

Survey Finds That Commercial Truck Drivers Do Not Fully Understand CSA Enforcement Plan

The American Transportation Research Institute conducted a survey regarding the FMCSA's new Compliance, Safety, Accountability Enforcement program.

It appears truck drivers do not have a strong understanding of this new program & in fact, a majority of them are concerned that it could cause them to lose their jobs.

The ATRI survey collected data from over 4,555 U.S. commercial truck drivers. The survey analyzed how the CSA has affected the daily lives of commercial drivers & also the drivers attitudes toward the CSA program and their compre-

hension of it. Some of the most common CSA myths and misperceptions found by the ATRI survey are:

-78% of drivers incorrectly believed that a trucking company inherits past violations from new hires. Carriers do not inherit any of a newly hired driver's past violations; only those inspections that a driver received while driving under a carriers authority can be applied to a carrier's Safety Measurement System record.

-72% falsely believed that FMCSA can revoke a CDL as a result of CSA. CSA does not give FMCSA the authority to remove drivers

from their jobs & cannot be used to rate drivers to revoke a CDL. Only State agencies that issue CDL licenses have authority to revoke or suspend them.

-69% of drivers falsely believed that CSA takes into account a driver's personal vehicle driving record. Tickets/warnings that CMV drivers receive while operating their personal vehicles don't count in the SMS.

ATRI currently has a similar survey underway. For more information and a copy of these findings:

www.atri-online.org

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Annual Trucking Expo Held In Memphis

The 2nd Annual Memphis Trucking Expo will feature innovative, cutting edge products in trucking and will shed light on services in the logistics industry.

It is a great opportunity for business-owners, exhibitors, and individuals to network and exchange knowledge and ideas about industry standards, regulations and compliance.

This is a family event and will include an array of activities and live entertainment.

For those interested in

working in the trucking industry, there will be several commercial driver recruiters and informative speakers such as Jon Dierberger of the FMCSA, Ron Meredith of the Financial Center, Carl Malone of the Sleep Diagnostic Center and many more.

The trucking expo rolls through Memphis, the nation's number one logistics hub, on Saturday October 22, 2011 from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. It will be held at Agricenter International.

Admission is free and there

will be free parking available for trucks and trailers.

For more information on the expo and to print free tickets visit:

www.memphistruckingexpo.com

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Truck Idling Restrictions Begin January 2012 for Oregon Truck



In an Oregon lawmakers meeting this year the only notable piece of trucking-related legislation to pass was House Bill 2081, which establishes statewide truck engine idling restrictions.

Beginning January 2012, trucks over 10,000 pounds are prohibited from idling the engine for more than five minutes in a 60 minute period on premises open to the public. The bill creates a Class C traffic violation for unlawfully idling the primary engine of a commercial vehicle, with the

citation issued to the driver, motor carrier, or both.

There are a number of exceptions to the law including:

-Idling the primary engine is allowed for a maximum of 30 minutes while a commercial vehicle is waiting to load or unload, or while actually loading or unloading, during a single loading or unloading event.

-Idling is allowed if a vehicle has mechanical problems, is stalled in traffic, stopped at a traffic light, or is stopped

by police or road authority.

The new Idling restrictions do not apply to a police, fire, ambulance, public safety, military, utility service, or road authority vehicle.

For more information on this Bill in its entirety visit: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT

FMCSA & PHMSA Do Training Video About Risk of Rollovers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) created a video to be used as a training aid for commercial drivers of cargo tank motor vehicles transporting hazardous materials.

The video covers four tips for reducing cargo tank rollovers: vehicle design & performance, load effects,

highway factors and driver factors. The main focus being on the driver because statistically; drivers are ten times more likely to be the cause of the rollover.

Fleet safety managers are encouraged to use this video in their driver training.

For more info or to view the video:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/outreach/cargo-tank-video.aspx>



U.S.-Mexico Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Program

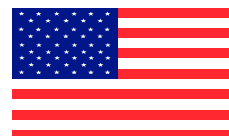
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its proposal for the start of a United States-Mexico cross-border long-haul trucking pilot program. This program will test and demonstrate the ability of Mexico-based motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the municipalities and commercial zones along the United States-Mexico border.

This Pilot program is part of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) cross-border long-haul trucking provisions. The program would allow Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate

throughout the United States for up to 3 years. In addition, United States domiciled motor carriers would be granted reciprocal rights to operate in Mexico for the same period.

For more information on this pilot program please visit:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/intl-programs.aspx





Virginia's Proposal to Toll I-95 Has Truckers Upset

The Federal Highway Administration has given Virginia approval to begin the process of imposing tolls on Interstate 95, the busiest north-south corridor on the East Coast.

Gov. Bob McDonnell made the announcement on Sept. 19 and called the decision, "a major step in funding critical infrastructure improvements needed in this corridor."

Trucking and business leaders criticize the plan, which McDonnell said would generate \$50 million a year to pay for I-95 improvements. The approval to toll I-95 comes a few years after trucking helped shoot down a VA plan to toll another federal Highway, Interstate 81.

State officials said that they have yet to determine tolling locations, rates and whether tolls would be in

one or both directions. They said they will probably focus on the 130-mile stretch of highway between Fredericksburg and the North Carolina border.

Roughly 9,100 to 13,000 trucks a day travel I-95 between Fredericksburg and Richmond, according to VA DOT data.

Many motor carriers like Rob Estes, president of Estes Express Lines in Richmond are opposing this

plan saying, "tolls are an inefficient way to generate the money needed to maintain roads, as opposed to a straightforward fuel tax"

Jerry Hatchett, president of Hatchett Transport said if I-95 is tolled, it would hurt more than just truckers. "Anytime we have extra costs, we figure them into our rate charges and everybody is going to pay in the end."

For more info:
www.ttnews.com

Weight Restrictions on Major State Routes in Oregon

Be advised that as of August 1, 2011, bridge engineers in Oregon have set weight restrictions on ten bridges on major Oregon routes.

If you have questions or would like to contact the Oregon DOT Motor Carrier Transportation Division : 503-373-0000

Or you can check the complete lists of Road and Bridge Restrictions on their website:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/OD.shtml



Georgia Legislature Votes to End Truck Inspections By Local Police

Georgia is ending its program of having local police departments conduct truck inspections, a move that the state trucking industry supports.

As of Sept. 30, all truck inspections are now done by Georgia State Patrol Officers.

Edward Crowell, president of the GA Motor Trucking Association said, "this is a definite improvement in the way we do truck inspections in this state and a more efficient use of funds."

The Georgia legislature voted earlier this year to end the system of paying up to 10 local police departments to handle inspections.

In many ways this change was driven by "CSA in that what you get is not only more uniformed officers on the road but we will also get more uniformity and consistency in what they do." Crowell also stated.

For more information:
www.ttnews.com

Tu' Habla Espanol?

FMCSA Spanish Home Page:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish>

Mexico-Based Motor Carrier Home Page:

http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish/mc_spanish.html

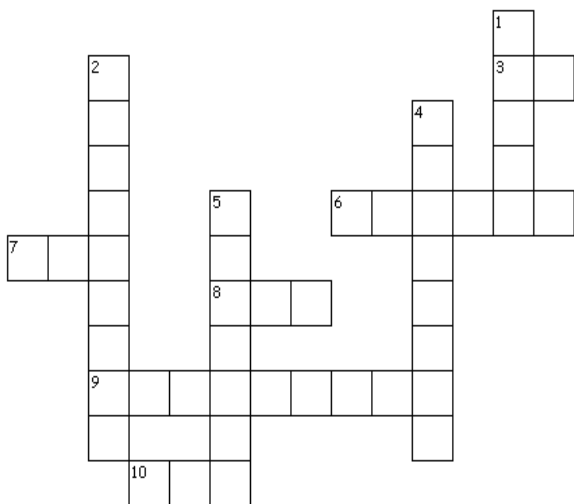
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- 3. The abbreviation for railroad
- 6. Trucks use this fuel to run
- 7. An automobile is also called a
- 8. right of way (abbreviated)
- 9. A big yellow vehicle that carries children every day
- 10. This is used in engines and in cooking

DOWN

- 1. You can do this to a golf ball or a truck
- 2. A road under a bridge is called an
- 4. A bridge over another roadway is called an
- 5 A group of people riding to work together



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Did You Know?

-The Motor Carrier Act was passed by Congress in 1935, allowing the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to “grant operating permits, approve trucking routes,” and “set uniform tariff rates for hauling freight,” leading to little competition among trucking companies. The ICC was abolished in 1995. (<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/article/0,,id=170623,00.html>)

-The first tractor trailer was invented in 1914 by Charles Freuhauf, who was a German-American blacksmith. Freuhauf built the truck in Detroit at a merchant’s request to transport his boat to the Ford Motor Company. Freuhauf was then asked to build a similar tractor trailer to haul lumber, leading him to establish the Freuhauf Trailer Company in 1918. (http://www.ehow.com/about_5148345_tractor-trailer-definition.html#ixzz1HFq)

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