

Use of the National Safety Council's Million Mile Driving Award

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The Question: Do you use the National Safety Council's "million mile" driving award program? If so, how do you calculate or determine when a driver has reached the million mile mark?

Ben Franklin Transit says ... We haven't officially recognized anyone for achieving this milestone.

Clallam Transit says ... We don't use this program.

Community Transit says ... We currently use 12 years as a million mile marker. Not sure that it's possible or practical. We're currently reviewing what reality is and it is starting to look more like 25 years.

Grays Harbor says ... We belong to the National Safety Council, the National Safety Council rule book states, For Outstanding Performance in Driving 1,000,000 Miles or 25,000 Hours without a Preventable Accident. The way we figure, it would take approximately 12 years of steady work (with no more than 15 days of leave or absence) to hit this mark. We have found, however, from a practical standpoint it takes approximately 15 years to reach this mark. For more information, contact Mark Carlin at mark_ghtransit@comcast.net.

Intercity Transit says ... We do not use their program.

Jefferson Transit says ... Jefferson Transit awards National Safety Council safe driving awards based on years of non-preventable accidents. I do not know how we would know when a driver hits one-million miles. For more information, please contact Curtis Stacey at cstacey@jeffersontransit.com.

Kitsap Transit says ... Sorry, but we don't use this program at all at Kitsap Transit. And I don't know of any agency, off the top of my head, that does.

Link Transit says ... We do not use this program.

Mason Transit says ... Mason Transit is currently in a transitional period, and in the past did not base awards on the National Safety Council's "million mile" driving award program. Awards programs were determined by former contracted staff, and while drivers were recognized for "Accident Free" performance, I cannot comment if mileage was part of their selected criteria.

Pullman Transit says ... No, it is too restrictive

Twin Transit says ... We do not use this incentive program. I will be interested to see if others do, and we might look into it as well.



Valley Transit says ... We do use the National Safety Council's Safe Driver Award program. In their Products and Services catalog, they state that a Million Mile award is based on either driving a million miles or working 25, 000 hours without a preventable accident. We haven't hit the mark yet. There are about 2080 hours per year with six holidays plus leave. We figure it would take on average 13 years to hit the mark. For more information, please contact Rick White at rick@valleytransit.com.

NEW INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Here's the NSC's new position on the Safe Driver Guidelines. We will have the complete guidelines on the web in February. If you have any additional questions, issues or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

* The Safe Driver Program is a self-administered program. Employee driver and occupational performance records used for the Safe Driver program are to be maintained and verified by the participating member organizations. The National Safety Council does not require documentation of these records or endorse their accuracy.

Proving Period:

The Proving Period policy has been dissolved. The revision was done to encourage program participation and to accommodate changing workforce patterns.

* Recognition of safe driving accomplishments will be given on a year-to-year or (12 month period) only. Drivers shall no longer be required to work 3 consecutive years without an accident, before receiving recognition. Drivers are to be recognized for each year of safe driving, beginning with year (1) one. No "proving nor penalty" is required. Drivers are no longer required to "start over" if they should have an accident within the first 3 years of driving.

* Example: If a driver has 2 years of safe driving and has an accident in his third year, upon his fourth year of accident free driving, he will receive a 3-year safe driver lapel pin or patch. This lapel pin or patch will symbolize that the driver has driven 3 years (although not consecutive) without an accident.

* The NSC allows participating companies the option to carryover previous employment Safe Driver activity at their discretion. The National Safety Council requires no verification or documentation of this information.

* There has also been an elimination of the mandatory tracking of 15-day absence and non-driving time. The clause has been changed to 30 days. If a driver does not drive for 30 days, they are considered ineligible for those years Safe Driving Award, as they have only participated in 11 or the 12-month required driving period.

I hope this clears things up for you. Call if you have any questions.

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