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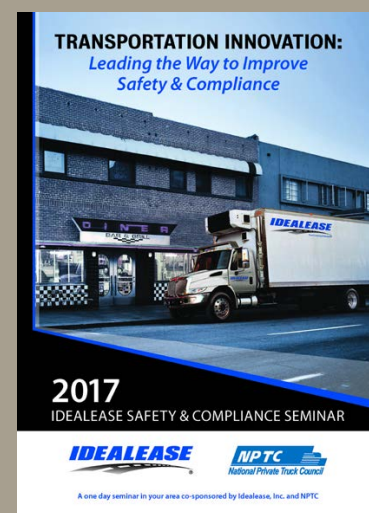
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## Turn Around Don't Drown!

*With hurricane Harvey predicted to drop up to 30+ inches of rain starting tonight along the gulf coast of Texas it is a good time to discuss with your driver's about flooding and the fact that road conditions can change rapidly with flash floods.*

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Over half of all flood related deaths each year occur with victims inside vehicles. Many of the deaths occur in vehicles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. Even when operating a large commercial motor vehicle you can be swept away by the strong force of the waters current. I remember vividly watching a number of years ago a cement mixer which had been caught in a storm water canal in Los Angeles during a flash flood be swept down the canal as if it were a toy boat. To check on weather conditions and flooding, go the National Weather Service website at: [www.srh.weather.gov](http://www.srh.weather.gov).

Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road, Turn Around



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

Don't Drown. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Do park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers
- Avoid low water crossings.
- Use alternate routes to avoid flood prone areas.
- Leave your vehicle immediately if it stalls in flood waters.
- Move to higher ground if you can do so safely.
- Most cars and light trucks will begin to float in as little as 1 to 2 feet of water.



seminar in 2017 click on the following link:

<http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/safety-seminar-registration/5d89vq/588238835>

### Idealease 2017 Safety Seminar Schedule

Date	Location
September 12	Santa Rosa, CA
October 3	Charlottesville, VA
October 4	Erie, PA
October 10	Kansas City, MO

## Stats Show a Decrease in Roadway Fatalities for First Half of 2017:

Motor vehicle deaths dipped slightly the first six months of 2017 as compared to 2016, the National Safety Council (NSC) reports in preliminary estimates. Even though the year-to-year comparison for the same six-month period shows a 1 percent decrease, NSC cautions against viewing this as an upward trend. NSC reports:

- The decline is on the heels of the most dramatic two-year increase of motor vehicle fatalities since 1964.
- The six-month estimate for 2017 is still considerably higher (8 percent) than 2015 for the same period.
- The deadliest months of year tend to be July to December.

In the first half of 2017, according to NSC, motor vehicle accidents on U.S. roads have resulted in an estimated:

- 18,680 fatalities,
- 2.1 million seriously injured people, and
- \$191 billion in costs associated with the deaths and injuries.

NSC indicates in Winter 2016:

- As many as 40,000 people were killed on the

roads, and

- The number of motor vehicle deaths was 6 percent higher than 2015.



Motor vehicle fatalities are impacted by the number of miles Americans are traveling. From 2016 to 2017, motorists were traveling 1.7 percent more miles due to an improved economy and lower gas prices.

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## Results of Roadcheck 2017

Brake and HOS violations top Roadcheck list

During 2017 International Roadcheck (Roadcheck), 23 percent of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) and 4.2 percent of drivers were placed out of service during Level I Inspections.

During the 72-hour inspection campaign, held June 6 to 8, 2017, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspectors performed more than 62,000 North American Standard (NAS) Level I, II, and III roadside inspections throughout Canada and the United States at inspection sites, weigh stations, and roving patrol locations. Of those inspections, approximately 8,000 inspections occurred in Canada and 54,000 in the United States.

Most inspections during Roadcheck were NAS Level I (40,944), which is a comprehensive driver and vehicle inspection. NAS Level II Walk-Around Inspection placed second with 12,787, followed by NAS Level III Driver-Only Inspection with 8,282.

The enforcement initiative offers insight into how the trucking and motorcoach industries are faring.

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## Top Vehicle Violations

For all levels of inspection, 19.4 percent of CMVs were placed out of service. The top three out-of-service vehicle violations included:

1. Brake systems — 26.9 percent
2. Cargo securement — 15.7 percent
3. Tires/wheels — 15.1 percent

If you combine brake adjustment and brake system violations, it accounts for 41.4 percent of all out-of-service vehicle violations.

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## Top Driver Violations

Out of all the NAS Level I, II, and III inspections, 4.7 percent of all drivers inspected were placed out of service for driver-related violations.

The top three driver-related out-of-service violations included:

1. Hours of service — 32.3 percent
2. Wrong class license — 14.9 percent
3. False log book — 11.3 percent



In addition, there were 710 safety belt violations.

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## Hazmat Stats

Enforcement performed NAS Level I inspections on 2,267 vehicles carrying hazardous materials/dangerous goods. Of those, 12.8 percent were placed out of service for vehicle-related violations and 1.9 percent for driver-related violations.

The top three vehicle out-of-service violations for those transporting hazardous materials/dangerous goods were:

1. Loading and securement — 40.4 percent
  2. Shipping papers — 22.7 percent
  3. Placarding — 20.8 percent
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## National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

**Sept. 10-16, 2017**

**Make plans now to recognize your drivers.**

CVSA's Operation Airbrake Program is holding one more brake safety enforcement event this year. The next Brake Safety Day event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, at participating jurisdictions throughout Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.

### Operation Safe Driver Week announced by CVSA

October 15-21, 2017, motorists throughout North America will experience heightened traffic safety enforcement, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) announces.

## Mark Your Calendar:

**CVSA Brake Safety Day - Sept. 7th**

**National Truck Driver Appreciation Week - Sept. 10-16**

**Operation Safe Driver Week - Oct. 15-21st**

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