



# Truck Driver Appreciation Week 9/17-9/25

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## Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 Update

Starting August 16th, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has provided individual commercial motor carrier companies a preview of their safety rankings under the agency's new enforcement and compliance program, the Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010

It is pertinent for motor carriers to research their current BASICs score to ensure all information is correct before the FMCSA begins enforcing these regulations.

Don't forget, The seven BASICs are: Unsafe Driving,

Fatigued Driving (Hours-of-Service), Driver Fitness, Controlled Substances/Alcohol, Vehicle Maintenance, Cargo-Related and Crash Indicator.

Carriers will have until December 5, 2010, the national rollout of CSA 2010, to preview their safety performance data and address any unsafe behaviors that can lead to crashes and fatalities on our roadways.

According to recent analysis of the CSA 2010 system by Rair Technologies, some 60,000 fleets, or one in five carriers is at risk of DOT intervention due to non-compliance, so it is ex-



tremely important that all carriers take the opportunity to check up on their information.

The formula changes in July increased the likelihood of intervention for small fleets from 10 to 15 percent, while the largest fleets saw a decrease.

Information courtesy of [www.csa2010.com](http://www.csa2010.com)

## Upcoming Deadlines

It's that time of year again! You must have your 3rd quarter reports post-marked by October 31st in order to avoid additional penalties and fees. Our fuel tax customers must submit their required information by October 12th.

- 3rd Quarter for IFTA is due to your state with a postmark no later than October 31. Be sure to include your form of payment with your IFTA account in the memo of the check!

- 3rd Quarter for Kentucky's KYU is due to Frankfort, KY post-marked no later than October 31st. Include payment and KYU# on check with form.
- 3rd Quarter for NM Weight Distance Tax is due to Santa Fe, NM with a postmark no later than April 30. Include payment with form.
- 3rd Quarter New York Hut is due to Albany, NY post marked by October 31st. Don't

forget to include your payment with the form.

- OR permit holders must submit their monthly reports with a post mark date of October 31st.

Also, year end deadlines are just around the corner! Remember, IFTA, NM WDT, and UCR must be renewed by December 31st to avoid penalties and interest.

All renewal services can be purchased online at [www.dotprocessagents.com](http://www.dotprocessagents.com)





**“The ability to convert ideas to things is the secret to outward success.”**

**-Henry Ward Beecher**

## Cargo Insurance Ruling

On June 22, 2010, the FMCSA issued a ruling eliminating the requirement for most Motor Carriers and Freight Forwarders to file cargo insurance with the FMCSA.

The final ruling states that only Household Goods Carriers and Household Goods Freight Forwarders will be required to file a BMC-34 to be in compliance with their Operating Authority requirements.

In addition, BMC-34 certificates of insurance that insurers have issued to motor carriers and freight forwarders, except household goods motor carriers and household goods freight forwarders, will expire on the effective date of this final rule, March 21, 2011.

This final rule will remove the Federal mandate to purchase and maintain a minimum level of cargo insurance for most motor carriers and freight for-

warders using trucks and trailers, including small entity motor carriers and freight forwarders.

Because of this new ruling, the Exempt from Cargo Insurance list will no longer exist as it will become null once the ruling goes into effect.

*Information courtesy of [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)*

## New HOS Electronic Tracking Device



The FMCSA issued a ruling on April 2, 2010 that requires those commercial truck and bus companies who have repeatedly violated Hours of Service rules to install Electronic-On Board Recorders (EOBR) in their vehicles.

The EOBR are installed directly into the vehicles and will monitor the number of hours drivers are operating their vehicles, thus eliminating the ability to disobey the law.

Companies with 10 percent or more HOS violations will be required to install the EOBR in their vehicles. Also, those who voluntarily install the monitors will benefit from relaxed HOS supporting document standards.

The rule went into effect on June 1, 2012, in order to give manufacturers suffi-

cient time to meet production standards for the Electronic On-Board Recorders.

On September 13, 2010, the FMCSA issued an amended final ruling that addresses the temperature range in which EOBRs must be able to operate, and the connector type specified for the Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface.

This new ruling comes in response to petitions for reconsideration from Qualcomm Inc., XATA Corp., as well as industry stakeholders.

In response to the temperature range, FMCSA stated that the -40° C to 85° C (-40°F to 185°F) operating temperature range requirement established in the April 2010 final rule was adopted based upon the Agency's review of the SAE

standard referenced above. However, the ruling has been edited to remove the temperature range requirement.

In regards to the petitions about the connector type specified for the USB interface, the FMCSA ruled that it would delete the Type B connector, replacing it with the Type A connector requirement. Both of these amendments were done due to the fact that the FMCSA realized that the cost for reconfiguring the EOBRs currently on the market far outweighed the benefits. For additional information about this ruling and guidelines, visit the regulation website at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-22736.htm>



## Decline in Traffic Fatalities

2009 saw the lowest number of traffic fatalities ever recorded.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released updated 2009 fatality and injury data this week showing that highway deaths fell to 33,808 for the year, the lowest number since 1950. The record-breaking decline in traffic fatalities

occurred even while estimated vehicle miles traveled in 2009 increased by 0.2 percent over 2008 levels.

Vehicle fatalities fell by 9.7 percent from 2008 to 2009. And all crashes, fatal, injury, and property damage, fell by 5.3 percent from the previous year. This decrease was seen in every category of motor

vehicle, including motorcycles, which had conducted an 11 year term of annual increases.

"At the Department of Transportation, we are laser-focused on our top priority: safety," said Secretary LaHood. "Today's announcement shows that America's roads are the safest they've ever

been. But they must be safer. And we will not rest until they are."

Also seeing a decrease from 2008 to 2009 are accidents that involve injuries and drunk driving related accidents, falling by 5.5 percent and 7.4 percent respectively.

*Information courtesy of [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## Commercial Bus Safety

FMCSA's annual national Passenger Carrier Strike Force is a week where federal, state and local police agencies conduct thousands of motor coach, charter bus and other passenger carrier inspections at popular travel destinations across the U.S. The sweep ran from August 23 to September 4 and is taking place in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories

Not only does the FMCSA concentrate on the Passenger Carrier Strike Force, but it is also engaged in routine roadside inspections of passenger carriers and buses to ensure compliance.

In the previous year, over 130,000 commercial buses were inspected. These inspections resulted in roughly 4.3 percent of bus drivers and 7.6 percent of buses being put out-of-service due to violations ranging from significant vehicle deficiencies to hours-of-service non-compliance.

Passenger carriers should keep these compliance enforcement tactics in mind and verify they are in full compliance with DOT rules and regulations in order to avoid fines and poor safety ratings.

*Information courtesy of [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)*

## Drug & Alcohol Strike Force

United States Transportation Secretary, Ray LaHood announced on August 16 that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's annual drug and alcohol strike force sweep resulted in 109 carriers and commercial bus drivers being removed from the roads. An additional 175 carriers now face enforcement actions as a result.

"Parents deserve to know their children are being driven by bus drivers who are drug and alcohol free, and every motorist deserves to feel confident that the drivers of large trucks and buses are safe and sober." said Secretary La-

Hood.

During this two week sweep, the drug and alcohol safety records of numerous drivers employed by both commercial bus and trucking companies were examined by the strike force investigators.

The main goal was to identify those drivers who are not in compliance with drug and alcohol requirements, as well as pick out those drivers who jump from company to company trying to evade drug and alcohol testing and recording requirements.

Those carriers found at fault face monetary fines and potentially being barred from operations.



Don't get overburdened with paperwork or information! 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 US States Word Find Puzzle

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|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alabama     | Idaho         | Michigan      | New York       | South Dakota  |
| Alaska      | Illinois      | Minnesota     | North Carolina | Tennessee     |
| Arizona     | Indiana       | Mississippi   | North Dakota   | Texas         |
| Arkansas    | Iowa          | Missouri      | Ohio           | Utah          |
| California  | Kansas        | Montana       | Oldahoma       | Vermont       |
| Colorado    | Kentucky      | Nebraska      | Oregon         | Virginia      |
| Connecticut | Louisiana     | Nevada        | Pennsylvania   | Washington    |
| Delaware    | Maine         | New Hampshire | Rhode Island   | West Virginia |
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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!

- Did you know that ALL mile markers go down as you head south and go up as you head north?
- ALL mile markers go down as you head west and up as you head east?
- If a mile marker looks like this: 195|5 what does it mean? It means you are at the 195 and 5 tenths mile marker. The use of the tenths in a mile marker can be very helpful if you are broke down to allow police or other help pinpoint your exact location.
- If you are in Tennessee at the 300 mile marker on I-40 heading west, you have 300 miles to the Arkansas border.

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