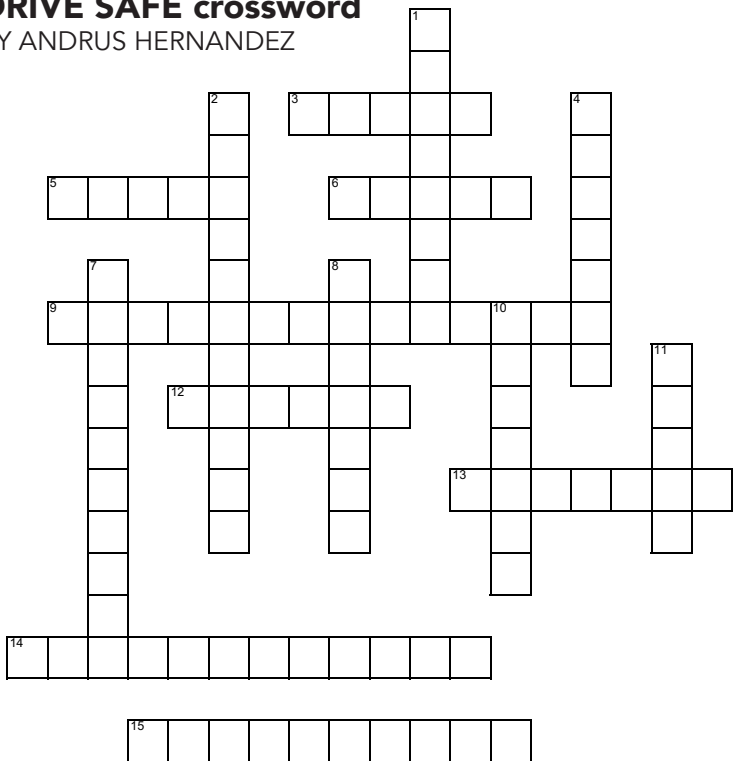
When idling your buses during your pre or post trip, kick on the high idle to help reduce the trapped soot.

Fact, when the engine control data was retrieved on a Temsa bus, it showed that the engine run time was at 7642 hours, with 4622 hours of that total as idle time. More than half of the engine's life sat idling and aging at the same time. This also caused several DPF filters to expand beyond its capacity and an expensive failure.

Thank you for helping us to reduce emissions, exhaust failures, waste of fuel and reduce the aging of our bus engines. This is your office and keeping it safe and operational is a part we all play.

DRIVE SAFE crossword

BY ANDRUS HERNANDEZ



Across

- 3. Many vehicle crashes involve _____ error
- 5. Never leave them alone in a vehicle
- 6. To not be intoxicated
- 9. Not all vehicle _____ operate the same way
- 12. Turn these on for safety
- 13. How the driver indicates which way they are turning
- 14. Something to avoid while driving
- 15. A pace by which you must abide by

Down

- 1. A lifesaving restraint
- 2. Watch for these to cross the road
- 4. This is required by law to drive
- 7. People the driver is responsible for
- 8. Do not do this on your phone while driving
- 10. Regularly check your vehicle for
- 11. Lack of this can cause impaired driving

IMPORTANT INSURANCE INFO and CONTACT NUMBERS

United Health Care, Policy ID 9111-87726-04, Group# 7F6022, 1-800-782-3740, myuhc.com

Eye Med, Group ID 1023727, 866-939-3633, eyemedvisioncare.com/member/public/login.emvc

Met Life Dental, Group Plan 5965215, 800-942-0854, metlife.com/mybenefits

Mutual of Omaha, Group ID G000BL34, 800-655-5142, mutualofomaha.com
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Beta Dental, Group ID 90000558, 303-744-3007, betadental.com