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Now is the Time for all Drivers to Tune Up their Pre and Post Trip Inspection Procedures. Roadcheck 2008 will take place June 3 – 5.

Starting June 3, approximately 10,000 specially-trained and certified officers will blanket North America's roadways to prevent truck and bus crashes and save lives. For the past 21 years, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) annual Roadcheck event dispatches federal, state, provincial and local inspectors to conduct North American Standard Inspections around the clock for 72 hours from June 3 - 5. These inspections involve a comprehensive 37-step procedure which includes items related to vehicle, driver and cargo safety. Inspectors also hand out educational materials to drivers on various aspects of commercial vehicle, driver and hazardous materials safety.

2007 Results:

From June 5-7, 2007, 7,708 Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Certified Inspectors at 1,449 locations across North America performed 62,370 truck and bus inspections — the highest number of inspections ever conducted in the 21 year history of the International Roadcheck event. Equally, as impressive was a record number of the most comprehensive roadside inspections conducted, the North American Standard Level 1 — 49,454 of the total. Driver results for the vehicle types were as follows:

- **All vehicles:** 93.8 percent of drivers passed the inspection, and 6.2 percent were placed out of service (5.6 percent were out of service in 2006).
- **HAZMAT:** 96.5 percent of drivers passed the inspection, and 3.5 percent were placed out of service (3.0 percent were out of service in 2006).
- **Motorcoaches:** 96.2 percent of drivers passed the inspection, and 3.8 percent were placed out of service (2.9 percent were out of service in 2006).

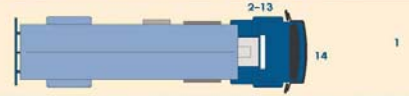
Vehicle results were as follows:

- **All vehicles:** 78.5 percent of vehicles passed the inspection, and 21.5 percent were placed out of service (21.7 percent were out of service in 2006).
- **HAZMAT:** 82.3 percent of vehicles passed the inspection, and 17.7 percent were placed out of service (18.2 percent were out of service in 2006).
- **Motorcoaches:** 87.7 percent of vehicles passed the inspection, and 12.3 percent were placed out of service (9.2 percent were out of service in 2006).

North American Standard Level 1 Inspection Procedure



For Levels II, III, IV, and V, omit steps that do not apply. For more detailed information, see the written procedures contained in the CVSA Operations Manual.



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| <p>STEP 1 Choose the Inspection Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select a safe location, avoid, level, away from traffic, visible to traffic, and able to support the weight of the vehicle. Avoid hills, curves, soft shoulders and construction sites. You must be visible to oncoming traffic. <p>STEP 2 Approach the Vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe the driver. Adhere to officer/inspector safety policies. Be alert for leaks, unsecured cargo. <p>STEP 3 Greet and Prepare Driver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify yourself. Ensure that the driver is capable of communicating sufficiently to understand and respond to official inquiries and directions. Place check blocks on the driver's side. Explain this inspection procedure. Ensure engine is off. Check seat belt usage and condition. Observe the driver's overall condition for illness, fatigue or other signs of impairment. Check for illegal presence of alcohol, drugs, weapons or other contraband. <p>STEP 4 Interview Driver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for the following from the driver: starting location, final destination, load description, time traveled, most recent stop, loading location(s). Talk to the driver about the trip. | <p>STEP 5 Collect the Driver's Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Examiner's Certificate (if applicable) Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if applicable) Driver's license, CDI, record of duty status. Shipping papers. Periodic inspection certificates, CVIP. Supporting documents: bills of lading, receipts, other documents used to verify record of duty status. <p>STEP 6 Check for the Presence of Hazardous Materials/Transportation of Dangerous Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check shipping papers, placards, any leaks or spills, unsecured cargo, markings and labels. <p>STEP 7 Identify the Carrier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify carrier using the following: vehicle identification, vehicle registration, insurance, operating authority, driver interview. <p>STEP 8 Examine Driver's License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expiration date Endorsements Restrictions Status <p>STEP 9 Check Medical Examiner's Certificate and Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if Applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check certificate date (valid for 24 months). Check corrective lens requirement. Check hearing aid requirement. Check physical limitations. <p>Note: In Canada and Mexico proper class indicators adequate medical.</p> | <p>STEP 10 Check Record of Duty Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hours of Service verification. If driver claims to be exempt, check that driver meets all criteria for said exemption(s). Check accuracy of record. <p>STEP 11 Review Driver's Daily Vehicle Inspection Report (if Applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the required vehicle inspection report to verify that listed safety defects have been satisfactorily corrected. Check for driver signature on previous inspection reports. <p>STEP 12 Review Periodic Inspection Report(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure vehicle has passed the required inspection and has the required documents and decals. <p>STEP 13 Prepare Driver for Vehicle Inspection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the vehicle inspection procedure. Advise the driver in the use of hand signals. Prepare the vehicle, vehicle transmission in neutral. Engine off; key must be in the "off" position, and release all brakes. Instruct driver to remain at the controls. <p>STEP 14 Inspect Front of Tractor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check headlights, turn signals (do not use four way flashers to check turn signals) and all other required lamps for improper color, operation, mounting, and visibility. Check windshield wipers for improper operation (two wipers are required unless one can clean the driver's field of vision). |
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WARNING!!!!!!!

Last week a customer received a fax from the US Department of Transportation requesting that they submit Bank information to remain a contractor for procurements issued by the DOT. This fax was confirmed fraudulent by the real DOT Procurement office and is being investigated. If you receive a letter from Bradley Walsh Senior procurement officer it is a fraud and do NOT respond!

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month



Motorist awareness is an important component of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's comprehensive motorcycle safety program. Over two-thirds of fatal motorcycle crashes involve a motorcycle and another vehicle. The motorist either does not see the oncoming motorcycle at all or does not see the motorcycle in time to avoid a crash. It is important for motorists to know that their actions affect the safety of motorcyclists. A motorist and a motorcyclist may take different actions for the same driving or highway situation. For example, a motorist may ignore a piece of road debris; however, that same piece of road debris may be deadly for a motorcyclist. As a motorist or a passenger, there are some steps to become more aware of motorcyclists.

Respect the motorcyclist:

Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.

Look out:

Look for the motorcyclist on the highway, at intersections, when a motorcyclist may be making a left turn, and when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Clearly signal your intentions.

Anticipate a motorcyclist's maneuver:

Obstructions (debris, potholes, etc.) that you may ignore or not notice can be deadly for a motorcyclist. Predict evasive actions.

Allow plenty of space:

Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. Allow enough room for the motorcyclist to take evasive actions.

UPCOMING IDEALEASE/NPTC SAFETY SEMINARS

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