

ATLANTIC PROVINCES TRUCKING ASSOCIATION SAFETY COUNCIL

ACCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Purpose: To supply a service to all members and their drivers as an avenue to appeal an accident decision concerning its ruling as preventable and non-preventable and recommend suggestions of corrective action to prevent future reoccurrence of similar accidents from a professionals opinion.

Objective #1: Encourage members and carriers to use this service and the importance of proper investigation and documentation of such vehicle accidents & incidents.

Objective #2: To be recognized in the industry as a Professional Accident Review Committee that will give a final professional decision on accident preventabilities and the reason why, with suggestions that will reduce all such accidents and incidents.

Membership and Background:

Any member can chair this or a similar committee which welcomes new people to the industry so as to develop their knowledge and skills.

Minimum of 3 to maximum of 5 members

Authority:

The Chairperson may delegate to its members the authority to call, write, correspond with any regulatory bodies and associations, to gather any information that the Director deems necessary to enhance the present, new, future information in order to update or gather or gain knowledge for Safety Council members. Also the members may present themselves as a representative of the APTA Safety Council. However any media attention must have approval of the APTA President.

Membership Responsibilities:

- Chairperson reports to Director
- Members report to Chairperson
- Chairperson to report verbally or in writing at regular meetings or through members, if not present.
- Any correspondence must be on APTA letterhead
- Secretarial assistance may be obtained in emergency cases through the APTA office
- Contact other carrier members to gather information as required
- To guide, assist, help all new members in the industry

- Develop and use a standard driver's accident report form that addresses all conditions of accidents i.e. light, weather, road, traffic, vehicle and driver
- Develop a standard carrier and driver reply – decision letter with recommended suggestions to prevent reoccurrence of similar accident
- Obtain written permission to use certain reviewed accidents that can be made public in the APTA newsletter, that the accident was not a total loss and someone can learn to prevent accidents
- Avoid any decisions on accident liability
- Act as a review panel for all driving championships

Conclusion:

Good Luck, have fun, and pass on your knowledge and skills to others. Please!