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## SAFETY BULLETIN

### TRALA Driver of the Year Program



## Nominate Your Driver Today for the 2018 TRALA Driver of the Year Award!



Are you an Idealease customer that has an outstanding driver that needs to be recognized by the industry?

Idealease is a member of the Truck Renting and Leasing Association (TRALA) which sponsors a driver of the year award each year to a members driver who is a head and shoulders above all other drivers with regards to safety, experience, performance, civic contributions or an heroic deed. If you have a driver that has these qualities then [Click Here](#) for the application. Complete the application, save it as a PDF, then email to Dave Helge by next Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>. The application needs to be completed in its

entirety. Do NOT hold back on boasting about your driver. Please note in the email which Idealease location you are a customer of and the Idealease contact name at that location.



## Driver of the Year Recognition

The Driver of the Year Award will be presented during TRALA's 2018 Annual Meeting at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in Scottsdale, Arizona on April 11,

February 2, 2018

### *Navigating Safety and Compliance in 2018*

#### Seminar Schedule:

3/13/2018	San Martin, CA
3/21/2018	Landover, MD
3/22/2018	Baltimore, MD
4/3/2018	Wausau, WI
4/4/2018	Madison, WI
4/10/2018	St. Louis, MO
4/11/2018	Indianapolis, IN
4/12/2018	Memphis, TN
4/12/2018	Columbus, OH
4/24/2018	Columbia, SC
4/25/2018	Atlanta, GA
4/26/2018	Tampa, FL
4/26/2018	Lancaster, PA
5/1/2018	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
5/2/2018	Ft. Myers, FL
5/8/2018	Seattle, WA
5/10/2018	Lexington, KY
5/15/2018	Detroit, MI
5/22/2018	San Leandro, CA

#### Fall Seminars (Sept-Oct):

2018.

This prominent award receives wide recognition throughout the transportation industry. The recipient of TRALA's 2018 Driver of the Year Award will receive a cash prize and travel with a guest to the meeting at TRALA's expense. The winning driver will be honored during Wednesday's Award Dinner.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be nominated by a TRALA member company and be an active driver. Applications must be 100% complete in order to be considered. Please click [here](#) to access the application.



Return the completed applications by emailing the PDF version to Dave Helge [davehelge@idealease.com](mailto:davehelge@idealease.com) or by fax to (847) 304-3260.

TBD	Houston, TX
TBD	Moncton, NB
TBD	Northern CA
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TBD	Nashville, TN
TBD	Dallas, TX
10/16/2018	Kansas City, MO
TBD	Oklahoma City, OK
TBD	Modesto/Turlock, CA

## How Often is a Motor Carrier Required to Review the Motor Vehicle Record of a Driver that Operates a Commercial Motor Vehicle?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations requires a motor carrier qualifying a new driver to obtain and review the motor vehicle record of the driver within 30 days of the date of hire CFR 391.23. As a Better Business Practice it is recommended that the Motor vehicle record be obtained and reviewed prior to making an offer of employment to the driver applicant.

After the driver is qualified the regulations require that at least once every 12 months that the motor carrier make an inquiry into the driving record of each driver it employs, covering at least the preceding 12 months, to the appropriate agency of every State in which the driver held a commercial motor vehicle operator's license or permit during the time period CFR 391.25.



Effective January 30, 2015 when a driver renews a medical certification the motor carrier must obtain a new MVR for the state of licensure with the medical certification information on the MVR.

So how will a carrier verify that a driver is physically qualified? This is done by obtaining a copy of the driver's driving record and including it in the driver's qualification file. Do keep in mind that in addition to the current requirement that motor carriers obtain and review each driver's driving record once a year, motor carriers will also have to make sure the driver's record includes valid and current medical certificate/card information.

This means that every time a medical certificate/card is renewed and turned in to the

driver licensing agency, the motor carrier will need to obtain a new driving record that reflects this current information and place it in the driver's qualification file. The motor carrier will need to take timing into account when obtaining the new MVR that reflects the driver's current medical status. Once a driver turns in his/her medical certificate/card to the state licensing agency, the state has 10 days to enter this information into the driver's driving record. During this time period the motor carrier must keep a copy of the driver's medical certificate/card in the driver's qualification file. Regulations allow a motor carrier to maintain this copy of the certificate/card as proof of medical qualification for a maximum of 15 days from the date it was issued.

The original motor vehicle record that was used to qualify the driver shall be retained for the duration of employment and 3 years after termination. The motor vehicle records obtained annually after hire can be purged from the files 3 years after the date of issuance.

**If a Commercial Vehicle driver had the following violation... The likelihood of the driver being in an accident is increased by:**



Reckless Driving violation	325%
Improper Turns violation	105%
Improper or Erratic Lane Change Conviction	100%
Failure to Yield Right of Way Conviction	97%
Improper Turn Conviction	94%
Failure to Keep in Proper Lane Conviction	91%
Improper Lane Change Violation	78%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions Conviction	62%
Any Conviction	56%
Speeding More Than 15 Miles over Speed Limit Conviction	56%
Reckless / Careless / Inattentive / Negligent Driving Conviction	53%
Following Too Closely Conviction	50%
Improper Lane / Location Conviction	47%
Any Moving Violation	41%
Speeding Violation	35%
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device Violation	30%

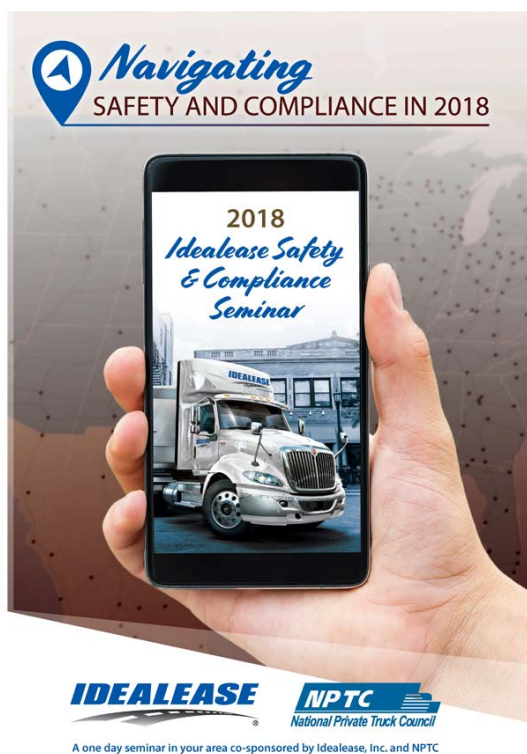
## **Advocates Release 2018 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws**

The Advocated for Highway and Auto Safety have released the 2018 version of their [Roadmap for State Highway Safety Laws](#) that the group wishes to see enacted. This is the 15th edition of an annual report that rates all 50 states and the District of Columbia on the adoption of 16 traffic safety laws; according to the report, there are over 400 missing safety laws nationwide.

The group promotes two tracks to improving highway safety. The first track involves the adoption of effective state highway safety laws that encourage the use of seat belts, motorcycle helmets, and child safety seats. These laws also provide safeguards for teen, distracted, and impaired drivers. The second track is adoption of advanced safety technologies that are already on the market, such as collision avoidance, automated speed and red-light enforcement systems, and ignition interlocks.

## Registration is Now Open Online for 2018 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars!

### Navigating Safety and Compliance in 2018



Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2018. 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 seminar in 2018 [Click Here](#).

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