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## WORKERS COMPENSATION

Congratulations to those of you in the Workers Compensation Safety Group #485. The dividend for the 8/1/15-8/1/16 year is a 35% dividend. We have been notified that they will be processed in June and the checks will be mailed by the mid June. This is fantastic news! Marshall & Sterling did an amazing job this year managing this group. If you do not receive your check by the beginning of July, please contact the Association.

The Association and Marshall & Sterling recently sent out notices to members regarding dues/fees that were not current. Please be aware that in order to remain in The Safety Group #485 and receive a wonderful dividend you must be current with your dues/fees/premiums to Service Station Dealers, Marshall & Sterling, and The State Insurance Fund. If you have a discrepancy with their notice please contact the Association and we'll be happy to help you.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Last month we sent out the application for the Joseph Engeldrum Memorial Scholarship. Be sure to send in your application as soon as possible. To be entered in the drawing all applications must be received no later than June 30, 2017. Drawing will be held on July 7, 2017. Winner will be notified shortly thereafter.

### **OPERATING PERMITS**

Recently some municipalities have been sending form letters to gasoline service stations advising them that they must apply for an "Operating Permit" using the excuse that the state mandates it. We are researching the issue. However, if you have received such a form letter or know of a municipality that is sending out these letters **please advise us**. We intend to attack this absurd intrusion on your business: Legislatively & Legally

# ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

RCC has a 27,304 square foot facility which includes five classrooms, a certification room, a Snap-On Certified lab, 10 lifts and customized Snap-On equipment. One can earn their AAS in Automotive Technology, including four Snap-On certifications and has over 15 Snap-On certifications and workforce training courses that are offered for automotive professionals. We are working with RCC for job placements of their students. If you are looking for qualified technicians that have been schooled in the industry please contact the Association.

### TINTED WINDOW LAW

Below is the law that is enforced in the inspection stations, please note the rear windows DO NOT have to be checked if the vehicle has outside rear-view mirrors on both sides.

Section 375 (12-a) of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law does not allow a windshield or front side windows that are dark. The windshield and front side windows cannot block more than 30% of the light. Seventy percent or more of the light from the outside must pass through the window. This law also applies to the rear window unless the vehicle has outside rear-view mirrors on both sides. The mirrors must give the driver a full and clear view behind the vehicle.

If the vehicle is classified as a station wagon, sedan, hardtop, coupe, hatchback or convertible, the rear side windows must also allow at least seventy percent of light from the outside to pass through the window.

It is illegal to sell, offer for sale, or install glass that does not comply with this law. It is illegal to operate a vehicle with glass that does not comply with this law.

If you have a medical condition that requires you to have tinted vehicle windows, you can request an exemption from the law using the <u>Application for Tinted Window Exemption</u> (MV-80W).

#### **LOBBYING**

In May the Association went to Albany to lobby for ABS, SRS and license plate covers to be incorporated into the NYS Inspection program. It is bill Number A7893 sponsered by Assemblyman Dendekker and S6334 sponsered by Senator Griffo. Hopefully we can get this bill to pass both houses and this will help generate some revenue for our shops.

President Pete Kischak, Assemblyman Dendekker Operations Manager Carla Obalde and Lobbyist Bob Ungar Lobbyist Bob Ungar, President Pete Kischak and Operations Manager Carla Obalde

### <u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u>

Caliber Tire & Auto AZ Service Center Rogue Auto Repair New City, NY New City, NY Nanuet, NY

Egger's Automotive 1280 Allerton Ave PM Collision

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Four Star Transmission Stony Point, NY

## To Our Members:

Many of you have called and asked about the required signage both inside and outside your shop. Feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:vnesci@nescipc.com">vnesci@nescipc.com</a> and describe the shop operation, i.e., repair shop only; inspection; labor rates; inspection rate sheet.

While Salesmen [and women] are important, they may oversell you on signs. Get only the signs you need.

Vincent P. Nesci, General Counsel

Regards, Peter S. Kischak President