

## Ask Dave



**Q.** *I wrote on my inspection report that a side light was broken and hanging off the side of my Lugar truck. The mechanic told me the next morning he fixed it, and then about two hours later a city cop pulls me over and gives me a ticket for a broken light! The mechanic didn't fix it and it wiggled off again. I got a \$100 fine. Shouldn't the mechanic have to pay it?*

**A.** Unfortunately, you are the authorized driver and the one who gets the ticket. You may want to talk with your dispatcher and see about sharing the loss. Meanwhile, that truck is your responsibility when you're on the road, so it's not surprising that you got the ticket. Your question proves the point that inspections in the morning and periodically through the day are a good idea!

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