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Move U – Mover Training Certification Classes

For the December 3-4 launch of the new Move U training & certification classes, D&D Movers, College Station, Bouffard Transfer, Georgetown, and MoveStar, Dallas, sent their crews for training. SMA appreciates the support of these member companies. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and the companies will be able to advertise that their crews have been trained through Move U. Thanks to those companies for participating in the training!

SMA also thanks New Haven Moving Equipment for providing the professional moving equipment and supplies for these on-going classes, and Mike Streckfus, Aegis Insurance, for sponsoring the lunches for both days. Your support is most appreciated.

The next **Move U - Mover Training Certification classes** are scheduled for January 16 and 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding the first day at 5:00 p.m., with lunch provided. The second day will begin at 8:00 a.m. again with lunch, and conclude around 4 p.m., to give participants a chance to avoid the typical Austin-crunch traffic.

The **Mover Training Class** is excellent for new hires as well as experienced movers. Training will focus on:

- Customer Service,
- Professionalism,
- Pre trip preparation,
- Proper moving and safety equipment, use and maintenance,
- Lifting, carrying and handling procedures,
- Safety training,
- Preparation of the residence and household goods
- and more.

The **Loader Training Class** is designed for anyone who is, or is interested in being a loader (load coordinator). The training areas focused on in this class are the:

- **Nine points of the Residential Walkthrough** and the
- **Twelve Fundamental Concepts of Loading**, as well as specifics of loading.

Both classes are one day certifications and feature classroom instruction and hands-on participation.

The mover class is a prerequisite or requirement for the loader class but does not have to be taken at the same enrollment time, however, pricing discounts apply for consecutive-day training class enrollments. Day one Mover Class is \$195.00. Day two Loader Class \$195.00 The price for both programs if taken consecutively is \$295.00

A registration form is posted on the new SMA website, www.mytexasmover.com at the top of the screen, go to upcoming events or call SMA 800-759-2305 with questions or go to www.professionalmovertraining.com

SMA FAMILY SUFFERS ANOTHER LOSS

Earlier this week, members were informed of the tragic death of Dan Dase, Dase Insurance, board member, trustee of SMA Foundation, friend and long-time supporter of SMA programs and endeavors. Please keep Dan's family in your thoughts and prayers, wife DeDe and sons Daniel and Matthew. Dan's funeral is scheduled for noon Friday, January 4, in Fort Worth at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton.

Just before noon today, we received information that Lana Keating's step-father, Harvey Lantrip, passed away this morning. Arrangements are pending. Please keep Lana and Chris Keating in your thoughts and prayers as well.