

U.S. DOT FMCSA Announces Over \$8 Million in Grants to Strengthen Truck & Bus Safety In Pennsylvania

On Thursday August 25 U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood stated that "the goal for these grants is to equip our Pennsylvania partners with the vital resources they need to raise the bar for commercial truck & bus safety, and to swiftly remove unsafe operators from the roads." FMCSA awarded \$7.9 million to Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to strengthen enforcement oversight at high-risk corridors throughout the state, conduct more safety audits of new truck &

bus companies and to upgrade the commercial drivers license knowledge test from paper to electronic form at the test facilities statewide.

The FMCSA also awarded \$174,370 to the City of Philadelphia Police Department to support and improve its full-time Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) inspection unit and to increase safety inspections, strike forces and other traffic enforcement activities at popular destinations.

Additionally, FMCSA awarded the Pittsburgh Police Department \$239,991 to bolster

commercial truck and bus inspections at tunnel entrances and to train it's CMV Unit.

For more information visit:
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Upcoming Deadlines

It's that time of year again! You must have your 3rd quarter fuel tax reports to the State by October 30th. Our fuel tax customers must submit their required information by October 12th.

- The deadline for 2290's has been extended to November 2011.
- Please be aware that SCAC codes expired on June 30th.
- 3rd Quarter New York Hut, KYU & NM

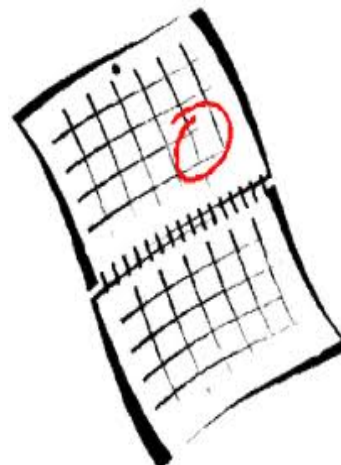
weight distance tax filings are due to each state by Oct. 30th.

- OR permit holders must submit their monthly reports with a post mark date of the last day of the month.

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

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Reminder!

2290 due date has been postponed to November 30





FMCSA Administrator Speaks on Safety Measurement System



In May FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro spoke at the National Tank Truck Carriers 63rd Annual Conference regarding FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) Initiative. The CSA uses cutting edge technology & safety data that enables FMCSA to be more aggressive in identifying unsafe & unqualified commercial truck & bus companies.

The centerpiece of CSA is its Safety Measurement System (SMS). The SMS measures all roadside in-

spection & crash data in 7 safety-critical areas called BASICS to examine a carriers on-road performance, determine potential crash risk and target high-risk carriers to avoid future crashes.

These 7 areas of BASICS are unsafe driving, fatigued driving (hours-of-service), driver fitness, controlled substances/alcohol, vehicle maintenance, cargo-related and crash indicator. With these new evaluations, state law enforcement are better equipped to identify high-

risk or negligent carriers and apply safety interventions from warning letters to comprehensive compliance reviews.

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Inspections Continue for CVSA's Brake Safety Week



This week is the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Brake Safety Week, during which enforcement agencies around the nation will be working to educate drivers and technicians about proper brake maintenance and will also be conducting brake inspections.

More than half of commercial vehicle out-of-service violations cited in roadside inspections are for brake-related violations, according to CVSA's Road-check 2011 Data.

Brake Safety Week runs through Saturday and the CVSA represents law enforcement personnel who conduct truck safety in-

spections in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

CVSA Executive Director states, "Ultimately, brakes are a major factor in the successful and safe operation of a commercial vehicle, yet they continue to be cited as on of the leading factors in crashes due to defects or improper maintenance and adjustment."

The major goal of Brake Safety Week is to educate drivers, mechanics and others on the importance of proper adjustment, maintenance, and operation to be sure that every commercial vehicle is operating safely, and ultimately, to save lives.

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NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week is National Truck Driver Appreciation week. Drivers don't always give truck drivers or truck companies the respect they deserve, however, many local papers and TV stations do stories and editorials aimed at the general public about why they should appreciate drivers.

In West Virginia, WOWK 13 highlights Joe Stanley, a Con-Way Freight driver

with 25 years on the road. It noted that "trucks transport more than 164,500 tons daily in the state or 75 % of total manufactured tonnage delivered. More than 80 % of West Virginia communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods."

An editorial in the Echo Press in Alexandria, Minnesota noted, that "too many motorists view trucks as an

obstacle on the road. They don't realize the important contributions the people behind the wheel of a big rig are

making."



TX DOT Launches New Overweight Load Permitting System

On August 30 the Texas Department of Transportation launched the Texas Permitting & Routing Optimization System, TxPROS, for overweight and oversized loads.

TxPROS is a GIS-based mapping system that provides real-time management. Motor Carriers can apply for a permit, pay the fee and route shipments on suitable roads online. The new system will also generate a route map and turn-by-turn directions for drivers. The whole process takes

only minutes, instead of hours on the previous system.

TxPROS also allows carriers to manage their account information.

The former Central Permit System (CPS) is retired but carriers can access TxPROS using their CPS login and password. All account information has been automatically transferred over.

For more information:

<http://truckinginfo.com/news-detail.asp>

Compliance, Safety, Accountability CSA News & Information

DID YOU KNOW?

-The data kept by a state (tickets, citations, written warnings, convictions) and the data kept in the Safety Measurement System (SMS) are separate.

-Carriers do not inherit any of a newly hired drivers past violations. Only those inspections that a driver receives under a carriers authority can be applied to a carriers SMS record.

-CSA does not give FMCSA the authority to remove

drivers from their jobs and cannot be used to rate drivers or to revoke a commercial drivers license.

For more CSA facts and information visit:

http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/whats_new.aspx#34240

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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Some FMCSA Facts:

-FMCSA regulates more than 500,000 truck companies and over 4000 Interstate motorcoach companies.

-FMCSA oversees the drug & alcohol testing requirements covering 10-12 million commercial driver license holders.

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