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Welcome to the Winter 2018 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management, being Vol. 28 No 2! This issue of the Journal starts with an article on, includes a second trucking related article on legal issues related to truck safety, moves on drone usage in warehousing operations, and concludes with an article on the likelihood of scheduled ocean container vessel shipping into and out of the Great Lakes.

Our first article examines the influence of temporal factors on motor carrier crash severity. The results indicate that crashes resulting in property damage are more likely to occur during the day and on weekdays, however, that fatal and injury crashes are significantly more likely during nights and weekends. The second article is a law review style piece that looks at what the FMCSA is really measuring with its use of big data in safety fitness determinations, and the impact on due process. The author suggests that the successive efforts of FMCSA and its predecessor agencies to measure safety and fitness based on mass quantities of roadside inspection data are incapable of either accuracy or fairness. The third manuscript explores the feasibility of drone adoption and implementation in warehouses. The authors conclude that current unmanned warehouse drone technology offers the potential for significant efficiency gains both for inventory handling and inventory transparency. The fourth article studies the feasibility of ocean shipping container ships running scheduled services into and out of the Great Lakes. The article concludes that such services continue to be infeasible due to a number of factors that are reviewed.

At the Journal, we are continuing to make a number of changes that will improve the visibility of JTM, and improve its position in the supply chain publishing world. These include registering and updating journal information with several publishing guides, and placing the past and current content on services that provide visibility to Google Scholar.

I look forward to hearing from you our readers with questions, comments and article submissions. The submission guidelines are included at the end of this issue’s articles and I encourage both academics and practitioners to consider submitting an article to the Journal. Also included in this issue is a subscription form and I hope you will subscribe personally, and/or encourage your libraries to subscribe.

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