CVSA to hold "Operation Safe Driver" Next Week!

Next week, enforcement personnel will focus on the unsafe driving behaviors of both commercial and passenger-vehicle drivers as a part of Operation Safe Driver Week.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) will use the enforcement campaign, slated for July 15-21, 2018, to help reduce the number of crashes, deaths, and injuries involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) as the result of unsafe driving practices. It targets risky driving behavior by anyone on the nation's roadways - in or around CMVs - through education and traffic enforcement.

Examples of unsafe driving behaviors tracked during the week include:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Texting
- Failure to use a seatbelt
- Following too closely
- Improper lane change
- Failure to obey traffic control devices

The event is sponsored by CVSA in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and has received support from industry and transportation safety organizations.

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CVSA Brake Safety Week Sept 16-22

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has announced dates for this year’s Brake Safety Week. The weeklong inspection blitz will take place from September 16 to September 22, and the special focus will be on brake components.

According to a press release by the CVSA, “Properly functioning brake systems are crucial to safe CMV operation. Brakes must be routinely inspected and carefully and consistently maintained so they operate and perform to the manufacturer’s specifications throughout the life of the vehicle. Improperly installed or poorly maintained brake systems can reduce braking efficiency, posing serious risk to public safety on our roadways.”

Last year, during the one-day brake inspection blitz, 14% of truck drivers were placed out-of-service because of brake-
the Security Threat Assessment Process for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement?

Conviction of any of the following crimes will disqualify a driver from being eligible for a hazmat endorsement:

- Terrorism
- Assault with intent to murder
- Murder
- Espionage
- Sedition
- Kidnapping or hostage-taking
- Treason
- Rape or aggravated sexual abuse
- Extortion
- Robbery
- Arson
- Bribery
- Smuggling
- Immigration violations
- RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) violations
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of an explosive device, firearm, or other weapon
- Distribution of, intent to distribute, possession, or importation of a controlled substance
- Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud
- Crimes involving a severe transportation security incident
- Improper transportation of a hazardous material
- Conspiracy or attempt to commit any of these crimes

Keep in mind that if the driver fails the security threat assessment that does NOT mean that they will be denied a CDL only that they will NOT be issued a hazmat endorsement.

All drivers who need to renew their hazardous material endorsement or apply for a new HM endorsement on their CDL need to complete the “Security Threat Assessment” process. It is recommended that drivers start this process 30 days prior to the expiration of their license. To start the assessment process Click Here.

While We Are Discussing Endorsements, Do You Realize This NON-CDL Truck Could Require the Driver to Have CDL With Tank Endorsement to Drive?

FMCSA definition for “Tank Vehicle” for Tank Endorsement for CDL

Tank vehicle means any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or the chassis. A commercial

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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 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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motor vehicle transporting an empty storage container tank, not designed for transportation, with a rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer is not considered a tank vehicle.

Four of these 275 gallon IBC totes filled with liquid or gaseous materials would require the driver of the NON-CDL unit now to have a CDL with a tank vehicle endorsement as the totes exceed the 119 gallon tank definition and the aggregate capacity exceeds 1,000 gallons.