

Northeast Ohio Logistics Conference – Monday, August 20, 2018

Speaker Presentations

Allan Welch - Presentation Summary

Trucking ELD Regulation and Its Impact on the Industry

Allan Welch's presentation will focus on new federal trucking regulation and the impact it will have on all modes of transportation. Allan will discuss several areas of impact including: how the new ELD regulations will reduce daily productivity of drivers, increase freight costs, and reduce the current commercial driver pool as many drivers can no longer operate profitably; how the new regulations will affect other parts of the supply chain including rail, barge, ocean, warehousing and distribution centers; the impact of the new regulation on operations including production scheduling, raw material purchasing, sales, and meeting customer delivery demands; and lastly, what shippers should address in their logistics planning, both strategic and tactical.

Bryant Thomas - Presentation Summary

The Impact of Navigating the Federal Regulatory Paradigm on the Freight Railroad Transportation Industry – A Class I Railroad Perspective

For generations, the railroad industry has played an integral role in the logistics chains of companies, both big and small. As our country has grown and transformed, the railroad has had to adapt along with it. A big part of the transformation into modern day railroading has been navigating the new federal regulatory paradigm and maintaining dynamic operations within that framework. In the 21st century, freight railroads require a modernized approach to federal regulations that allows them to innovate with new technologies and processes for an even safer and more efficient rail network. In this presentation, Bryant Thomas will give a brief history of the railroad and its early regulation and then discuss some of the challenges and opportunities that exist currently. This will encompass everything from safety and environmental regulation to state and local laws.

Peter Marudas - Presentation Summary

Current Challenges and Trends in the Logistics and Maritime Industry

In his presentation, Peter Marudas will discuss several areas emerging as current challenges and "hot" topics in the maritime and logistics industry. One area is the recent consolidation and M&A over the last two years among the world's top container carriers, and how these moves are impacting capacity and customer service for carriers and shippers alike. Peter will also explore the discussion on the upcoming IMO low sulphur emission regulation taking effect in January 2020, and the several options that vessel owners have in front of them, including the uncertainty associated with some of the available options. A third topic will center on the need for the supply chain management and logistics industry to adopt a standard method and platform of digitization. Lastly, Peter will briefly touch upon the intermodal and trucking challenges in the industry.