Winter Freight Meeting

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Let’s look back:

• 1996: Tractor-Trailer Training
  ❖ Total Class Hours 224

• 2000: Commercial Transportation Studies Program

• DTCC embraced Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) as our accrediting agency.
PTDI Advantages

• PDTI is North America’s foremost advocate of truck-driver training standards, driver professionalism, and safety.

  ❖ Provides skill standards for Entry-Level Drivers

  ❖ Provides curriculum standard guidelines for Entry-Level Tractor-Trailer Driving Courses.

  ❖ Provides Certificate Standards and Requirements for Entry-Level Tractor-Trailer Driver Courses.
2012: *Professional Driver Development* was added as a course to the Commercial Transportation Studies Program.

- Managing life on the road
- Personal resources
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Professional Conduct
- Identify employment opportunities
- Substance Abuse
- Strategies for addressing fatigue and stress
- Whistleblower Protection
2016 to Present

- 1050 Students have completed the course.

- Of the approximate 2,500 Tractor-Trailer training facilities in the U.S.; only 48 schools have been certified by PTDI.

- PTDI is our accrediting agency and audits our program every five years, to ensure we are providing our students with prescribed standards and curriculum.
2016 to Present

• Students are required to receive a minimum of 104 hours of classroom training and at least 44 hours of behind-the-wheel training.

• Our current program provides students with 138 hours of classroom training and 51 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. In addition, students are able to observe their classmates for 124 hours.

• The total hours of training received is 313 hours, and can be completed in as few as 7 weeks.

• To date: More than 800 students have completed the program with a Class “A” CDL and PTDI Certificate.

• Eight Instructors staff the department; and have a combined total of more than 275 years of instruction/driving experience.

• Student/Instructor Ratio:
  ❖ Skills Range 6:1
  ❖ Road Driving 3:1
  ❖ Classroom 24:1
Program emphasis during the past 2 years:

• Professionalism and Safety
  ❖ Soft skills are part of the foundation of every successful business.

• Partnerships with local business
  ❖ Driver Employment
  ❖ 97% Job Placement Rate for 2017 students

• Equipment Upgrades that are consistent with Industry Standards
  ❖ 4 Additional 50’ Trailers were donated
  ❖ Purchased a 2012 Freightliner Cascadia Day Cab
Program emphasis during the past 2 years:

• Community Involvement
  ◆ Local High School “No Zone” Presentations
  ◆ World’s Largest Truck Convoy (Special Olympics)
  ◆ Wreath’s Across America
  ◆ Hurricane Relief Effort
Future Goals

- Installation/Exposure to Electronic Logging Devices
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Operating Tractor-Trailers around school busses
- Driver Assist Technology/Autonomous Vehicles
- Driver Shortages in the Industry
- Challenges with employment for 18-21 year old students after course completion.
- Purchase a tractor with an automatic transmission.
Questions?