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CONTESTING TRAFFIC CITATIONS



When you receive a traffic citation, you're being issued a ticket for a moving violation. A traffic ticket will constitute a penalty or fine and a deduction of points will be assessed against your record. Know that payment of a fine is an admission of guilt and the points will be applied to your MVR which is the record carriers use to see the driver's behavior on the road before considering the driver for employment. If you believe the citation was unjustified it's imperative to retain a lawyer to represent your case in court.

Some drivers believe it's probably not worth the money they will need to spend on a lawyer because the ticket is maybe cheaper, but keep in mind employers are required to keep on file an annual MVR for every CDL driver they employ, and if your MVR reflects more points than company policy allows it would result in the termination of employment. If you really can't afford getting a lawyer, you can represent yourself in court, you must gather as much evidence as you can, know the laws and make sure you have a case.

Keep in mind your inspection violations also go against the carrier's safety profile. By improving your safety record, you improve the company's safety record by default.

If you have any questions about this subject, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at ssandri@nalogistics.com.

And remember..... Safety is not a choice is a must!