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Question of the Week?

What will we see in 2008 regarding current and new safety regulations?

With the filing of an interim rule by the FMCSA, to the Public Citizen challenge, the current hours of service regulations will stay the same into the New Year beyond the US Appeals Court December 27th deadline. Yesterday, Public Citizen asked the court to strike down the Hours of Service rule. We will keep you informed of the court's decision.

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In January of 2007, the FMCSA issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning Electronic On Board Recorders (EOBR's). The FMCSA has now completed its review and additional analyses necessary to respond to the public comments that were received. They have completed additional research in response to comments about the proposed performance specifications for EOBRs. They are now drafting a Final Rule on the EOBRs which should be issued in 2008.

Look to see more movement in 2008 toward implementation of the FMCSA Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA). The purpose of the CSA 2010 initiative is to develop more effective and efficient methods for FMCSA, together with industry and state partners, to achieve its mission of reducing commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes, fatalities, and injuries. Look for changes in the "New Entrant Audit" and compliance review process as well as possible changes to safestat.

Entry Level Driver Training Requirements like the Hours of Service regulations were challenged by Public Citizen and the US Court of Appeals sent the regulation back to the FMCSA for changes. The changes have been made and the final rule was submitted to the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final review. Look for this regulation to be released by the OMB in 2008.

Safety Technology Tax Credits for Transportation. On October 10, 2007 the Commercial Motor Vehicle Advanced Safety Technology Act of 2007 (H.R. 3820) was introduced that would provide a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the cost of any qualified commercial vehicle safety system that is placed into service during the tax year. Although it is unlikely that this will pass, look for increased momentum and support to bring safety technology into the industry to prevent losses.

Don't Drink and Drive this Holiday Season!

Before partaking of the Holiday Cheer have a designated driver ready to take you home!

Daily Death Toll from Drunk Driving Crashes Highest During Holiday Season, New Data Shows

New federal traffic safety data shows that the daily death toll from drunk driving crashes during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods is significantly more than for the rest of the year, announced U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters. Secretary Peters explained that data released today by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that from 2001-2005, an average of 36 fatalities occurred per day on America's roadways as a result of crashes involving an alcohol impaired driver. That number increases to 45 per day during the Christmas period and jumps to 54 per day over the New Year's holiday.

