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MOVEFAX

August 6, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

Help! The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has issued a warrant for my arrest which goes into effect on August 12! My bail is set at \$2,000 which will benefit local families living with neuromuscular disease. No one person can set me free. It will take a little help from all of my friends, family, colleagues and enemies! Please use the link below to visit my Bail Page and help me post my bond by contributing in any way that you can. Thank you for having a big heart!

<https://www.joinmda.org/downtownaustintelu2010/Dorothy>

If the link does not open, please copy and paste the above link into your browser.

Those who go on line to donate and request it will have their names and amounts posted.

Thanks so much!

Dorothy Brooks  
Director of Operations

### **SMA Partners with Move for Hunger**

Southwest Movers Association has partnered with the non-profit organization, Move For Hunger which partners with moving companies to pick up unwanted, unopened food during the moving process and deliver it to local food banks. Together, we will help create one of the country's largest, year-round service programs, influencing millions in need of relief. The program is a natural fit for movers of our association, and we are excited to begin giving back!

We encourage all SMA members to participate! To sign up, visit [www.southwestmovers.org](http://www.southwestmovers.org). Please visit [www.moveforhunger.org](http://www.moveforhunger.org) to learn more about the organization.

### **TxDOT to TxDMV - Contact Information**

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Beginning June 2, calls for intrastate credentialing and motor carrier or household goods mover complaints, formerly handled on TxDOT's 800-299-1700 number are cycled over to the TxDMV's new phone system. The new DMV toll free number is 888-368-4689 and the new web address is <http://www.txdmv.gov/>

### **Yellow Pages and Other Advertising**

The yellow pages will be contacting you soon to place ads. If you place an ad in any yellow pages, issue any kind of advertising, or have any kind of promotional brochure printed, be sure to include your TxDMV (TxDOT) number in the ad. If you have obtained your US DOT number, you may show that as well. If you have a website, be sure to show the TxDMV's toll free number, 888-368-4689, on that website, as well as your TxDMV number. Both are required, to be in compliance with the regulations. Put the name of your company and your TxDMV number on both sides of either the power unit or trailer, in clearly legible letters and numbers at least two inches in height.

Your active registration with TxDMV is what sets you apart from rogue and scam movers. It's your brand, your identification, your authority to act as a legitimate mover in Texas; be proud of that number and use it every chance you get. Abide by the 12 points of SMA's Code of Ethics and be a proud example of a professional industry.

### **SMA Foundation Donations Requested - Silent Auction**

SMA members have the opportunity to support the Foundation by making a cash donation for the purchase of silent auction items. The auction will be held during the SMA annual conference in September. Checks in the amount of \$25 or more, should be made payable to SMA Foundation, with a note on the subject line: "Silent Auction" and mailed c/o SMA, P.O. Box 684845, Austin, TX 78768-4845. Donations will be acknowledged for tax purposes.

### **Maintaining Non-Union Status**

The American Trucking Association is offering a book "Maintaining Non-Union Status - The Big Picture -AND the Nuts and Bolts" by attorney and author Mark Goodwin to educate transportation companies on how to remain non-union.

ATA says "The President's budget, recent legislation and the IRS are all focused on the alleged misclassification of independent contractors - giving unions fertile ground for organizing campaigns. In addition, the unions continue to push for passage of key portions of the Employee Free Choice Act.

"Whether you are employee-based or use owner-operators, now is the time to make sure your company is prepared before, and during, a unionization effort. This practical publication emphasizes positive employee relations and strict compliance with the law at every level of the company as the keys to maintaining long-term nonunion status. Authored by noted attorneys Mark B. Goodwin, a former executive at Overnite Transportation Company, and Clinton S. Morse of LeClair Ryan, it is written for trucking companies of all sizes:

"The Guide for Owners and Senior Management covers the decisions and actions that must be made by company executives. In addition, it provides corresponding guidelines for supervisors at the local level." Product No. K5021; ATA Members: \$30; non-ATA members \$37.50. Order on line at [www.ATABusinessSolutions.com](http://www.ATABusinessSolutions.com) 866/821-3468

## **Webinar - Pilot States CSA 2010 Experience**

TMTA is offering members and nonmembers an opportunity to hear from motor carriers in CSA 2010 pilot states and learn from their unique experience and perspective. This is a live webinar with a question and answer period at the end of the session. You won't want to miss the insight and discussion on real experiences with CSA 2010.

September 8, 2010

1:00 - 4:00 pm CST

\$125 member (TMTA & SMA)

\$225 nonmember

Register online today at [www.csa-exp.com](http://www.csa-exp.com)

## **Bridge Safety a Priority in Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety are working more closely to ensure that bridges in Texas are safe. Communications between the two agencies will improve as TxDOT recently implemented a procedure to immediately notify DPS whenever there is a change to a bridge's maximum weight allowance. Once bridge load posting signs have been installed or removed, an electronic notification is sent from TxDOT to DPS notifying them of the change. TxDOT engineers make recommendations to the Texas Transportation Commission to restrict the weight limits allowed on certain bridges. If the Commission approves a recommendation, signs are posted on each side of a bridge warning drivers of the maximum weight allowed. DPS is tasked with the enforcement of posted bridge weight restrictions through its commercial vehicle enforcement operations. This new procedure makes DPS immediately aware of changes in the maximum weight allowed on load-restricted bridges and improves compliance monitoring by DPS troopers.

## **Report from Linda Darr at AMSA**

"Labor Day is around the corner, not only bringing an end to summer, but also the annual moving season will begin winding down. Although I know many of you are still struggling, 2010 was clearly a turn for the better in our industry. Our second-quarter shipment volumes are mostly an improvement over the same period last year - COD was up 11 percent, NAC was up 8.6 percent, Military was up 5.5 percent, and GSA, our smallest business line, was down 5.5 percent. To ensure our association will continue to be at the forefront of what the months ahead hold for us, we're now making final plans for the annual AMSA Board of Directors and Committee Meetings here next month. Please plan to attend if you serve on a committee. It's also busy when our members visit their members of Congress during our annual "Moving Day on the Hill."

"The last week of July was very busy at AMSA. We had visits here with the Federal Maritime Commissioner, the incoming replacement for Lt. Col. Bradley at SDDC, and also a meeting with our colleagues at the Claims Prevention and Procedure Council (CPPC). Claims work is directly at the intersection of customer satisfaction and mover profitability - the work CPPC does is critical to our success as an industry. And this month won't be any less-busy - the new Worldwide ERC® CEO, Peggy Smith, will stop by next week as we explore ways our two organizations can work together in support of our corporate customers. Later in the month, I will be paying a visit to some of our members to the North (Arpin, Humboldt and Clark & Reid) before heading out to meet with members of the

California Moving & Storage Association to discuss how they may be able to use the ProMover program as a way to promote the best local California movers."

## **Agenda for 93rd Annual Conference**

### **Wednesday, September 22**

7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. SMA Registration  
 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast/Education Session #1: Religious Freedoms in the Workplace  
 - Hiram Sasser, Liberty Legal Institute  
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Associate Table Top Move-In  
 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Education Session #2: Power of the Internet, Search Engines and Websites  
 - Sean Burchell, Comsite International, Inc.  
 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Morning Refreshment Break  
 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Education Session #3: Going from Good to Great  
 - Bobby Albert and Jason Turner, Albert Moving & Storage  
 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Heritage Award Luncheon Honoring Richard Willis  
 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Education Session #4: CSA 2010 - Scott Sullins, Great West Casualty Company  
 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Associate Table Top Move-In  
 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own  
 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. SMA Foundation Casino Night, 4th Annual TX Hold 'Em Tournament & SMA Foundation Silent and Live Auctions

### **Thursday, September 23**

7:30 - 11:30 a.m. SMA Registration  
 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Associate Appreciation Breakfast  
 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. General Session featuring Speaker Bev Kearney  
 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Morning Refreshment Break  
 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Education Session #5: Moving for the Military and the DP3 Program  
 - Peggy Wilkens, Stevens Worldwide Van Lines  
 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Golf Tournament (Box Lunches Included)  
 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Non-Golfer Lunch and Program  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. SMA Registration  
 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Chairman's Reception  
 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Chairman's Dinner and Entertainment featuring Comedienne Jan McInnis

### **Friday, September 24**

7:30 a.m. - Noon SMA Registration  
 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. SMA Foundation Meeting  
 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Refreshment Break  
 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Membership & Board of Directors Meeting  
 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Associate Table Top Tear Down

## **2011 Moving and Trucking Day at the Capitol**

Moving and Trucking Day at the Texas State Capitol has been set for Feb. 16, 2011. SMA

committees and board will meet on the 15. This is a great opportunity to visit with your elected official during the 2011 Legislative Session. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

### **SMA Event Calendar for 2010 - 2011**

September 22-24 - Annual Conference & Trade Show, Lost Pines Resort, Lost Pines, TX

October 27 - Austin Board of Realtors Trade Show, Austin, TX

February 16, 2011 - Moving & Trucking Day at the Texas Capitol

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