



TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

AFFILIATED WITH TEAMSTERS CANADA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
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THE HISTORY OF REIMER EXPRESS LINES LTD. AND THE TEAMSTERS

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In 1952, Reimer Express Lines Ltd., a proud Teamster company, was founded by D.S. Reimer, a teenager from Steinbach, Manitoba, with help from his father, Frank F. Reimer (Carload Frank), with a route between Winnipeg and Windsor, Ontario.

It was one of the first trucking companies to offer east-west service in Canada, and the company expanded, and by 1969, Reimer Express was providing coast-to-coast service.

In 1997, Reimer was acquired by Roadway Services from the United States and changed its name to Reimer Express. In 2003, the company came together under the banner of Yellow Roadway Corp and later, in 2009, as YRC Inc. while in Canada operating under YRC Reimer.

On February 1, 2012, the company changed the name of YRC Inc. to YRC Freight. On May 8, 2019, YRC Reimer changed its name to operate under the YRC Freight brand.

At Local 31, the Teamsters at YRC Freight in Burnaby, BC, is a tight group. In their lunchroom, framed pictures of long-retired members are enshrined, hung on the walls and beams not forgotten. A spirit from the golden age of trucking remains. The Teamsters brotherhood and sisterhood at YRC Freight is strong.

(Reimer Express Line Ltd. and Champion Spark Plugs image from Motor Carrier Magazine September 1956)

Teamsters Local Union No. 31 proudly represents more than 8,300 hard-working members in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, including general truck drivers, courier, public sector, warehouse and grocery workers, transit, coach, school bus drivers and monitors, lumber, pulp and paper workers and limousine chauffeurs, since 1936.

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