

Q1 2026 Newsletter

Happy New Year from all of us at San Diego Heavy Truck & Equipment Repair, Inc.! As we roll into the first quarter of 2026, we're grateful for your continued trust in us as your go-to dealership alternative for heavy-duty diesel repairs in East County San Diego. Since 1987, we've been committed to providing exceptional, reliable service to keep your trucks, trailers, forklifts, and equipment on the road and performing at their best. Our mission remains strong: delivering high-quality workmanship, superior customer service, and building lasting relationships based on trust and excellence.

In this newsletter, we're excited to share some team updates, provide helpful maintenance tips, and remind you of important regulatory changes. Let's dive in!

Team Spotlight: Welcoming New Talent and Celebrating Promotions

Our team is the heart of what we do, and we're proud to announce some exciting changes that strengthen our ability to serve you better:

- **Welcome, Nick!** He's now running the front desk and assisting with the parts department. Your quotes and parts come to you faster, and your vehicles are ready before you miss them.
- **Javier is on the floor,** our latest diesel tech. Sharp kid, who knows the difference between a head gasket and a hairnet.
- **Congratulations to Dan on His Promotion to Shop Manager!** Dan has been an invaluable part of our team, demonstrating outstanding leadership and technical know-how. In his new role, he'll oversee daily operations, ensuring every repair meets our high standards of quality and timeliness.
- **Kudos to Francisco, Promoted to Shop Foreman!** Francisco's dedication, problem-solving skills, and commitment to safety have earned him this well-deserved promotion. He'll be leading our shop floor teams to keep everything running smoothly and efficiently.

These additions and advancements reflect our ongoing investment in a skilled, passionate workforce. As always, our mechanics are approachable and ready to discuss your needs directly – just give us a call! Like most businesses, we try and hire from within. If you are showing potential, you will be rewarded!

Exciting Launch: SDHTER Hauling Services

We're proud to introduce SDHTER Hauling, our new professional heavy equipment transport division! Whether you need to move semi-trucks, trailers, forklifts, or other heavy machinery across San Diego County (or even farther), our reliable hauling services are here to help. Combined with our repair expertise, this means we can handle everything from roadside breakdowns to secure transport back to our shop in Lakeside. Contact us for quotes or to schedule a haul – we're your one-stop solution for keeping your operations moving.

Q1 Maintenance Tips: Preparing for San Diego's Variable Weather

Even in sunny Southern California, Q1 can bring occasional rain and cooler temps that challenge your heavy-duty vehicles. Here are a few tips from our experts to stay ahead:

- **Brake and Tire Checks:** Wet roads increase stopping distances – inspect your brakes, tires, and suspension for wear. We recommend our certified welding and replacement services if needed.
- **DPF and Fluid Maintenance:** Keep your diesel particulate filters clean and top off fluids like AMSOIL synthetic oils (which we stock in various weights). Routine oil changes can prevent costly downtime.
- **Computer Diagnostics:** If your check engine light is on, don't wait! Our advanced diagnostics can pinpoint issues quickly using the latest software. Schedule a quarterly inspection or routine service today to avoid surprises – we even send email reminders for your convenience.

Regulatory Reminders: Stay Compliant in 2026

California's emissions rules continue to evolve, and we're here to help you navigate them. As a state-certified Clean Truck Check Testing Facility, we offer OBD plug-in and opacity testing for diesel vehicles over 14,000 lbs GVW.

Remember: Annual DOT inspections and 90-day BIT/CHP checks are required for trucks over 10,000 lbs – non-compliance can hold up your DMV renewals. If you're unsure about the latest CARB requirements (including the HD I/M program), give us a call for guidance and testing. If you have not registered on the CARB website and need assistance, give us a call.

Parts Department Spotlight

Need brakes, filters, fluids, sensors, or lighting? Our parts department has you covered! We're a distributor for AMSOIL products and can handle custom orders. Email

parts@heavytruckrepair.com or call (619) 219-9072 for pricing and availability – we aim to get you back on the road fast.

Customer Shoutouts

We love hearing from you! Recent feedback highlights our honest diagnostics, fair pricing (often half of dealership costs), and top-notch work. Thanks to clients like Don, Robert, and Jesse for your kind words – your satisfaction drives us! If you've had a great experience, share it on our Facebook page or leave a review on Yelp.

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As a veteran-owned business, we're proud to serve our community with the same dedication we brought to our military service. Thank you for choosing us – here's to a safe and successful 2026!

Best regards,

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(U.S. Army Veteran)