

SAFETY BULLETIN

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No More Motor Vehicle Fatalities?

Is there a day coming when we will not have any motor vehicle fatalities?

With the fast pace of new technology integration in our industry I often think of this possibility. I hope that someday in my four year old grandson's life he will look back on this time period and reflect how ridiculous it was that 33,000 people a year were killed by running into each other or some stationary object. Wouldn't that be nice! The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is part of a g roup of organizations that are striving to reduce more than 33,000 vehicle fatalities a year to zero.

The (CVSA) supports the National Strategy on Highway Safety Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) effort, a vision of a highway system free of fatalities.

The National Strategy on Highway Safety Toward Zero Deaths effort was created by a steering committee cooperative of organizations representing our nation's



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highway safety system that have joined together to reduce annual traffic fatalities from more than 33,000 to zero. The steering committee rolled out the TZD plan that provides engineering, enforcement, education and emergency medical services (EMS) organizations with <u>initiatives</u>, or fatality countermeasures that can be enacted by transportation agencies, businesses and individuals.

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QCMobile App

QCMobile is a **new** smartphone app that will allow for more convenient access to currently available online safety performance information for interstate truck and bus companies.

The app is expected to be a particularly valuable tool for state and federal law enforcement personnel, as well as insurers, brokers, freight-forwarders, and others interested in reviewing the USDOT registra tion and safety performance information of motor carriers. The app,

"Never before have so many key national roadway safety organizations worked together for a united effort," said Bud Wright, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. "The TZD National Strategy on Highway Safety brings together stakeholders in areas such as engineering, enforcement, education and emergency medical services, all with a vision to eliminate traffic fatalities. This adoption and implementation of the Toward Zero Deaths vision by so many partners demonstrates a unified commitment and major step in the effort to transform our nation's traffic safety culture."

The National Strategy includes initiatives that are effective in addressing specific factors contributing to crashes, have the potential to make a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries nationally, or address areas of growing concern.

"As leaders in the transportation safety industry, we have a duty and responsibility to do what we can to accelerate the efforts to save lives on our nation's roads," said CVSA Executive Director Stephen A. Keppler. "Until the highway system is free of fatalities, our work is not finished. The TZD National Strategy outlines a number steps we can take in our industry to aggressively pursue a culture of safety and eliminate highway fatalities."

The TZD plan includes initiatives spanning engineering to education all with the intended result of achieving:

- Safer drivers and passengers
- Safer vulnerable users
- Safer infrastructure
- Enhanced emergency medical services
- Improved safety management
- Safety culture

Many of the countermeasures included in the TZD plan will take years to implement, while others are being implemented right now. Some of the TZD strategies CVSA and its members are implementing include:

- More than 4 million inspections of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers are conducted each year by CVSA-certified inspectors.
- Several law enforcement campaigns are held annually to remove dangerous commercial motor vehicles and/or drivers from North American roadways -- <u>International Roadcheck</u>, <u>Operation Safe</u> <u>Driver</u>, <u>Operation Airbrake</u>.
- Public education and awareness campaigns and enforcement of safe driving practices in the vicinity of commercial vehicles with an emphasis on educating young or novice drivers.

The TZD effort is a led by a group of associations representing state and local government agencies working to reduce highway fatalities:

- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)
- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

which requires no login, immediately reveals whether the federal operating status of the carrier is authorized while helping to expedite an "inspect/pass" decision by a certified commercial vehicle safety inspector.

The QCMobile app is available for free on both Android and iOS devices. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play to download QCMobile.

Register Now for the 2015 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars!



Idealease, its members and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2015. The one day seminars this year will focus on basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers,

- National Association of County Engineers (NACE)
- National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA)
- National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)
- <u>The Federal Highway Administration</u>, <u>Federal Motor Carrier Safety</u> <u>Administration</u> and <u>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</u> provided technical support to the TZD efforts

For more than five years, these associations have been working together to identify and prioritize the leading initiatives that will reduce traffic fatalities over the next 25 years.

'Mini-MVR' Satisfies Annual Driver Record Check

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recently provided regulatory guidance concerning the use of state-operated employer notification systems (ENS) for the annual inquiry and review of driving records required by 49 CFR 391.25.

The guidance explains the use of state-operated ENS that provide motor carriers with a department of motor vehicle report for every state in which the driver held either an operator's license, a commercial driver's license (CDL), or permit when a driver is enrolled in the system. Many state driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) provide ENS that either automatically update requestors (push-system) on license status, crashes, and convictions of laws or regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles or allow the requestor to regularly query the record (pull-system) for this information.

The use of these systems to check the driving record, at least annually, satisfies the requirement for an annual review of each driver's record. This includes when a third-party is used to accumulate the records for a motor carrier. This revises the Agency guidance issued in 2003 that referenced to a specific third-party vendor.

At this time, it appears that the guidance does not provide for the use of state-operated ENS in other instances, such as the initial motor vehicle record (MVR) required to vet drivers in accordance with §391.23 and the MVR mandated to verify a CDL holder's medical qualifications according to §391.51.

This guidance was effective March 12, 2015.

International Roadcheck 2015 will take place on June 2-4, 2015

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 2015 **CLICK HERE**.

2015 Idealease Safety Seminar Schedule:

March 4	Portland, OR
March 5	Seattle, WA
March 17	Chattanooga, TN
March 18	Atlanta, GA
March 19	Nashville, TN
March 24	Houston, TX
March 25	Lafayette, LA
March 26	Mobile, AL
March 31	Kansas City, MO
April 1	St. Louis, MO
April 2	Memphis, TN
April 7	Cincinnati, OH
April 8	Columbus, OH
April 9	Elkhart, IN
April 14	Linden, NJ
April 14	Phoenix, AZ
April 15	San Leandro, CA
April 16	Lodi, CA
April 21	Santa Fe Springs, CA
April 21	Harrisburg, PA
April 22	Ventura, CA
April 22	Landover, MD
April 23	Baltimore, MD
April 28	Oklahoma City, OK
April 30	Milwaukee, WI
May 5	Kelowna, BC
May 6	Lexington, KY
May 7	Denver, CO
May 12	Tampa, FL
May 12	Detroit, MI
May 14	Minneapolis, MN
May 20	Altoona, IA
June 25	Santa Rosa, CA
October 13	Toledo, OH
October 14	Grand Rapids, MI
October 20	Las Vegas, NV
October 22	San Martin, CA



Roadcheck, now in its 28th year, is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial motor vehicles in the world, with nearly 17 trucks or buses inspected, on average, every minute from Canada to Mexico during a 72-hour period in early June. Each year, approximately 10,000 CVSA-certified local, state, provincial and federal inspectors in every jurisdiction across North America perform the truck and bus inspections.

International Roadcheck Checklist for Drivers

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