

US Cargo Control Offers Employees First Annual Hands-On Flatbed Training

Sixty employees of US Cargo Control took advantage of this event in order to better understand and better serve their customers

Urbana, IA ([PRWEB](#)) September 30, 2016 -- Last Friday, 60 employees of US Cargo Control were treated to a Continuing Education opportunity at their offices in Urbana, IA. Instructors from nearby Kirkwood Community College's Professional Truck Driving program led four separate two-hour training sessions featuring hands-on experience with a variety of tools and equipment drivers use to secure cargo on a flatbed trailer.

Freddie Jones, operations manager for Kirkwood's Truck Driving program, and Dennis Carson, instructor for Kirkwood's Truck Driving program, were the presenters for Friday's training sessions. Both men have many years of real-life experience driving trucks.

The training began with a short video detailing some of the cargo securement laws that drivers must abide by, what a driver's CSA (compliance, safety, accountability) score is and different ways it can be affected, as well as how to calculate Working Load Limit weights and the number of tie-downs necessary for a particular load.

The group then headed outside where a flatbed trailer was waiting with a skid loader and stack of pallets, both ready to be properly secured.

Some of the equipment US Cargo Control employees learned to use included ratchet straps, tie down straps, winches, winch bars, chain, chain binders, corner protectors, tarps and tarp straps. Best-practices stories were also shared with the group.

Jones and Carson learned a few things from the US Cargo Control employees, as well. They were excited to discover tools offered by [uscargocontrol.com](#) like the [Peerless QuikBinder™ Plus Ratchet Loadbinder](#) that is easier to use than a more traditional ratchet chain binder; and the [VeeBoards® Extension Handle](#) that helps position corner protectors atop tall loads while the driver remains standing on the ground.

David Urlaub, US Cargo Control's training coordinator, says the benefits of this type of training to the company's employees are immeasurable. "Giving USCC employees the chance to use the products so they can take that back to their jobs and pass along correct information to the drivers who use our products is extremely important," Urlaub said. He added, "We can better understand what a truck driver goes through on a daily basis to tie down their loads, and see how physical this job is for the drivers. Any products that make their life easier could be good additions to [our site](#)."

While employees of US Cargo Control have ongoing product training via video throughout the year, this is the first hands-on training session. The goal, according to Urlaub, is to have this type of training on an annual basis going forward.



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