

If you are unable to go into work, call Forest City dispatch (24/7) first. We will call the client and make necessary arrangements.

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# The Transponder

Forest City Transportation Resources (519) 652-0677

## Forest City Has a Twin

From: Jeff Vannoord

As President of Forest City Transportation Resources, it is my pleasure to announce that we have opened a new office in the Chatham area.

Signature Staffing Group opened its doors on 10 January 2005 at 745 Richmond Street, Chatham. The phone #'s are (519) 355-0792 or Fax (519) 355-1055.

The primary purpose of this office will be to service several of our existing clients who operate in the Chatham area.

Through various means we are actively recruiting new drivers along

with expanding our customer base.

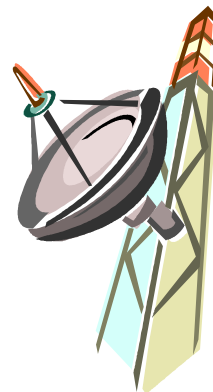
"I feel that we will be able to provide a very solid presence in the Chatham area. Communicating our past successes and our excellent reputation will be the key to our expansion"

The same great service and team spirit that our customers have come to expect but in another location. This will not only better serve our customers, but also one of our greatest assets, our drivers.

We will keep you informed as this new expansion unfolds.



*As Professional Drivers we are in the business of seeing. Make sure all of your windows and mirrors are clean. Always carry an extra jug of windshield washer fluid. You never know when you might run out.*



### IN MEMORY

**Alan J. Browett**

13 February 1941

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19 January 2005

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Alan Browett on 19 Jan 05. Alan has been a fixture around the offices of Forest City having started with us in Jan 01. Always quick to offer his assistance and advice, Alan affected most people's lives that he came into contact with. His attention to detail and passion for on-road safety will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Maureen.

***"May Alan Rest In Peace"***

## New Cargo Securement Rules in Effect – 1 Jan 05



*“Loads must be secured to withstand all maneuvers your truck might make short of a crash..”*

These new Canadian-made regulations apply to all vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,500 kg. All cargo must be immobilized or secured so that it can't: leak; spill; blow; fall from the vehicle; fall through the vehicle; or otherwise become dislodged, shift upon or

within the vehicle so that the vehicle's stability or maneuverability is affected. Loads must be secured to withstand all maneuvers your truck might make short of a crash. This includes all evasive steering or hard braking. Drivers will need to know what they

can tie down to a trailer as well as the strengths of the tie-down points.

To view a copy of these new rules come into the office or visit the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators at [www.ccmta.ca](http://www.ccmta.ca)

## Where the Heck Am I ?



Drivers are reminded that unless they have permission from the customer, they are not to take vehicle keys home. It makes it difficult if you call in sick or are unable to come in to work.

Some winter problems are the result of just not being able to see where you're going. Blowing snow can obliterate any sense of where the lines or edges of the road are. Even when conditions are favorable in summer, good drivers have been looking at least 15 to 30 seconds ahead, or literally to the horizon, when possible. This will become the yard

### SKIDS

Don't forget that the best way to control a skid is to avoid getting into the situation that caused the skid in the first place. Allow sufficient following distance, look far ahead, and plan your moves well in

stick for determining safe speed for conditions in the winter. If you cannot see where you will be in 15 seconds, you are driving too fast. The practice of really searching for distant targets in summer has trained good drivers to detect useful bits of information from an otherwise chaotic winter scene. They are able to drill their vision deeper into the

advance. If you're forced to take evasive action, steering is often safer than braking. A driver should be constantly looking for a way out, just in case something happens up ahead.

bad weather and spot signs or roadside markers that other drivers miss. This may be all that indicates you are on the road when you get caught in a surprise bout with horizontal snow.

### Driver Kit Bag

In your Driver Kit Bag you should have: a good sturdy pair of work gloves, a hardhat, and a high visibility vest. Although trucks are required to have First Aid Kits, you should also have a few band-aids on hand. Being prepared is what makes you a Professional Transport Driver.

From the desk of Web Cressman, General Manager

## Customer Profile

Each month we will profile one of the many customers that we conduct business with. If you are interested or know someone who is, simply contact us.

**Name:**

Pollock Logistics  
Ingersoll Contract

**Years in Business:**

Partner Dedicated has been in business for 9 Years

**Company Head Office:**

Strathroy Ont

**On-Site Dispatch:**

London & Ingersoll Ont

**Total Number of Runs:**

75 Runs/day of operation

**Type of Runs:**

Dedicated automotive, shunting & South Western Ontario

**Type of Equipment:**

Day Cabs with 53ft trailers

**Length of Shifts:**

9-12 hours/shift

**Average Hours/wk:**

40 – 60 hours/week

**Terms of Employment:**

Temp to Perm after 30 days

**Minimum Requirements:**

1 year driving experience  
Clean Abstract & CVOR  
Clean Criminal Record Search

**Contact:**

Jeff, Web or Allan

## Information

It is very important that you keep us "Your Employer" updated on all current personnel information such as; Address, Phone #'s, Emergency Contact, etc.

As you know, we are in a service industry and we must always have the ability to quickly contact our employee's. If we cannot reach you, then it makes it very difficult to employ you.

## D/L Status Reminder

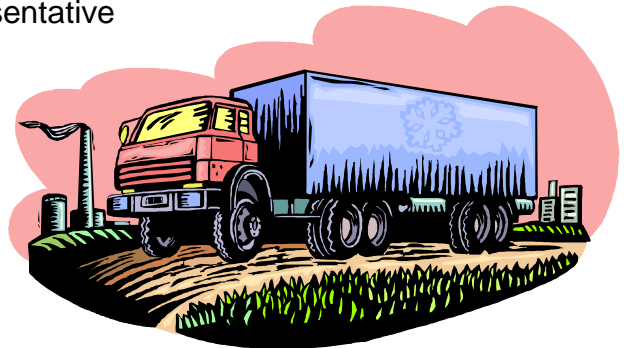
Remember, it is your responsibility to inform your employer immediately of any driver licence status change. If your licence has been suspended, revoked, or downgraded you must inform us the next business day.

You are also required to inform us within 30 days of any traffic violations (excluding parking tickets) whether they be in a Commercial Motor Vehicle or a Privately Owned Motor Vehicle. We pull abstracts on a regular basis so we will find out eventually.

cressman@fctri.com

## The Drive Line by Alan Browett, Driver Representative

Lately, some drivers have been getting asked to shut off their engines while at customers' docks. Always a good safety and fuel-saving practise, and one which most of us do automatically---even in the colder weather "which has arrived."



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## The Last Word

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall for the first time. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this father?" The father, never having seen an elevator, responded,

"son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers

above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son, "go get your mother."

## " NITELINE " – from Jaye

We always try to answer the calls, but sometimes for various reasons it does not happen. When calling the Niteline, if you get the answering machine please leave a detailed message.

Make sure that you speak clearly and leave your phone number so that we can call you back to confirm. If you are calling to say you will be unable to make it to work, MAKE SURE you say where you are supposed to work and the start time.

If you have other information such as tractor and trailer numbers, or contact info please leave that as well, sometimes we are unable to access the computer

database and don't have all the information.

The Niteline is there to make sure the system works smoothly, so please help Sissy and I make that happen.....

Thanks ,



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