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NTSB Updates List Of 2019-2010 Most Wanted Safety Improvements



The National Transportation Safety Board has issued its list of most wanted safety improvements for 2019-2020. The list serves as the agency's primary advocacy tool to help save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce property damage resulting from transportation accidents.

The 10 items on the NTSB's 2019 – 2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements are:

- Eliminate Distractions
- End Alcohol and Other Drug Impairment
- Ensure the Safe Shipment of Hazardous Materials
- Fully Implement Positive Train Control
- Implement a Comprehensive Strategy to Reduce Speeding-Related Crashes
- Improve the Safety of Part 135 Aircraft

2019 Truck Renting and Leasing Association (TRALA) Driver of the Year Program

We Are Looking For The Best of the Best!

Do you have a driver who has performed a heroic deed while driving, an outstanding safe driving record or a driver who has volunteered in a special way to the community? If you are a customer of Idealease than your driver is eligible for the award program! Professional truck drivers play a critical role in the economy and continue to be in high demand. TRALA has spent over 33 years commending the men and women who have achieved the highest level of excellence in their professional truck driving careers and who have demonstrated their commitment to our industry's highway safety and security. TRALA invites our customers to continue this tradition and nominate their best driver as a candidate for TRALA's 2019 Driver of the year award. This year the application form has been simplified and you can on line and with your driver's assistance fill out the application and hit the "submit" button and it will go right to TRALA. On page two of the application "Contact Information" fill in



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Then continue with page three until completion and then hit "Submit". The Driver of the Year Award will be presented during TRALA's 2019 Annual Meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida on April 10, 2019. This prominent award receives wide recognition throughout the transportation industry. The recipient of TRALA's 2019 Driver of the Year Award will receive a cash prize and travel with a guest to the meeting at TRALA's expense. *Please submit your driver entry by next Friday February 22nd!*

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. All drivers of customers of Idealease locations are eligible for the award! Please [click here](#) to access the application:

AAMVA/FMCSA Hold Briefing on CDL Skills Testing Revisions

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration held an industry briefing on February 5 on revisions they are considering to the Commercial Driver License skills testing practices. The revisions,



part of a multi-year project that would include a pilot program, would include changes to the vehicle inspection test, the basic control skills test, and the driver's and examiner's manuals. The AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee stated that it has been over a decade since the current CDL skills testing practices were adopted, and in that time significant vehicle technology has evolved. This technology includes hybrid electric CMVs, CMVs with 360-degree camera monitoring systems instead of traditional

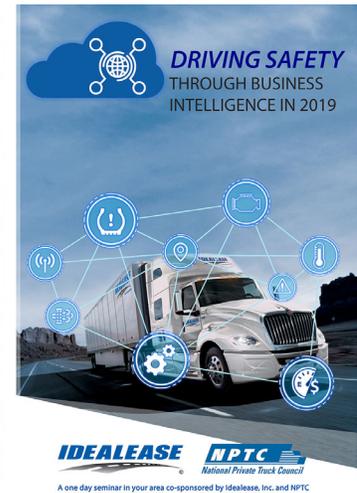
mirrors, and other technology systems. The AAMVA subcommittee wants to ensure that the testing program reflects current technology, industry practices, jurisdictional needs and driver competencies. The subcommittee is also looking at CMV crash causation factors in evaluating the tests.

In addition, the AAMVA subcommittee heard industry and driver concerns about the length of time to administer skills tests, long waiting periods for scheduling tests, high failure rates for the vehicle inspection test, inconsistencies in test administration, and driver shortages. Discussion about the vehicle inspection test included consensus that it was not necessary to require inspection of all tires on a vehicle if the driver could demonstrate how to inspect a single tire. There was also consideration on whether to allow the driver to bring a checklist to the vehicle inspection test so the driver would not have to memorize the 92 items to be



- Flight Operations
- Increase Implementation of Collision Avoidance Systems in All New Highway Vehicles
- Reduce Fatigue-Related Accidents
- Require Medical Fitness – Screen for and Treat Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Strengthen Occupant Protection

Registration Is Now Open Online for the 2019 Idealease / NPTC Safety Seminars!



[Click here to register for a Safety Seminar in your area!](#)

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will be hosting safety seminars again in 2019. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, basic [safety and compliance](#), regulation changes and CSA. The seminars will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no additional charge. The seminars provide important information applicable to both the novice and experienced transportation professionals.

Spring Seminars

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| 3/27/2019 | Orlando, FL |
| 3/28/2019 | Tampa, FL |
| 4/2/2019 | Memphis, TN |
| 4/3/2019 | Atlanta, GA |
| 4/3/2019 | Mannheim, PA |
| 4/4/2019 | Charlotte, NC |
| 4/4/2019 | Weirton, WV |
| 4/17/2019 | Ventura, CA |
| 4/18/2019 | San Leandro, CA |
| 4/23/2019 | Portland, OR |

inspected. The briefing also included discussion of requirements for backing up and parking CMVs as part of the skills test. There is also a need for national uniformity in testing procedures and standards. For example, it was noted that drivers avoid the testing facility at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania because few applicants are able to pass the CDL skills test there.

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| 5/1/2019 | Plymouth, IN |
| 5/1/2019 | Grand Rapids, MI |
| 5/7/2019 | Upper Marlboro, MD |
| 5/9/2019 | Aurora, CO |
| 5/21/2019 | Baltimore, MD |
| 5/23/2019 | Milwaukee, WI |

ATRI Releases List of Top Truck Bottleneck Areas In U.S.

An interstate intersection in New Jersey ranks as the top spot for truck bottlenecks in the country, according to an American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) study. The 2019 Top Truck Bottleneck List studies truck-oriented congestion at 300 locations along the national highway system. ATRI analyzed truck GPS data from nearly 1 million



heavy duty trucks. The study used customized software applications and analysis methods, along with data from trucking operations to produce

congestion impact rankings. ATRI's truck GPS data supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's freight mobility initiatives. The analysis found that year-over-year truck speeds across the top 10 locations dropped by an average of nearly 9 percent as congestion worsened. Three areas in Atlanta, Georgia ranked among the top 10 spots on the 2019 list. This year's top 10 list includes:

1. Fort Lee, New Jersey: I-95 and State Route 4
2. Atlanta: I-285 at I-85 (North)
3. Atlanta: I-75 at I-285 (North)
4. Los Angeles, California: State Route 60 at State Route 57
5. Houston, Texas: I-45 at I-69/U.S. 59
6. Cincinnati, Ohio: I-71 at I-75
7. Chicago, Illinois: I-290 at I-90/I-94
8. Nashville, Tennessee: I-24/I-40 at I-440 (East)
9. Atlanta: I-20 at I-285 (West)
10. Los Angeles: I-710 at I-105

A complete list of the top 100 can be found on ATRI's website.

Fall Seminars

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| TBD | Chicago, IL |
| TBD | Lexington, KY |
| TBD | Springfield, IL |
| 10/15/2019 | Reno, NV |
| TBD | San Leandro, CA |
| TBD | Eugene, OR |
| TBD | Green Bay, WI |
| TBD | Erie, PA |
| 9/12/2019 | Nashville, TN |
| 10/23/2019 | Modesto/Turlock, CA |
| TBD | Salt Lake City, UT |
| TBD | Louisville, KY |
| TBD | Kelowna, BC |
| TBD | Everett, WA |
| TBD | Chattanooga, TN |



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