## Here's The Keys, Call If You Need Anything, See You In 12 Hours

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#### Where It All Started

- Brian Barott, Larry Nelson, Rick Shomion MNDOT
- Early 2000 Gov Jessi Ventura, Strike Plan For 1200 Guard Members
- 2004 Started MNDOT Training At Camp Ripley
- Attended Classes in 2006
- 2 Week Class
- Prepare Students To Pass CDL Test
- Classroom, Pre-Trip and Driving Skills

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#### In House SPOT

- 2 Days of Training, New Hires and Part Time
- Covering-Single Axle and Loader Operation
- Focus On Pre-Trip Inspections, Skills Course and Road Critique
- Liability



# In House SPOT • Maps, Paperwork, Fueling, Maintenance and Shop Tour

#### Other Training Done In-House

- Grader
- Backhoe
- Vactor







#### Metro SPOT

- 2 Days of Training
- 12 Operators From 6 Metro Agencies Make Up the Committee
- Created In 2008
- Funded by Local LTAP





#### Metro SPOT Who Should I Send?

- Preferably New Plow Operators
- One Truck for 2-3 Operators
- One Trainer Per Truck







#### Metro SPOT

Focus Areas
 Pre-Trip
 Skill Course
 Road Critique







#### Metro SPOT Typical Day

Day 1
 Train The Trainers Session
 Intro
 Pre-Trip Video
 DOT Officer Covers Pre-Trip Inspections
 Lunch
 Outside To Practice Pre-Trip

Start On Skills Course Practice



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#### Metro SPOT Typical Day

Day 2
 Plowing Technique Video
 Lessons Learned
 New Technology
 Round Table
 Lunch
 Practice Skills Course
 Road Course



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#### Metro SPOT

- Pre-Trip Defects
- DOT Simulator
- Guest Speakers







#### Metro SPOT

Attendees
 40 The First Year
 Average of 75 the Last 3 Years





# Challenges • Multiple Agencies, Multiple Policies

 Multiple Agencies, Multiple Poli Different Controllers Some Use Wings, Some Not Location Weather Training the Trainers









### Why Does It Work?

- Realistic Experiences
- Overall Cost, \$80 for Two Days of Training
- Balance of Classroom and Hands On Training
- Students Trained On Own Equipment By Operators From Their Agency
- Keeping Students Busy









































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