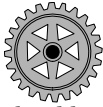


Gear Up For Safety! Idealease is Pleased to Announce the Idealease/ National Private Truck Council Safety Seminar Schedule for 2009



The 2009 Safety Seminar is a must attend one day event for all current Idealease customers as well as NPTC members. The 2009 seminar will be packed with valuable educational information regarding compliance, new and proposed regulations, liability exposure controls, and development of a proactive safety and loss control program. Who should attend? All transportation managers and safety directors/supervisors who are responsible for safety and compliance. This year 30 Idealease locations will be hosting the Safety Seminars throughout the US and Canada. To register for a seminar, contact your local Idealease location.

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1/29/09	Pleasanton, CA	3/11/09	Baltimore, MD	4/8/09	Grand Rapids, MI
2/4/09	Santa Fe Springs, CA	3/12/09	Hyattsville, MD	4/9/09	Flint, MI
2/5/09	Phoenix, AZ	3/17/09	Oklahoma City, OK	4/9/08	Ft. Wayne, IN
2/10/09	Ft. Myers, FL	3/18/09	Kansas City, KS	4/14/09	Medford, MA
2/11/09	Tampa, FL	3/19/09	Memphis, TN	4/15/09	Philadelphia, PA
2/12/09	Norcross, GA	3/24/09	Springfield, IL	4/16/09	Harrisburg, PA
3/3/09	Tupelo, MS	3/25/09	Milwaukee, WI	4/21/09	Kelowna, BC
3/4/09	Chattanooga, TN	3/26/09	Minneapolis, MN	4/22/09	Red Deer, AB
3/5/09	Knoxville, TN	4/7/09	Walton Hills, OH	4/23/09	Grand Junction, CO
3/10/09	Charlotte, NC	4/8/09	Cincinnati, OH	5/7/09	Denver, CO

As we draw near to the end of the Bush Administration, as suspected we are seeing rulemaking activity from the FMCSA. The following final rules have been issued:

FMCSA Incorporates Driver Medical Requirements into CDL

The FMCSA has issued a final rule amending the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to require interstate commercial driver's license holders subject to the physical qualification requirements of the FMCSRs to provide a current original or copy of their medical examiner's certificates to their State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA). 73 Federal Register 73096 (December 1, 2008). The agency is also requiring the SDLA to record on the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) the self-certification the driver made regarding the applicability of the federal driver qualification rules and, for drivers subject to those requirements, the medical certification status information specified in this final rule. This rule is effective January 30, 2009. This rule does not affect non-CDL drivers, who must still have a medical certification card in addition to their driver's license.

FMCSA Rescinds Policy on Use of Advanced Information Technologies for Enforcement

In a November 19, 2008 public notice, 73 Federal Register 69717, the FMCSA has rescinded its eleven-year old policy that it would not use a motor carrier's advanced electronic information technology systems to develop information for enforcement proceedings. The policy was put in place to encourage carriers to adopt electronic on-board recording devices and other advanced IT systems. Claiming that its policy was successful as such technology is now in widespread use in the trucking industry, the FMCSA is now stating that the agency will use technology data and electronically produced records during reviews and for regulatory enforcement purposes.

FMCSA Proposes National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

The following is a new proposed rule: The FMCSA is also proposing to establish and maintain a National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME) and to require that all medical examiners who conduct medical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers complete certain training concerning FMCSA physical qualification standards, pass a test to verify an understanding of those standards, and maintain competence by periodic training and testing. 73 Federal Register 73129 (December 1, 2008). Under the proposal, following the establishment of the NRCME and a transition period, the FMCSA would accept as valid only medical examiners' certificates issued by medical examiners listed on the NRCME. The FMCSA states that it is developing the NRCME program to improve highway safety and driver health by requiring that medical examiners be trained and certified to determine effectively whether a commercial motor vehicle driver's health meets FMCSA standards. Comments on the proposed rule are due by January 30, 2009.