

INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER

Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010

Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010) is a new system being implemented by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to try to lower the number of motor carrier-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

The system introduces a new compliance and enforcement model for the FMCSA to use when informing motor carriers of infractions they have incurred.

The new model is based around seven Behavior Analysis Safety Improvement Categories (BASICs), which are Unsafe Driving, Fatigued Driving, Driver Fitness, Controlled Substances/Alcohol, Vehicle Maintenance, Cargo-Related, and Crash Indicator.

The measurement for each BASIC is dependent upon the number of incidences, the severity of the violation, and

when the event occurred.

FMCSA has stated that this new model will be fully in place by November 2010. However, "from April 12- November 30, 2010 motor carriers can preview their own data by seeing their roadside inspections/violations and crash events organized by Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC)."

Starting this fall, FMCSA will begin to mail letters to Carriers warning them of any deficient BASIC scores they have. Beginning August 16, 2010, Carriers will be able to view their performance in each of the BASICs.

It is highly recommended that Carriers utilize the system early to ensure that they can access the system, that the information listed is correct, and that they have time to improve any deficiencies listed.



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Also keep in mind that depending on the severity of the infraction, an on-site inspection may occur, which does not require a warning letter to be sent beforehand.

For more information on this new system, please visit www.csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov.

Information courtesy of www.csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov.

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2010 UCR Update

As of April 27, the 2010 UCR has been available to file. States were given a suggested enforcement date of July 15, 2010.

At this point, it is very important that all carriers, brokers, and freight forwarders complete this required filing to avoid fines.

DOT officers are imposing roadside enforcement and many states have implemented UCR enforcement penalties for those who are not regis-

tered. These penalties vary from state to state.

The more severe penalties include \$1100 for a first offense in CO, up to \$1000 for first offense in KS, \$1000 fine in NC, up to \$2000 per day in MO, up to \$1000 fine in WV, and \$750 fine in WI.

While not all states impose fines for failure to file UCR, several states will block carriers from other filings until the UCR is up to date. In KY, you may not file for a KYU until

UCR is current, overweight/over-length permits are not available in AK if no UCR is filed, and UT carriers are locked out of the state online permitting system until UCR fees are paid.

To find out more about this filing, you may contact your state's Department of Revenue, or visit our website, www.dotprocessagents.com

Information courtesy of www.naruc.org





“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”

-Robert Collier

Current Diesel Prices

After consistently rising over the past few weeks, diesel prices rose by the biggest margin in four months.

They increased by 6.3 cents to a national average of \$2.991 per gallon. Last week’s price was 36.6 cents higher than the same week a year ago. The national average price for a gallon of gasoline also rose, up 4.3 cents. Gasoline prices have jumped three out of the four previous

weeks.

Diesel prices are now just 13.2 cents below the year’s highest prices, \$3.127, set during the week of May 10. These prices are compounded from a survey of approximately 350 fueling stations across the country. Continue to check in for the most accurate updates on monthly diesel prices.

Statistics courtesy of www.ttnews.com



Insurance News

New surveys show that because there is an increase in the competition in the industry, insurance providers are decreasing their rates. They are also offering a wider range of coverage to transportation companies.

It might be in your best interest to not go with the first company you speak with. As the trucking industry continues to grow, so will the industries that serve it.

Hours of Service Rules

Property-Carrying CMV Drivers

Passenger-Carrying CMV Drivers

11-Hour Driving Limit

May drive a maximum of 11 hours after 10 consecutive hours off duty.

10-Hour Driving Limit

May drive a maximum of 10 hours after 8 consecutive hours off duty.

14-Hour Limit

May not drive beyond the 14th consecutive hour after coming on duty, following 10 consecutive hours off duty. Off-duty time does not extend the 14-hour period.

15-Hour On-Duty Limit

May not drive after having been on duty for 15 hours, following 8 consecutive hours off duty. Off-duty time is not included in the 15-hour period.

60/70-Hour On-Duty Limit

May not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days. A driver may restart a 7/8 consecutive day period after taking 34 or more consecutive hours off duty.

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Sleeper Berth Provision

Drivers using the sleeper berth provision must take at least 8 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth, plus a separate 2 consecutive hours either in the sleeper berth, off duty, or any combination of

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Drivers using a sleeper berth must take at least 8 hours in the sleeper berth, and may split the sleeper-berth time into two periods provided neither is less than 2 hours.

**National Truck Driver
Appreciation Week
September 17-25**



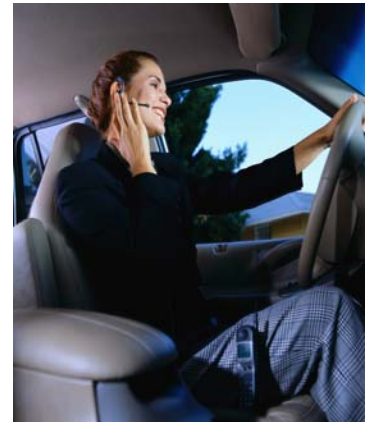
Distracted Driver Summit

On July 27th, Department of Transportation Secretary announced the second annual Distracted Driver Summit. This year's event will be September 21, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The summit will include "leading transportation officials, safety advocates, law enforcement, industry representatives, researchers, and victims affected by distraction-related crashes [addressing]

challenges and identify[ing] opportunities for national anti-distracted driving efforts."

After the first summit last fall, President Obama initiated a Executive Order banning text messaging by government employees using government-issued vehicles, government-issued mobile devices, or while on official government business.

For 2010, the purpose of the summit will be to recap the success following last year's summit, as well as the issues still needed to be tackled. "Key topics will include research, technology, policy, public outreach, and best practices in enforcement." The website, www.distracton.gov was created after last year's summit to better inform the public on the perils of distracted driving.



- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Also, keep in mind that school bus drivers and novice drivers have additional regulations and restrictions in most states.

Information courtesy of www.distracton.gov.

State Cell Phone Laws

Since last year's Distracted Driver Summit, a set of new anti-distracted driving laws have been initiated. Below is a break down by state of the new law and regulations.

No state bans ALL drivers from ALL cell phone , both hand held and hands free.

States that ban hand-held device use:

- California
- Colorado
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- New York
- Oregon
- Washington

- Virgin Islands

States that ban texting:

- Alaska
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Guam
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Rhode island
- Tennessee
- Utah



Don't get overburdened with information or questions! We are here to help make this industry as easy to understand as possible! Feel free to contact us at any time to answer questions!

Don't Forget!

"You don't have to be out there alone... We can help!"



Off Duty

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

2	8			6			7	3
3	7		9					6
		4			5	8		2
4							3	
	3	6		1		7	8	
	9							1
6		1	8			3		
7					6		5	9
9	4			5			6	8

T	Z	F	E	H	G	B	X	A	E
R	P	H	M	D	R	T	A	Q	I
A	U	T	H	O	R	I	T	Y	S
N	A	H	K	C	E	N	I	V	E
S	C	E	D	J	I	K	Y	L	N
P	R	A	S	Y	R	U	A	I	H
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R	G	C	X	K	A	J	H	C	W
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| BROKER | IFTA |
| CARGO | ROAD |
| CARRIER | TAXES |
| EISENHOWER | TRANSPORT |
| FMCSA | TRUCK |
| FREIGHT | |

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Fun Facts

This section is where you can find interesting facts that pertain to the transportation industry. Have a laugh on your own or store these fun facts away to impress your friends!

- There was no national highway system put in place until the mid 1950's when President Dwight D . Eisenhower championed for the creation of a national interstate highway system.
- The system was created through The federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954, which set aside funds for the construction of the system.
- If an interstate route runs north-south, it is given an odd number, beginning with the lowest numbers in the west.
- If an interstate route runs east-west, it is given an even number, beginning with the lowest numbers in the south.

End of Summer Discount

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