

# THE SMITH SYSTEM KEYS<sup>®</sup> TO DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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## AIM HIGH IN STEERING<sup>®</sup>

Use a 15 Second, ¼ mile or 1.5 City Blocks Eye Lead Time to Identify Upcoming Hazards



## GET THE BIG PICTURE<sup>®</sup>

Complete a Full Scan every 5 to 8 Seconds to establish a circle of safety around the truck (360-degree view)



## KEEP YOUR EYES MOVING<sup>®</sup>

Avoid the Fixed stare by changing your focus every 1 to 2 seconds

## LEAVE YOURSELF AN OUT<sup>®</sup>

- a. Avoid Vision Blockers
- b. Keep a Minimum 4 second following distance  
(6 seconds in Rain/wet weather) (7 Seconds Winter weather)
- c. Always have a safe place to go.



## MAKE SURE THEY SEE YOU<sup>®</sup>

- a. Make eye Contact
- b. Use at least three flashes to signal your intent
- c. Use your horn (city & Air) & Lights

