



RUMBLINGS

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Twas the day before Christmas, and out on the road,
The truckers were hauling their pre-Christmas loads.
Their families at home waiting impatiently,
The kids at the windows, their Dad for to see.
Mom at the oven, the last baking done,
Wondering what time he's going to get home.
Drivers were thinking 'bout turkey and trimmings,
Being home a few days, and they were all grinning;
When news of the trouble came on the CB,
"Santa's been stopped by the CVSE!"

The news spread like wildfire, could it get any worse?
Oh no, Santa's sled has been put out of service!
Trucks head for the scales to see what it's about,
And how they can help get this mess sorted out.
When what to their wondering eyes does appear,
But Santa, the sleigh, and impounded reindeer.

Three mobile inspectors and two traffic cops,
Have Santa surrounded and ordered to stop:
"That sleigh's not compliant, and you're hauling freight,
Your load's not secure, and it looks overweight.
You don't have a logbook, so you're out of hours,
Don't care where you're going, the last word is ours!"

Now Santa looked puzzled, as he looked around,
Cuz Santa and sleigh usually aren't on the ground.
"I only stopped for the reindeer to get a quick drink,



Your rules don't apply to my sleigh, I don't think"
So out came the rule books, policies, regs,
And officers together all nodding their heads.
"You're on our turf now, old fella" they said,
"That sleigh's going nowhere – and you're going to bed!".

Santa protested, "You guys and your rules!
Don't you know that it's Christmas, and these are my tools?
I've been hauling this way for hundreds of years!
Poor Santa was so mad he was almost in tears.
"Don't blame us for the rules," they said, "we didn't make 'em,
But we have to stick to them, no matter how you shake them."

Then the truckers stepped up, always quick and reliant.
And said "what if we made Santa's whole rig compliant?"
So one brought his flatdeck and loaded the sleigh,
The cattle hauler took the reindeer, and fed them some hay.
Santa crawled in a sleeper, and he got some rest,
While the trucks started hauling the whole shebang west.

The CVSE and police were all happy,
They'd done their due diligence, they looked sharp and snappy.
And Santa forgave them, they're just doing their jobs;
Sometimes rules don't make sense, but that's not their fault.
We still need them out there to help keep us safe,
So wish them Merry Christmas, and give them a wave.

The trucks all pulled over a few miles away,
And unloaded Santa, the deer and the sleigh.
"Thanks, boys!" he said, "you all do us proud.
You keep the economy going on the ground.
What would we do without drivers and trucks?
People who need things would be out of luck!
Now go home to your families, and later tonight,
You all just might hear me, out doin' it right."
And he climbed in the sleigh and he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a safe ride!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13-16	Truck Loggers Convention, Vancouver
February 4 -6	Western Silviculture Contractors Conference, Victoria
February 11	Safety Symposium 2009, Powell River
February 26-27	ExpoFor, ABCFP Conference, Prince George

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Wishing you all the very best of the holiday season, and good things in 2009.

We just want to thank you for your contributions to making our roads safer, and for your encouragement and support of the BC Forest Safety Council and Forestry TruckSafe as we work together to make it better out there for everybody. We can't do it without you!

***Like Santa, we all make conscious choices – thanks for choosing safety!
Merry Christmas and safe travels!***

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