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INBRIEF

- **Blue Dot** and **ALK Technologies** announced a driver workflow collaboration designed to enable fleets to improve the driver experience, reduce turnover and enforce fleetwide standard operating procedures. Blue Dot's MilesAhead Drive app uses the ALK Maps mapping platform as its foundation and overlays a driver circle-of-service workflow that manages job tasks that occur both inside and outside the cab for both planned and unplanned stops.
- **HighJump**, a provider of supply chain technologies, announced the integration of its Prophesy Dispatch TMS trucking software for truckload carriers, brokers and private fleets with Teletrac Navman's Director fleet management system. The companies say the integration creates a seamless workflow between every component of a load from the second an order is initiated to the moment it is delivered.
- **Omnitracs**, a provider of fleet management technologies, announced that third-party logistics provider C.H. Robinson has committed to long-term use of its Virtual Load View application to increase overall efficiency and provide continued load tracking visibility. VLV obtains position data of loads and deposits the information into a web service for C.H. Robinson to consume and analyze.
- **Spireon** announced that J. Grady Randolph, a flatbed fleet specializing in pre-stressed concrete, adopted its FleetLocate asset management system for its 700 trailers to identify and reallocate units not in use, avoiding the capital expense of buying new equipment. In addition, Randolph's maintenance team can receive instant alerts when a trailer is ready for service, and drivers and dispatchers quickly can locate trailers in the yard or at a customer location.
- **BlackBerry Limited** announced that Titanium Transportation Group Inc. is deploying its Radar-L asset and fleet tracking offering across its fleet of flatbeds. The agreement builds upon Titanium's first deal with BlackBerry, which was signed in December 2016 and included the use of Radar-M devices on about 1,200 trailers. Radar-L is designed for quick installation on flatbeds, chassis, containers, heavy machinery and other nonpowered assets.
- **SmartDrive Systems**, a provider of video-based safety platforms, announced that Sunstate Carriers, a refrigerated truckload carrier operating throughout the Northeast, Southeast and Midwest, installed its system fleetwide. Sunstate, which operates 130 power units and 150 refrigerated trailers, said it selected SmartDrive's system because of its ease of use, customizable features and near-immediate results.

AT&T expands communications for fleets, workers

AT&T added a Push-To-X feature to its Enhanced Push-To-Talk service used by businesses with workers in the field – such as service fleets, government agencies, construction firms and delivery companies – to stay in touch instantly with their employees.

AT&T EPTT is a walkie-talkie service that works on smartphones and tablets and comes with integrated dispatch functionality. With the latest Push-To-X update, field workers can send secure texts, photos, videos, voice recordings, files and location data to groups and contacts through LTE or Wi-Fi.

Other new features of EPTT include:

- **Location-based services:** For teams to coordinate more easily and to help supervisors strategically assign work to those closest to the job. New geofence alerts can help supervisors keep team members out of dangerous areas.
- **Voice message fallback:** To reach workers who don't have their AT&T EPTT device on them at all times.
- **Easier adoption:** The upgrade includes a customizable user interface with eight assignable talk group soft keys and the one-touch operation of a radio.
- **Better integration:** AT&T EPTT users can connect all of their major two-way radio suppliers directly to AT&T's push-to-talk service and integrate with AT&T field management applications such as Workforce Manager and Fleet Complete.

– Aaron Huff



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Fairbanks Scales updates weighing system

Fairbanks Scales enhanced its FB6000 weighing instrument and web interface for its truck scale to reduce calibration and custom ticket formatting time over previous generations.

The company says the enhancements include an expanded Loop ID field, ability to update expansion cards using a USB drive or integrated web utility, and a new configurable digital power supply with diagnostics capabilities.

The Loop ID field has expanded from three to up to 15 alphanumeric characters, allowing the use of more user-friendly IDs. The FB6000 allows for expansion card updates either from the instrument's front panel keyboard or by using the integrated web utility. Several updates to the integrated web utility have been added to calibrate by millivolts per volt.

Enhanced web load cell diagnostics now show a representation of the scale platform, the scale's total gross weight and each individual cell with its specific stored zero counts and current zero counts.

– Aaron Huff



A technician can calibrate Fairbanks Scales' FB6000 weighing instrument using a tablet or laptop through the scale platform.