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Friday Safety Brief®

CSA 2010...It's Not Just About Safety Directors

CSA 2010 is all about the FMCSA's method to track a motor carrier's Safety Performance and to intervene when a carrier's performance shows a score high on the percentile chart. Carriers will have no trouble knowing where they are in the percentile rankings. The intervention process will require a "cooperative safety plan", only AFTER a carrier is shown to be deficient in its safety performance in a given BASIC. What everyone needs to know is how to actually IMPROVE their company's Safety Performance.

While a company's safety performance (and a driver's performance) will be available to you, your insurance company, your customers, etc., with permission, this information will not alone be of any real assistance except to inform you, or your insurance company (or anyone else, such as a customer) that you need to DO SOMETHING to improve your safety performance. The question is: "What are you doing, or, what are you going to do?"

Here's the place to start. Carriers must get EVERYONE in their respective companies involved. This is *NOT JUST about Safety Directors and Drivers*. They cannot improve safety performances by themselves. Top management, dispatchers and everyone else in the company must fully understand that their job tasks directly affect the company's total "Safety Performance", which will also affect the company's marketability and, ultimately, its bottom line profit. This can be accomplished with regular safety meetings, company-wide, to discuss CSA 2010 and keep awareness at the forefront of everyone's minds.

Don't wait until the CSA 2010 implementation dates roll around because the data is already being collected. When the new Carrier Safety Measurement System is implemented this year, it will evaluate the previous 24 months of roadside inspection and crash data, including 2009 data. Get ready now!✿

2009 National Summary of FMCSA Reviews & Inspections		
Activity by Type (National)	FY 2009	
	Total	OOS Rate
Reviews		
Total Reviews	20,297	
Total Security Contact Reviews	1,958	
Safety Audits		
Number of Safety Audits	38,291	
Roadside Inspections		
Driver Inspections*	3,420,398	5.74%
Vehicle Inspections**	2,340,622	21.59%
Hazmat Inspections***	222,437	4.68%
Traffic Enforcement Inspections		
Driver Inspections*	721,574	9.03%
Vehicle Inspections**	392,732	28.76%
Hazmat Inspections***	24,002	8.27%

* Driver Inspections were computed based on inspections level I, II, III, and VI.

** Vehicle Inspections were computed based on inspections level I, II, V, and VI.

*** Hazmat Inspections were computed based on inspections level I, II, III, IV, V, and VI when HM is present.

Data Source: FMCSA Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) data snapshot as of **12/18/2009**.

To view the data by state, go to: <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SafetyProgram/Home.aspx>

New Website Focuses on Distracted Driving

US DOT recently launched a federal website that contains comprehensive information on distracted driving. Website features include statistics and facts about distracted driving; press releases from DOT; state laws; and frequently asked questions (FAQ). In addition, the site has a national public service announcement featuring US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to raise awareness about this dangerous driving behavior.

To access the site, go to:
<http://www.distraction.gov>

