

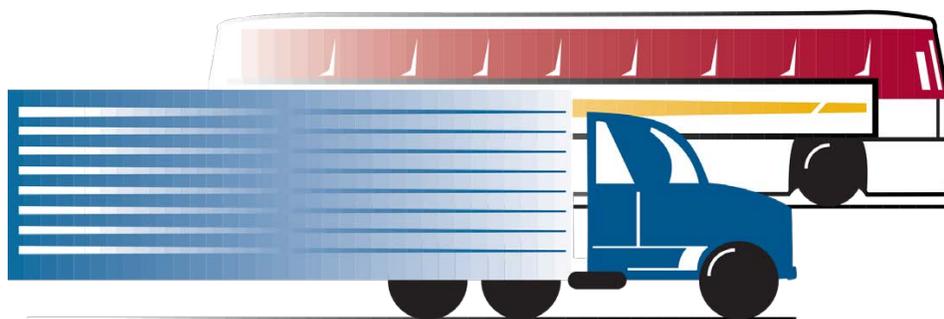
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## SAFETY BULLETIN



# FMCSA

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

## Hours of Service (HOS) How Familiar are you? Pre-recorded webinar

*How familiar are you with Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration's (FMCSA) HOS Rules and Regulations? The FMCSA has updated the HOS section of their website to include a pre-recorded webinar titled "Hours of Service: How Familiar Are You?"*

The Hours of Service regulations address the number of hours that a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver may be on the road and the number of hours a CMV driver may be on duty before a required period of rest. The regulation also addresses the minimum amount of time that must be reserved for rest and the total number of hours a driver may be on duty in a "work-week."

In this pre-recorded webinar, FMCSA's subject matter expert Tom Yager, Chief of the Driver and Carrier Operations Division and Peter Chandler, Lead Transportation Specialist in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Passenger Carrier Division, provide an overview of the hours of service regulation and hours of service exemptions.

**The pre-recorded webinar addresses the following topics:**



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Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2017. The one day seminar this year will focus on the new Electronic Logging Device (ELD) regulation, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals. To register for an upcoming

1. Purpose of the Hours of Service Rules and Regulations
2. Applicability
3. Drivers' Responsibilities
4. Carriers' Responsibilities
5. Property Carrier Hours of Service Driving Time Limits
6. Passenger Carrier Hours of Service Driving Time Limits
7. Acceptable Recording Methods
8. Important Dates and Deadlines for Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs)
9. Limited Exceptions to the Hours of Service Rules and Regulations

#### Helpful Links:

To view the webinar recording please click [here](#).

To visit the FMCSA Hours of service site please click [here](#).



## FMCSA Rejects TRALA ELD Petition Except for Break-Downs but will allow Rentals to accept HOS data from different platforms

TRALA met with FMCSA on October 5 to discuss the agency's final decision on TRALA's petition for short-term rental trucks. The result of this meeting - which was given to TRALA in advance of its formal ruling - was a partial victory and partial defeat. According to FMCSA, they will allow trucks that have a break-down to not be forced under the ELD Mandate for up to eight days, keeping consistent with other parts of the mandate. Unfortunately, FMCSA will not grant other short-term rentals relief from the ELD Mandate but stated that because of the interoperability issue that persists, they will allow the last seven days of HOS for a driver to be printed out or downloaded and put into a rental truck and then that driver would be allowed to use the rental company's ELD or use a portable device they brought with them for the rest of the rental period. This means that if a rental truck has an ELD that has a different platform than the one used by its customer, it can still be used to stay in compliance with the ELD Mandate.

seminar in 2017 click on the following link:

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/safety-seminar-registration/5dpb63/596844430>

### Idealease 2017 Safety Seminar Schedule

| Date       | Location        |
|------------|-----------------|
| October 10 | Kansas City, MO |



### National Teen Driver Safety Week October 15-21, 2017

This week and every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel of a passenger car, truck, or SUV. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, inconsistent or no seat belt use, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding, and number of passengers.

#### The Problem: Too many teens are dying on our roads

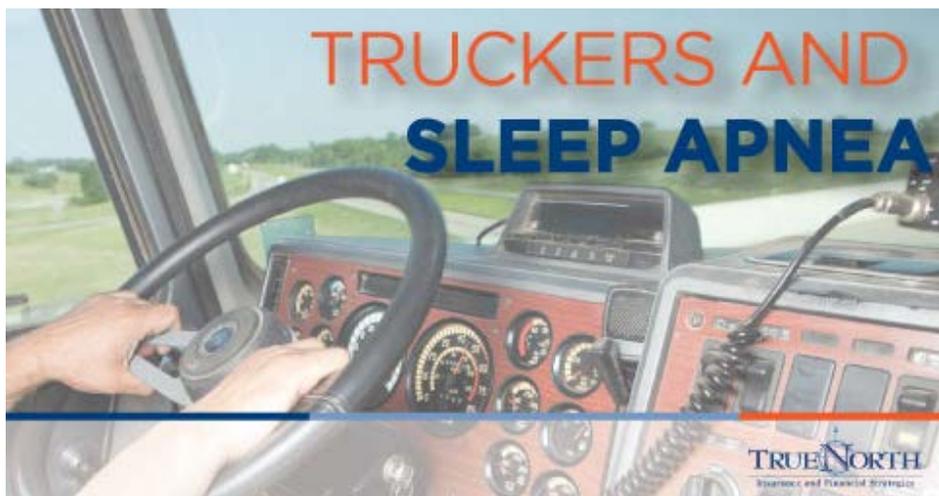
- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15 to 18 years old) in the United States - ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence.
- There were 1,972 teen drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2015. An estimated 99,000 teen passenger vehicle drivers were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

Even if you think they don't hear you, they do. Remember; **set the rules before they hit the road.**

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TRALA is concerned about the administrative burden this will place on many of its members' customers in addition to the predictable confusion that it will place on law enforcement personnel. It also essentially means that all TRALA members would be advised to purchase ELDs for all their trucks that might be used as commercial rentals or risk losing business to other companies that offer that service.

In response to TRALA's concerns and technical questions, FMCSA agreed to hold a conference call within the next two weeks with TRALA's membership so that the agency can answer very specific questions and give guidance to TRALA members. TRALA was also told in its meeting today that if technical information was brought to light that the agency could not solve, they would be open to looking at addressing those aspects subsequently to their official ruling on TRALA's petition.



## Legislation Introduced to Mandate Sleep Apnea Rulemaking

Members of Congress from New York and New Jersey have introduced legislation in the Senate and House of Representatives to require the Department of Transportation to issue regulations for the testing and treatment of truck drivers and railroad employees for obstructive sleep apnea.

The bills were introduced in the Senate by Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and introduced in the House by U.S. Representatives Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Albio Sires (D-NJ). Text of the bills is not yet available online.

The members of Congress cited the National Transportation Safety Board's findings released last week confirming the engineer involved in the fatal commuter train crash in Hoboken, New Jersey last year was diagnosed with obstructive sleep apnea after the incident but was not tested during his medical examination two months prior to the crash.

On August 8, 2017 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration withdrew their joint Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on obstructive sleep apnea. The March 10, 2016 ANPRM requested information

from industry on the prevalence of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea among individuals occupying safety sensitive positions in highway and rail transportation, and its potential consequences for the safety of highway and rail transportation.

The ANPRM also sought information on the cost and benefits of regulatory actions that address the safety risks associated with motor carrier and rail transportation workers in safety sensitive positions who have OSA. It was expected that the data received by the FMCSA and FRA in response to the ANPRM would lead to a proposed rule.

Instead, the agencies decided not to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking at this time. The FMCSA, along with Transport Canada and other regulatory and industry organizations, have developed the [North American Fatigue Management Program](#) as a voluntary approach to combat fatigue in commercial motor vehicle drivers.

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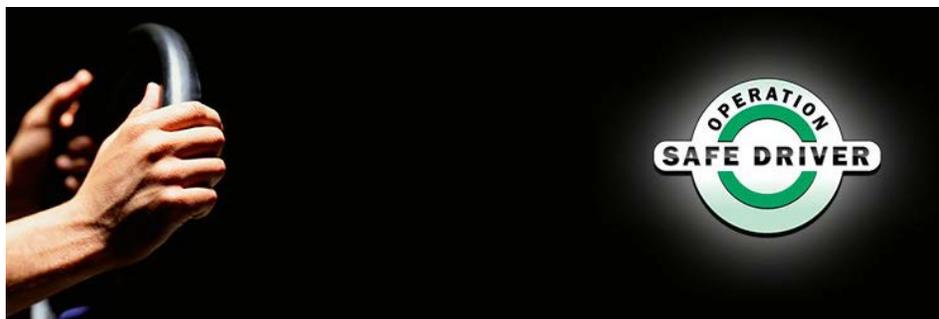
## Drug-Free Workplace Week - October 16th - 21st

The U.S. Department of Labor is encouraging public and private community organizations to participate in the 5th annual Drug-Free Work Week, which will occur Oct. 16 to 21. This public awareness campaign, held each October, emphasizes the importance of drug-free workplace programs to help prevent workplace alcohol and drug use, and encourage workers with alcohol and drug problems to seek help. Successful drug-free workplace programs provide a safe and healthy environment for workers, and result in a productive workplace for employers.



For additional information and resources:

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/drug-free-workplace-/5dpg5m/596844430>



## Operation Safe Driver Week is October 15th - 21st

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) announced that its 2017 Operation Safe Driver Week would be held during Oct. 15-21, 2017. During this event, law enforcement agencies throughout North America will engage in increased traffic

safety enforcement and education that will be focused on at combating unsafe driving behaviors by commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and passenger-vehicle drivers.

The CVSA holds Operation Safe Driver Week in partnership with the FMCSA It is supported by industry and transportation safety organizations, and aims to reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries involving large trucks, buses and cars due to unsafe driving behaviors.

**Some unsafe behaviors that enforcement will be tracking throughout the event include the following:**

- Speeding
- Failure to use a seatbelt while operating a CMV or in a passenger vehicle
- Distracted driving
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Traveling too closely
- Improper lane changes

According the CVSA, unsafe driver behavior by CMV drivers and passenger-vehicle drivers continues to be the leading cause of crashes. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) "Large Truck Crash Causation Study" cites driver behavior as the critical reason for more than 88 percent of large truck crashes and 93 percent of passenger-vehicle crashes.

For additional information: <http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/rograms-operation-safe-driver-/5dpb5p/596844430>

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## Got Chains?

If you are operating in state that require chains to be on board, make sure the chains are the correct size, properly secured, clean, and not broken as to be easily applied when necessary.



Not sure what your states chain laws are go to: <http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/laws-html/5dpb5r/596844430>

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