

Security trainings for drivers– the fashion or the necessity?- Monika Burzynska



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The closing worrying information concerning improperly conducted trainings for professional drivers is leading the leads to reflection concerning the question about the meaning and the need so of exactly trainings. During the cycle of trainings led in December and the January in Poland drivers could inquire at a few training centres, that in case of accident better to drive into a car than to the ditch in order not to expose for damaging transported charge, about the fact that one should not unduly be upset with photoradars because after all is paying only once and how to cheat the policeman in the case of moving overloaded even twice with car. The pathology of these trainings surprises the more so as annually he/she is reaching many road accidents exactly with the participation of trucks. According to newest statistics 10 % exactly drivers of trucks cause all road accidents. The most frequent cause of accident involving trucks are the speed is usually to conditions of the movement, the lack of granting the right of way, the tiredness or falling asleep for the driver during the ride, exaggerated overloading cars. List is endless..

It is in Poland more than 720 thousand of drivers entitled to drive trucks, vocational training course every driver is obliged to go every 5 years. Apart from that on the market of training services trainings in the logistic margin of security for drivers and carriers which aren't so popular and compulsory as trainings for professional drivers are also available. Are security trainings in the generally speaking needed for drivers? Whether they are enjoying popularity and are not a demand? In the today, when the security issues all the time as the unnecessary cost rather than as investment is not much still comprehended of companies from the industry

of the transport the freight forwarding and the logistics is deciding to organize cyclical trainings exactly in security rules for his drivers. Let us think, what purpose of trainings of this type is what is their object and are bringing notable benefits for drivers?

In the press and Internet very much it is often possible to encounter publications concerning assaults on drivers of trucks, most often attack the criminal in car parks, recently for pardons then again a method is returning „to the policeman” or on „of insincere carrier”. Offences against the goods road traffic, assaults on drivers of lorries it unfortunately still considerable problem and relatively new phenomenon on the map of the organized crime in Poland. Provided assaults on truck drivers took 90 in years - of the ones marking the place in statistics of the organized crime at present according to the newest statistics of associations dealing with the safety we are observing the fall in offences of this type on roads. However it doesn't mean that they aren't at all, they are pointing at such a thesis even if the newest statistics of the TAPA organization.



In January in Europe they made 2011 including of **114 assaults** on truck drivers, losses including it is 89.587 EUR from what as many as 82 incidents are exactly assaults on trucks. Let us remember that this amount concerns only these offences which were reported to the TAPA organization by her members, in fact of such assaults it was far more. With

loot of thieves rule fast-negotiable and attractive goods which constitute the great financial value are falling down and which very much it is easy to melt and to sell – electronics, audio/video devices, home appliances, cigarettes, alcohol, designer clothes and the footwear... Assaults are most often prepared up to specific orders of the customer and criminals great know, what they are attacking, very much they are rarely these are accidental, disposable actions.

And so what one should do in order to avoid offences of this type, how to provide with the maximum safety of the driver, his lives and the health and simultaneously to cause that goods reach our customer on time, in place and certainly?

The purpose of trainings in the margin of security with can meet while making the road transport. Drivers don't often realize, how quickly and easily they can fall victim to criminals

well one should do in order to prevent carrying the assault out. The training is divided in a few thematic blocks, so as threats, statistics and methods of assaults on drivers of trucks, risk assessment of the route, safety of entrusted possessions, road checks in Poland and abroad... How it often results from our experience of drivers an exaggerated routine and a self-confidence are losing, they are convinced, that if for a few years of their work didn't happen nothing worrying they can be calm and they are feeling secure „on paths”. Drivers still don't realize that every greater burst is a logistic action as a rule very much precisely prepared, earlier criminal observation being aimed at establishing, what goods are in a semitrailer is usually being conducted, where the driver is going, where will stop for the pause? Therefore one should systematically increase the awareness of drivers from the scope of dangers in the road transport, of methods of assaults and to strengthen habits of the correct behaviour in the situation of the threat to life or the health of the driver, e.g. while the highway robbery, the robbery, the theft or extorting possessions. Deepening the knowledge in the scope of control rules is also one of elements of trainings in the safety road in Poland and abroad, from the acquaintance of procedures properly to keep during a road check who can control the driver, which are his rights and obligations? From our experience it results that for the driver they don't very often obey fundamentals, e.g. they don't know tactical numbers of police cars in their province, they don't know that on the unbuilt area, in conditions of the insufficient visibility at the attempt to stop by the official in plain clothes they are entitled not to stop for the inspection. And this ignorance of drivers very much is facilitating for criminals carrying the assault out. And when he/she will already reach it a lot is losing the corporate image on it which is starting being perceived by customers as the dishonest partner which defaulted on the conditions of the contract and didn't provide with supplies on time ordered. Not recalling already about considerable increasing the insurance premium of activity from the title conducted and danger that stolen goods at any time can turn up at the black economy.

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