



# OPERATION SAFE DRIVER 10/17-10/23

## 2011 UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION

As of October 15, 2010, carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies may file for their 2011 Unified Carrier Registration.

It was announced that the fees for this upcoming year will remain the same from 2010.

Keep in mind that practically everyone in the transportation industry must file UCR each year.

You are also required to file for UCR for every year that you have had an interstate DOT number, so be advised that you can still be fined for failure to comply

with previous years' UCR filings.

In order to avoid fines for 2011, make sure you file this before December 31, 2010.

Fines for noncompliance range anywhere from \$300 for a first offense, up to possible jail time for repeat and vagrant offenders, depending on the state in which you are pulled over. Get your 2011 filed today to avoid any delay in driving!

Also, this is a good time to make sure your DOT information is up-to-date and correct. Remember that

DOT numbers must be updated every two years and as changes occur.

If you would like help with this filing, please visit us at [www.dotprocessagents.com](http://www.dotprocessagents.com) or contact one of our helpful sales representatives at 405.701.4173. We can get your confirmation page to you within 48 hours and keep you legal and on the roads!

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## 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 have submitted their required information by October 12th to guarantee on-time processing.

- 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 ac-

count 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. We are happy to offer these renewal services to our customers.



## Obama's Infrastructure Bill



On October 11, 2010, President Barack Obama reiterated his proposal to spend \$50 billion to rebuild highways, railways, and airport infrastructure.

The plan would rebuild some 150,000 miles of highways and 4,000 miles of railroads, plus airport runway expansions and updates to obsolete air traffic control systems are also included.

This spending bill would be

in addition to the Stimulus Recovery Act, but it would provide jobs for many of the unemployed Americans, plus it would help decrease the estimated \$80 billion that are lost each year due to hampered productivity from crumbling roads and bridges, traffic delays and closures.

The bill still needs at least \$150 billion more in funding for it to be successful. Because of this, Senators are brainstorming ways to raise

money, with one option being to increase the federal gas tax, which is traditionally used to fund highway projects.

Most lawmakers, however, have refused to consider a gas tax increase, both because of its political peril and also for fear of hampering businesses and households during bad economic times.

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

## Registrant DOT # Now Obsolete

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announced that beginning on September 1, 2011, Registrant DOT numbers will no longer be issued.

The FMCSA is doing away with these numbers due to inappropriate use by carriers.

FMCSA said in the notice it posted in the *Federal Register* that the purpose of the registrant DOT number when it was first introduced in 1999 was to track ownership of commercial motor vehicles in the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS).

It does not authorize a non-motor carrier to operate in interstate commerce, and it should not have any safety events assigned to it.

However, there have been

numerous instances where carriers have provided a registrant DOT number to a DOT officer during an inspection or crash investigation, instead of the motor carrier company to which the driver is leased to.

This practice has caused confusion with safety ratings and many carriers have incorrect ratings due to this.

FMCSA said it conducted an analysis in 2009 and found that over 35,500 (18%) of the more than 200,000 registrant-only records in MCMIS contained crash and inspection activity that should have been recorded on the lessee's motor carrier record.

Therefore, registrant DOT numbers will no longer be issued and those already issued will become dormant starting September 1, 2011.

## DOT ERROR

Please be advised that the letter sent out to new entrants by the FMCSA to validate a DOT appointment contains an incorrect phone number.

DOT has changed contractors. However, several letters were sent out to carriers listing the old phone number, which when called merely rings and rings.

The correct phone number is 1-877-905-8016. Please call this number to set up your DOT appointment.

New letters should have been mailed out to new entrants, but in case you did not receive your letter, please keep in mind that your initial new entrant inspection is required in order for your DOT number to remain in service. For questions, please contact us at 405.701.4173.

“The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen. “

—Frank Lloyd Wright



## Jason's Law

A new law is being proposed that would provide truck drivers with safer stopping places when they are early to drop off loads.

Currently, most companies only allow trucks on their lots at the scheduled drop-off or pick-up appointment times, so if truck drivers arrive at their destination early, they are required to pull over somewhere and wait. The best option is

either a truck stop or a rest area.

Jason Rivenburg, for whom this law is being passed, was one such driver. He pulled over in a truck stop to await his appointment time. However, he was shot and killed before he could make his drop off.

Jason's Law would require truck stops to provide adequate lighting, security and cameras to provide truck

drivers with a safe haven to stop.

Also, the law would provide funding for the states to maintain rest areas, so that truck drivers have an "on-the-road" option as well.

There is also an initiative to have the trucking companies allow drivers to wait on their property before and after their appointments to remain in compliance with hours of service

regulations.

The main purpose of this new law is to ensure that truck drivers are safe on our roads when they drive, and also that these drivers are kept out of harm's way as they deliver the products that support our country.

*Information courtesy of  
www.jhlrivenburg.com*

## Text Ban Ruling

On September 21, 2010 the FMCSA released its final ruling on Limiting the Use of Wireless Communication Devices.

"The FMCSA prohibits texting by commercial motor vehicle drivers while operating in interstate commerce and imposes sanctions, including civil penalties and disqualifications from operating CMVs in interstate commerce, for drivers who fail to comply with this ruling."

In addition, motor carriers are prohibited from allowing or requiring drivers to

engage in texting while driving.

From this point on, the FMCSA's commercial driver's license requirements will now include a conviction under state or local traffic laws banning CDL drivers from texting while driving commercial motor vehicles on the disqualifying offenses list.

This ruling is just one more way the Department of Transportation is making our roadways safer.

To view this ruling, go to [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).

## Distracted Driving Summit

The 2010 Distracted Driving Summit was held this year on September 21st in Washington D.C. United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood hosted this year's event again and encouraged America's youth to be proactive in the fight against distracted driving.

Secretary LaHood convened leading transportation officials, safety advocates, law enforcement, industry representatives, researchers and victims affected by distraction-related crashes to address challenges and iden-

tify opportunities for national anti-distracted driving efforts.

Last year, distraction-related crashes killed at least 5,500 people and injured more than 450,000 others. But with the help of events such as the Distracted Driving Summit, hopefully states will continue to advance the precautions and laws set forth to prevent these unnecessary accidents.

For more information regarding distracted driving and more statistics from each state about current and pending distracted driving laws, please visit [www.distracted.gov](http://www.distracted.gov).



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

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- AIRPLANE
- BUS
- MOPED
- SHIP
- BICYCLE
- ELEVATOR
- MORTORCYCLE
- TRAIN
- ESCALATOR
- PARACHUTE
- TRAM
- BYMO
- FERRY
- RAFT
- TRUCK
- BOAT
- JET
- ROCKET

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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!

**Official Name: Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways**

**Total Miles: 46,837 (2004)**

**Longest Interstate Routes:**

- I-90, Seattle, Washington to Boston, Massachusetts, 3,020.54 miles
- I-80, San Francisco, California to Teaneck, New Jersey, 2,899.54 miles
- I-40, Barstow, California to Wilmington, North Carolina, 2,555.40 miles
- I-10, Los Angeles, California to Jacksonville, Florida, 2,460.34 miles
- I-70, Cove Fort, Utah to Baltimore, Maryland, 2,153.13 miles

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