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# **GREETINGS FELLOW ARCA MEMBERS:**

2013 membership and sponsorship renewal invoices have all been mailed. If for some reason you failed to receive one just call the ARCA office and they will send out another copy. Like all other businesses ARCA is trying to establish the FY13 budget and prompt payment will allow us to finalize priorities, programs, projects and training schedules. I want to thank all of you in advance for your continued support.

While the economy continues at a sluggish pace and we continue to be bombarded by negative news I am pleased to inform you that the accident rate of the roofing cadre in Arizona has gone done. We are bucking a national trend that saw incidence rates go up in our profession so we must be doing something right. I want to thank all the companies that have adopted a high standard for workforce safety and have committed to train their employees in safe practices. In this edition you will see a partial listing of the safety classes already scheduled for this year. More will be added to accommodate your needs. Call the ARCA office and let them know what type of training you require and every effort will be made to honor your request in a reasonable time frame.

With the new year comes new opportunities and this is an ideal time to select one or more of the 18 ARCA committees and volunteer to make our association stronger and better. Volunteer as little or as much as your busy work schedule allows but get involved. It is a great networking opportunity and we are always open to fresh ideas.

After the last convention I received numerous comments from members indicating that they were tired of Prescott as the site to host convention. We are in a real bind for alternative sites. The majority of the participants indicated that they want to escape to cooler weather after the long hot Arizona summer and there are only a few hotels big enough to host a convention of our size in Prescott, Flagstaff, Sedona or Payson. We seek bids from all these other venues but the Prescott Resort continues to be the best value for our members convention dollars. Other sites room rates are \$50-85 per night more for the rooms, food and drink costs are higher or they lack adequate convention facilities to keep all our planned activities under one roof. The Board evaluates the pro's and con's of where to stage the events and recently the Prescott Resort offers us the best choice to hosting a profitable event. We are currently seeking bids on where to host the 2014 convention site and will keep you posted on our decision.

Sincerely,

**Sal Flores** Sal Flores, President Arizona Roofing Contractors Association





If you would like more information on workplace safety please contact your Association Coordinator Tod Dennis.

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# NOTICE TO OUR ASSOCIATION PARTNERS

SCF Arizona, Your Work Comp Specialist | Provided by Tod Dennis, Association Coordinator

The National Council on Compensation Insurance, the organization that recommends what workers' compensation insurance rates should be to state insurance departments nationwide, has announced several changes that may affect your members' premium beginning on Jan. 1, 2013. Below is a summary of the changes coming in 2013:

- Rates An average 4% overall rate increase. Because some professions carry more risks than others, the actual increase to your premium will depend on your occupational classification code. For example, the increase in the standard base rate for manufacturing is 1.2% but for contracting it is 6.4%.
- Split e-mod For the first time in 22 years, the NCCI will increase the "split point" used in calculating experience modifiers. The change is expected to lower e-mods for about two-thirds of the companies affected. Only a small percentage of our customers less than 5 % will experience a higher e-mod, while others will see a reduction. The e-mod is the adjustment of annual premium based on previous loss experience. An e-mod of greater than 1 increases a company's premium; the premium decreases if the e-mod is less than 1. The change to the split point is in response to rising medical costs. NCCI values claims costs at or below \$5,000 as primary losses and applies the full value when calculating experience modifiers. It defines losses above \$5,000 (the split point) as excess losses and discounts their value. The NCCI has determined the \$5,000 is too low, so it gradually will increase the split point during the next three years. Beginning Jan. 1, the split point will be \$10,000. On Jan. 1, 2014, it will rise to \$13,500, and on Jan. 1, 2015 it will become \$15,000 (plus two years of inflation adjustment).
- Corporate officers Payroll determination for executive officers is based on a state-specific weekly minimum/maximum wage. In Arizona, the weekly minimum is \$950 and the maximum is \$3,700. This means that if your payroll falls outside the minimum/maximum wage range for corporate officers, it will be adjusted, resulting in a premium change.
- Indemnity increase Arizona law requires that workers' compensation benefit payments must keep pace with the state's average weekly wage; therefore, beginning Jan. 1, the maximum monthly benefit payments will increase more than \$100 to a total of \$4,185.78. Any of the above factors could affect your members' policies when they come up for renewal in 2013. Your Association representative will be more than happy to provide answers to any questions you or your members may have.

As an SCF member, you should:

- Designate a health provider from SCF's Preferred Connection Network and to encourage their employees to use that provider if they are injured on the job.
- Create a return-to-work program to provide an injured worker light duty as he or she recuperates.
- Report all injury claims in a timely manner.
- Teach your workers about workplace safety on a continuous basis. (They can download a free safety template from our website, scfaz.com.)
- Take advantage of SCF's loss control services by scheduling a visit by one of our loss control consultants to help review their company's safety plan as well as point out potential hazards at their work site.

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# **OSHA Training Requirement Update**

Have You Heard About OSHA's Modified HazCom Standard? OSHA is requiring that employees are trained on the new label elements (i.e., pictograms, hazard statements, precautionary statements, and signal words) and safety data sheet (SDS) format by December 1, 2013.

The three major areas of change are in hazard classification, labels, and safety data sheets.

Hazard classification: The definitions of hazard have been changed to provide specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards, as well as classification of mixtures. These specific criteria will help to ensure that evaluations of hazardous effects are consistent across manufacturers, and that labels and safety data sheets are more accurate as a result.

Labels: Chemical manufacturers and importers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each hazard class and category. Precautionary statements must also be provided.

**Safety Data Sheets:** Safety data sheets will now have a specified 16-section format.

ARCA's Safety Committee is working on developing classes and obtaining videos to facilitate training beginning in June 2013. Special training flyers will notify you when they are available.

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Gable	Black	31001283
Thermostat	N/A	31001280

All housing material is UV-enhanced ABS plastic and may be painted to match roof color. All models available with optional cold-weather thermostat



# **Legislative Update**



# State of Arizona:

The Arizona legislature convened on January 14th with 27 of 90 legislators taking the oath for the first time. There have been changes in both the House and Senate leadership positions and numerous key committee chairman positions. It will take a while to determine if the Contractors Coalition legislative agenda will have a chance at passage. We will continue to pursue proportional liability issues to ensure that subcontractors are only held liable for the actual percent of damages that they contributed to versus liability shifting techniques currently allowed. We have also agreed in principle to lend support to the transaction privilege tax simplification effort that would allow the state to centralize tax collection and reapportion back to the municipalities. This would result in construction related materials being taxed at the point of sale, not at the point of construction and eliminate multiple reporting requirements to numerous municipalities.

# Federal:

The 112th Congress finally adjourned Jan. 2, only one day before the new 113th Congress convened Jan. 3, after approving a compromise tax bill that has many implications for businesses. Below is an overview of key tax provisions in this legislation, as well as other recent developments of interest to the roofing industry.

# **Tax Rates**

On Jan. 1, Congress approved the American Taxpayer Relief Act (H.R. 8), legislation to avert the so-called "fiscal cliff" of automatic tax increases and spending cuts. This legislation permanently extends all existing individual income tax rates for individuals earning up to \$400,000 (\$450,000 for couples). Rates for individuals above these thresholds are increased from 35 percent to 39.6 percent for taxable years beginning Jan. 1, 2013. Capital gains and dividend tax rates increase from 15 to 20 percent for taxpayers above these thresholds while remaining the same for other taxpayers. This is the first time tax rates have increased in nearly two decades, and the increased rates will affect a significant portion of U.S. business owners who pay taxes at the individual rate. The increase in tax rates is estimated to raise about \$600 billion in revenue for the government (compared with extending all existing tax rates beyond 2012) during the next decade.

# Estate Tax

After years of uncertainty and the threat of increasing rates, Congress finally has made the estate tax rate permanent for family-owned businesses. H.R. 8 sets the estate tax at 40 percent and maintains the current \$5 million exemption per individual (indexed for inflation). Given that the estate tax was scheduled to revert to its pre-2001 level of 55 percent with a \$1 million exemption, this is a decent outcome.

# Section 179 Expensing/Bonus Depreciation

For years the maximum investment threshold for Section 179 expensing has fluctuated. H.R. 8 increases the maximum amount that may be deducted from \$125,000 to \$500,000 on purchases made for new and used qualifying equipment and software. The phase-out threshold is increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million. Both thresholds are effective for tax years 2012 and 2013, after which they automatically will revert to \$25,000 and \$200,000, respectively, unless Congress decides to extend them.

# Alternative Minimum Tax

Originally passed in 1969 to ensure the wealthy taxpayers could not avoid income taxes, the alternative minimum tax (AMT) was never indexed for inflation. In recent years, Congress periodically would pass legislation to "patch" the AMT to prevent more families and businesses from being subject to the AMT. H.R. 8 permanently indexes the AMT for inflation retroactive to Jan. 1, 2012.

### **Energy-Efficiency Tax Credits**

H.R. 8 extends numerous tax credits and deductions that had expired, including two home energy-efficiency tax credits. The first is the Section 45L credit of up to \$2,000 for new and renovated residences that meet energyefficiency requirements as set by the Department of Energy and are certified to reduce energy consumption by 50 percent under the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. The second is the Section 25C credit that allows deductions of 10 percent of cost, up to \$500, for energy-efficiency improvements to residences, including most ENERGY STAR® roofing products. These credits had expired at the end of 2011 but were reinstated retroactively for 2012 and now are set to expire Dec. 31.

# Health Care Law Employer Requirements

On Dec. 28, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published compliance information for employers with respect to the "shared responsibility" (employer mandate) provisions of the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA), which take effect in 2014. Also, on Jan. 2, the Department of the Treasury released a proposed regulation that will govern the employer requirements of the ACA. The law will require all employers with 50 or more "full-time equivalent" employees to provide government-approved health care benefits to employees or pay a penalty to the IRS. Additionally, covered employers who provide health coverage also may face penalties if the benefits are not deemed to be "affordable" under the law. Employers are advised to begin preparing for compliance with the ACA now to fully understand the law's complex employer requirements. The IRS compliance information can be obtained on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/uac/ Newsroom/Questions-and-Answers-on-Employer-Shared-Responsibility-Provisions-Under-the-Affordable-Care-Act. 🟠

# The Importance of Stretching and Warming Up (And How to Do it)

# BACK INJURY PREVENTION

The best way to prevent back injuries is to learn to lift properly. A few common sense tips can help you avoid injury.

- Stretch frequently throughout the day in order to loosen up and keep your muscles prepared for work.
- Check the weight of an object before you lift it by lifting a corner of the load.
- Get help if the object is heavy.
- Use equipment such as hoists, dollies, handcarts and forklifts whenever possible.
- Check the intended path of travel before you move an object to make sure that the path is clear.
- Before lifting, place one foot beside the load and one foot behind it. Make sure your feet are placed firmly so that you will not lose your balance.
  - 1. Firmly grasp the object you intend to lift. Keep your arms and elbows close to your body.
  - 2. Always keep the object you are lifting close to your body.
  - 3. Lift with your legs to support the weight. Lift the object straight up and don't twist or lean.
  - 4. Hold your head up when you lift, to keep your spine in its natural curved position.
  - 5. Do your best to maintain the curve in your lower back while lifting.

# It's important to maintain your body's power position.

• Doing this will greatly reduce your chance of injury and give you the most lifting power.

Getting help from other employees will allow you do your job efficiently and safely.

- If an object is heavy, ask a coworker for assistance.
- Communicate with the person assisting you, so you lift the load and set it down at the same time.
- If possible, both persons should carry the load while facing forward.
- If the load is very heavy, take rest breaks.

Typically, back injury does not occur from one incident. It is the result of improper lifting over a long period of time. That's why it's so important to lift



properly each and every time. You never know what will trigger a painful injury.

# **GENERAL BACK CARE**

Principle:

A healthy lifestyle helps keep your back healthy.

1. Eat Healthy Foods:

Your body needs a balanced diet to stay healthy and recover effectively from day-to-day wear and tear and injury.

# 2. Exercise:

Physically demanding work does not equal regular exercise. A balanced exercise program includes strength training, endurance activities, and stretching.

# 3. Stay Active:

An active lifestyle helps you keep in shape and reduces stress.

# STRETCHING AND WARM-UP

# Principles:

No pain, no bouncing, hold for at least five seconds and breathe!

# 1. Warm-up:

Stretching is important because it prepares your body for the work it will perform. Warm muscles generate more force with less effort than cold muscles. Also, warm muscles are less likely to tear.

2. Let Your Body Breathe:

Oxygen is the fuel your body needs to work. The most effective way to deliver oxygen to your body is to stretch. Stretching helps clean toxins from your body and allows in more oxygen.

3. Be Kind To Your Body:

The human body likes balance. The longer you stay in one position, the faster your body wears out. A simple stretch in the opposite direction can slow down your body's wearing-out process.

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# **ROC Update**

# By Rhonda LaNue (Lyons Roofing), ROC Committee

The past few months the ROC appears to be going through some significant personnel changes. Prior to the December IAC meeting, Jessica Fotinos, the Chief of Legal, resigned from the ROC to go back into the private sector. She will be joining Israel Torres at Torres Consulting and Law Group. (Israel Torres was a previous Director of the Registrar of Contractors).

Additionally, since the retirement of Bob Davies (Chief of Compliance) in late 2012, Bob Mechsner was appointed as the interim Chief. As of last month, Bob Mechsner is no longer with the Registrar. The new Assistant Chief of Compliance is now Jeff Wills. Jeff was an inspector with the Registrar for a number of years.

One of the primary goals and focus for the ARCA ROC committee is to assist members with compliance issues (complaints), and as such it is imperative for us to have a good strong working relationship with this department in particular. To establish this, an introductory call was made to Mr. Wills to familiarize him with the ARCA ROC committee and discuss our goals, one of which includes assisting the ROC with compliance, as well as discussing the pending workmanship standards revisions.

Jeff relayed that there are a number of policy and personnel changes that will continue to happen in the near future within the ROC. He is not sure when/if a Chief of Compliance will be hired as of yet or what his role will ultimately be in regards to our proposed new standards. He did, however, tell me that the agency is working on updating a number of standards as well as policies within the department.

The past few IAC (Industrial Advisory Committee) meetings revolved around reviewing some statutes that were in the legislature and providing feedback to the ROC on these proposed rule changes.

For those of you interested in the statutes and rule changes, or any other matter regarding the ROC, you can email me at rlanue@lyonsroofing.com and I would be happy to provide you with any information I have.

# Postage Rate Increase

The increase will make firstclass mail postage cost 46 cents. The Postal Service will also begin a new global "forever" stamp that will let customers send letters first-class to anywhere in the world for a flat rate of \$1.10.



The USPS cannot raise stamp prices more than the rate of inflation, which is 2.6 percent, without Congressional permission. The USPS lost almost \$16 billion last year and has sent a request to congress to increase stamp prices by 5 cents, which has yet to be implemented. The new cost will increase shipping rates by an average of 4 percent.

# IRS releases 2013 standard mileage rates 👘 🔳

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced the 2013 optional standard mileage rates for calculating deductible costs associated with using an automobile for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes.

On Jan. 1, 2013, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be 56.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. The standard mileage rate will be 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes and 14 cents per mile driven in service to a charitable organization.

During 2012, the business mileage rate was 55.5 cents and the medical and moving rate was 23 cents.

# **ARCA 2013 Calendar of Events**

Date	Event	Location
February 7-8	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	Hampton Inn (Tucson)
February 14-15	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)
February 21-22	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	ARCA office (Phoenix)
February 28	TRI Installer Certification Class	ARCA office (Phoenix)
March 1	TRI Installer Certification Class	ARCA office (Phoenix)
March 19	Dinner Meeting (Tucson)	Old Pueblo Grille (Tucson)
March 20	Dinner Meeting (Phoenix)	DoubleTree Inn (Phoenix)
April 5	Spring Sporting Clays Tournament	Ben Avery Clay Target Center (Phoenix)
April 18-19	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)
April 25-26	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	ARCA office (Phoenix)
May 17	Spring Golf Tournament	Oakwood Golf Course (Sun Lakes)
May 30	NRCA Industry Fall Protection from A-Z	TBD (Phoenix)
June 20-21	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)
June 22	Phoenix Charity Bowling Event	AMF Christown Lanes
June 27-28	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	ARCA office (Phoenix)
July 13	Tucson Charity Bowling Event	Golden Pin Lanes
August 22-23	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)
August 29-30	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	ARCA office (Phoenix)
October 3-5	ARCA Convention and Trade Show	Prescott Resort (Prescott)
October 17-18	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)
October 24-25	OSHA 10-Hour class in Spanish	Hampton Inn (Tucson)
December 12-13	OSHA 10-Hour class in English	ARCA office (Phoenix)

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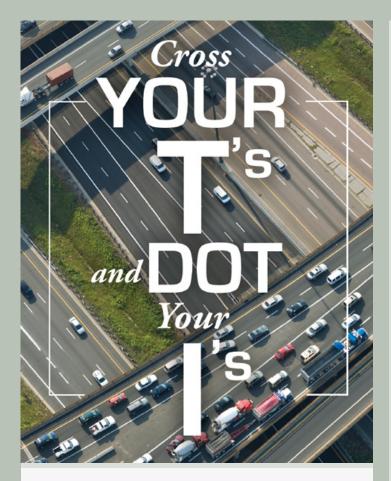
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# Knowing DOT's rules will prevent costly fines and disruptions.

# By Harry Dietz (reprinted with permission)

You face daily challenges of complying with a variety of regulatory requirements imposed by federal and local government agencies and departments. A government agency may demand specific action from you regarding environmental protection, occupational safety, fire prevention, building construction and maintenance, company licensing and taxation.

With respect to commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) and trucks used in a roofing company's daily operations, the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has regulatory authority, and it is critical you are aware of and comply with FMCSA's rules.

FMCSA originally was an agency of the Federal Highway Administration; since 2000 it has been part of DOT. Its primary mission is to prevent CMV-related fatalities and in-juries. FMCSA develops regulations to test and license CMV drivers and enforces regulations intended to ensure the safe movement of hazardous materials on U.S. roads and highways.

# CMV

FMCSA defines a CMV as any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway for interstate

commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle:

• Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 10,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater

• Is designed or used to transport more than eight passengers, including the driver, for compensation

• Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation

• Is used for transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding

# CDL

For purposes of obtaining a CMV commercial driver's license (CDL), the federal standard requires states to issue a CDL according to the following license classifications:

• Class A: Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more provided the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds

• Class B: Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating

• Class C: Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B but is either designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or any size vehicle used in the transportation of a quantity of hazardous materials requiring a placard

Drivers who operate special types of CMVs must pass additional tests to obtain an endorsement placed on their CDLs. Endorsements allow drivers to operate specialized CMVs such as those carrying hazardous materials requiring a placard (H endorsement).

Generally, for flammable and combustible liquids and gases, the hazardous materials aggregate amount requiring placarding is 1,001 pounds or more; such hazardous materials may include propane tanks, solvent-based adhesives, cleaners, coatings and mastics. The critical compliance issue to remember is that once the 1,001-pound threshold is met or exceeded on any load regardless of vehicle type, a placard is required and the driver must have a CDL with an H endorsement.

# **Alcohol testing**

FMCSA regulations require drug and alcohol testing for any CMV driver required to have a CDL. Alcohol consumption is restricted during the period when a CDL driver is performing safety-sensitive functions. A safety-sensitive function means from the time a driver begins work or is required to be ready to work until the time he or she is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. This may include time waiting to be dispatched, inspecting or servicing the CMV, loading or unloading, time at the controls and time spent attending a disabled vehicle.

Performing safety-sensitive functions is prohibited

while consuming alcohol, while having a breath alcohol concentration of 0.04 percent or greater as indicated by an alcohol breath test, or within four hours after consuming alcohol. FMCSA regulations provide five required alcohol testing categories an employer must conduct:

• Post-accident—after all accidents involving a fatality

and accidents where a citation has been issued to the driver indicating the driver's performance may have contributed to the accident

• Reasonable suspicion after a trained supervisor or company official observes behavior or appearances characteristic of alcohol misuse

• Random-unannounced testing before, during or after performing safety-sensitive functions

• Return-to-dutyconducted after a driver has violated alcohol regulations and returns to performing safety-sensitive functions Why Safety is Good Business

According to DOT's FMCSA:

• In 2005, there were 5,212 fatalities and 91,993 injuries from large-truck crashes.

• A crash with injuries costs about \$200,000 per crash.

• The average cost of a large-truck crash involving a fatality is \$3.6 million per crash.

• Crashes are devastating in terms of fatalities and injuries, financial costs, damaged reputations, the inability to attract and retain good drivers, and general goodwill in the industry and community.

The good news is many crashes are preventable:

• In 1997, 22 percent of large-truck fatal crashes involving more than one vehicle were speed-related.

• In 2003, about 2 percent of drivers with a CDL used controlled substances and 0.2 percent consumed alcohol (0.04 or higher blood alcohol content) while performing their duties.

• About 5.5 percent of fatal truck crashes are caused by driver fatigue.

• In 2005, of the 696 CMV drivers who died in truck crashes, 344 were not wearing safety belts. In 2006, a study found only 59 percent of CMV drivers wear safety belts.

testing plus pre-employment testing. Drug tests are conducted using urine specimen collection with strict protocols and chain-of-custody requirements, and the sample analysis must be performed by laboratories certified and monitored by the Department of Health and Human Services. The specimens are analyzed for the following drugs or drug categories:

- Marijuana
- Cocaine
- Amphetamines
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine (PCP)

# Be vigilant about safety

FMCSA's Office of Research and Technology indicates a commitment to safety from management carries over to drivers. In its Tech Brief: Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Retention and Safety, FMCSA states companies surveyed said since their safety incentive programs were initiated, the incidence of insurance claims, workers' compensation claims and crashes reduced 65 percent. FMCSA notes many safetyrelated incentive programs include recognition and safety bonuses for passing certain milestones for accident- and incident-free miles driven.

FMCSA rules are complex, and violations may result in substantial fines. A driver

• Follow-up-unannounced testing for drivers who have returned to performing safety-sensitive functions (At least six tests must be conducted during the first 12 months after a driver has returned to work. Follow-up testing may be extended for up to 60 months after a driver has returned to work.)

Refusing to submit to an alcohol test or consuming alcohol within eight hours after an accident or until tested for alcohol also is prohibited under the regulations.

# **Drug testing**

Drug testing includes the five categories of alcohol

who uses a handheld cellular device or cell phone or texts while operating a CMV may receive a \$2,750 fine, and the fleet owner may receive an \$11,000 fine unless the fleet owner has a written policy forbidding the use of the devices and the driver in question has signed off agreeing not to use those devices.

Operating CMVs is an everyday occurrence in the roofing industry and essential to a successful business. You must be committed to safety, establish driver qualification procedures and manage CMV operations to stay in compliance.  $\bigtriangleup$ 

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By Tim Ducar

Many residential roofing contractors have told me that they limit their warranties to two years. They do this to mirror the jurisdiction of the Registrar over defective construction. Contractors can limit their express warranties to two years by stating in the contract with the customer that the warranty lasts for two years.

However, the law implies warranties—that is, warranties that exist because the law says they exist, not because parties to the contract have agreed upon the warranty. Three examples include Lemon Laws (e.g.: if you purchase a defective car that cannot be fixed within four attempts, you can obtain a refund), Warranties of Merchantability (e.g.: the seller of an item warrants the item is worthy of being sold) and Fitness for a Particular Purpose (e.g.: the seller warrants that a item sold will work for a specific use).

If you never have a workmanship issue, you never install roofs. Warranty issues can be avoided but not eliminated.

As to residential contractors, the law implies warranties of good workmanship and habitability upon them. The implied warranty of good workmanship and habitability can be claimed by purchasers of new housing as well as subsequent purchasers of a residence. As to the subsequent purchasers, the warranty applies to defects that could not have been discovered with a reasonable inspection prior to its purchase, Because a claim based upon this implied warranty is six years from the date of discovery of the defect, your company's exposure to a lawsuit could be lengthy. The implied warranty of good workmanship and habitability cannot be waived by a contract provision.

For example, assume you re-roof a residence. After the third year, the homeowner alleges that your workmanship was substandard. The homeowner waits five more years, and then files a lawsuit against your company. Because the homeowner filed the lawsuit within six years of the date of discovery the alleged defect, the lawsuit will be

#### timely.

However, there is a cut off to your liability. Under Arizona law, any lawsuit based upon a claim of poor residential workmanship or habitability must have been commenced within nine years. As a result, after nine years, your company cannot be sued by your customer for breach of the implied warranty of workmanship or habitability, irrespective of when your customer discovers the allegedly defective work.

If you never have a workmanship issue, you never install roofs. Warranty issues can be avoided but not eliminated. If you are notified of a workmanship issue, and your company performed the work within the prior nine years, it is best listen to your customer and try to do what is necessary to repair the roof. On the other hand, assuming you only have an express warranty of two years in your contract, the customer may not know that his or her implied warranty extends past your explicit two year warranty. In that case, you may find that you can use your customer's ignorance to your advantage.

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