

Shunters & Drivers - It's a Two-Way Street

Starting today we need to change the relationship between the Shunters and the Drivers.

The Driver

Your responsibility is to ensure your deliveries and backhauls windows are completed and to follow the laws and share the road with others and drive in a professional manner to ensure the safety of others as well as yourself. Our shunters are drivers as well, they know the roads and stores you travel to accomplish your assignments, at times not an easy task.

The Shunters

Their responsibility is to ensure trailers are in doors in a timed order to meet the staging inside the warehouse. Trailer inventories must be regulated to match warehouse requirements for both perishable and grocery loads, they work together with the Shunt QB to ensure they have sufficient trailers resources to match volumes, commodity type and trailer switches.

Drivers Yard Responsibilities

- When dispatched with your load check load footprint for door number and check first when looking for your trailer, then drive the ready line on both sides of the barrier.....have a good look for your trailer before asking shunters "where is my trailer."
- When assigned a direct backhaul use trailers on the "45" (53 reefers, barn door), this allows shunt to use roll-ups to make your morning deliveries easier and comply with LCL load security.
- On return to the yard with dunnage and instructed by guard to use the dunnage express door you must remain hooked till completed and then drop trailer in empty zones, with backhauls drop in assigned staging areas.
- When assigned shipping doors by guard ensure you always chock your wheels.
- Obey all yard signs and speed limits and give right of way to shunters especially working receiving and shipping doors, do not go behind them or get in their blind spots.

Shunter Yard Responsibilities

- Assist drivers in locating their trailers at times to ensure driver can depart quickly to meet their responsibility of arriving within their delivery windows.
- Drop heights between the carriers vary due to no air-drop in tractors, offer assistance in lowering and raising trailers to again aid their speedy departure.

Accountability

Yard Procedures will be monitored and those failing to follow them will be issued infractions. Shunters have been given instructions to report all violations in regards to yard policies and to report them to Rick Torrens, Yard Operations and Bob Piper, Yard Safety & Compliance.

I also extend the same to our drivers in reporting any issues regarding our shunters here at Ajax Transportation or if you have any questions or concerns I welcome you to discuss with Rick, Bob or myself.

Regards,

Ralph Bryson
Operations Manager

