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SUMMARY

CDL A linehaul and shuttle driver with six years of commercial **tractor trailer** experience supporting food and general freight distribution across overnight and variable schedules. Safely operates three axle tractors, 45 to 48 foot trailers, straight trucks, onboard computer systems, pallets, load bars, SLS units, and two wheel hand carts. Completes **DOT electronic logs, vehicle inspections**, maintenance reports, **bills of lading**, invoice checks, and delivery records with consistent accuracy. Protects food safety through temperature control and careful product handling. Communicates route changes, equipment concerns, loading issues, customer questions, and product problems clearly with dispatch and receiving teams. Brings dependable attendance, practical math ability, safe lifting technique, independent route planning, and courteous customer service to demanding delivery operations.

EXPERIENCE

Linehaul Driver

April 2024 - Present

Gateway Freight Logistics

St. Louis, MO

Leads overnight linehaul movements between distribution points, managing tractor trailer equipment, transfer documentation, route communication, load security, and safety decisions that keep time sensitive freight moving.

- Operated three axle tractors with 48 foot trailers across overnight routes, sustaining dependable freight transfers.
- Completed **DOT electronic logs** and inspections before deadlines, escalating safety defects before equipment returned.
- Verified **bills of lading**, seals, loads, and **case counts**, resolving differences with dispatch before departure.
- Secured pallets with **load bars** and applied Hazmat awareness during freight preparation and transfer operations.
- Reported weather delays, **route deviations**, **loading concerns**, and equipment issues through onboard computer systems.
- Maintained alert driving through traffic and changing weather while following assigned routes and procedures.

CDL A Shuttle Driver

January 2022 - March 2024

Riverbend Food Transport

St. Louis, MO

Managed refrigerated and shelf stable food deliveries between warehouses and customers, combining temperature control, accurate receiving records, safe product movement, and dependable service across changing schedules.

- Transported refrigerated and shelf stable products between warehouses and customers using tractor trailers.
- Monitored trailer temperatures during food deliveries and reported exceptions before product handoff to **receiving teams**.
- Matched invoices with **bills of lading** and **case counts**, documenting discrepancies for operations review.
- Moved heavy products with two wheel hand carts using **safe lifting** methods down customer ramps.
- Built trusted receiving relationships through clear arrival updates, courteous communication, and orderly product placement.
- Adapted to **weekends**, holidays, overtime, **on call coverage**, and changing start times without attendance gaps.

Commercial Driver

June 2020 - December 2021

Midwest Route Carriers

Springfield, IL

Handled **tractor trailer** and **straight truck** routes across urban and highway conditions, building independent trip planning, inspection discipline, onboard system use, freight security, and delivery record accuracy.

- Drove tractor trailers and straight trucks across mixed urban and highway routes with independent planning.
- Performed inspections covering tires, brakes, lights, coupling, and trailers before and after assigned runs.
- Recorded trip status and delivery completion through onboard computer tools while communicating with **dispatch**.
- Secured freight with **load control equipment** and checked conditions during scheduled stops to protect products.
- Reconciled shipment quantities, delivery paperwork, and returns using basic arithmetic before closing route records.
- Maintained safe performance through rain, heat, cold, **nighttime** conditions, and busy **traffic**.

Commercial Driver Trainee

October 2019 - May 2020

Regional Driver Training Program

Springfield, IL

Completed supervised commercial driver training focused on equipment handling, route planning, inspections, DOT requirements, cargo securement, safe **delivery practices**, and confident operation across varied conditions.

- Completed supervised tractor trailer instruction covering coupling, backing, turning, lane control, and positioning.
- Practiced **pre trip** and **post trip** inspections with structured checklists and instructor review.
- Studied **DOT regulations**, hours of service, Hazmat awareness, safe lifting, and cargo securement principles.
- Operated **tractor trailer** equipment during day and night sessions across changing traffic and **weather**.
- Planned training routes using mileage, time, and basic math calculations for realistic runs.
- Demonstrated safe equipment entry, trailer exit, hand cart use, and controlled load handling.

PROJECTS

Food Delivery Temperature Control 📅 2024

Supported refrigerated delivery quality by checking product temperatures, reporting exceptions, and coordinating accurate handoff records with receiving teams. Clear communication helped protect product condition during routine customer service work.

Overnight Freight Transfer Operations 📅 2025

Coordinated tractor trailer transfers across overnight routes by checking seals, pallet counts, bills of lading, and route updates. Dispatch communication kept downstream schedules informed during changing conditions.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by dispatch for dependable overnight route coverage and consistent attendance during variable schedules.
- Praised by receiving teams for courteous delivery communication, accurate paperwork, and orderly product placement.
- Completed commercial driver training with demonstrated proficiency in inspections, equipment handling, and safe route planning.

EDUCATION

Commercial Driver Training Certificate 2020

Midwest Transportation Training Center GPA: 4.0 Springfield, IL

Coursework: Tractor trailer operation, DOT regulations, vehicle inspections, cargo securement

High School Diploma 2019

Lanphier High School GPA: 4.0 Springfield, IL

Coursework: English communication, practical mathematics, safety procedures, workplace readiness

CERTIFICATIONS

- Class A Commercial Driver's License 📅 2020
- DOT Medical Certificate 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Commercial Vehicles:** Three axle tractors, 45 foot trailers, 48 foot trailers
- **Delivery Equipment:** Straight trucks, two wheel hand carts, SLS units
- **Load Control:** Pallets, load bars, trailer seals
- **Compliance Records:** DOT logs, maintenance reports, inspection forms
- **Safety Regulations:** DOT regulations, Hazmat guidelines, hours of service
- **Food Distribution:** Food safety, temperature controls, refrigerated trailers
- **Route Operations:** Linehaul routes, shuttle routes, overnight delivery
- **Computer Systems:** Onboard computer keypad, electronic logs, dispatch systems
- **Documentation:** Bills of lading, invoices, case counts
- **Inspection Practices:** Pre trip inspections, post trip inspections, defect reports
- **Material Handling:** Safe lifting, ramps, product movement
- **Communication:** Route deviations, customer issues, management reporting

SKILLS

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| • CDL A | • Electronic logs | • Route planning | • Safe lifting |
| • Linehaul driving | • Food safety | • Bills of lading | • Basic math |
| • Shuttle routes | • Temperature control | • Load securement | • Vehicle inspections |
| • DOT regulations | • Hazmat awareness | • Customer service | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Commercial Driver Training Program participant, Springfield, Illinois.
- Professional freight and food distribution driver network, St. Louis region.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Beginner)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST