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# Friday Safety Brief®

## NOTICE: Hours of Service

**AGENCY:** FMCSA, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice of public listening sessions.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that it will hold three public listening sessions to solicit comments and information on potential hours-of-service (HOS) regulations. Specifically, the Agency wants to know what factors, issues, and data it should be aware of as it prepares to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on HOS requirements for property-carrying commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The sessions will be held in the Washington, DC area, Los Angeles, and Dallas. The listening sessions will allow interested persons to present comments, views, and relevant research on revisions FMCSA should consider in its forthcoming rulemaking. All comments will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration.

**DATES:** The first listening session will be January 19, 2010, in Arlington, VA (near Washington, DC). Subsequent listening sessions will be January 22, 2010, in Dallas Fort Worth Airport, TX; and January 25, 2010, in Los Angeles, CA. All listening sessions will begin at 9 a.m. local time and end at 5 p.m., or earlier, if all participants wishing to express their views have done so.

You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2004-19608 through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

For the entire background and meeting locations, click here: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/E9-31194.htm> ❄



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## 2009 Operation Safe Driver Results

The third annual Operation Safe Driver campaign, a series of enforcement activities to address high-risk driving behavior of truck, bus and passenger-vehicle drivers, took place in October 2009. The results were both positive and negative. There was a decrease in driver and vehicle out-of-service (OOS) violations and roadside inspection citations; however, there was an increase in moving traffic violations and citations for all drivers. Below are the numbers:

- **30,294 CMV Roadside Inspections:**
  - 5.4% driver out-of-service (OOS)
  - 26.1% vehicle OOS (Level I Inspections)
- **For Drivers:**
  - 0.44 violations per roadside inspection
  - 0.08 OOS violations per roadside inspection
  - 0.04 citations per roadside inspection
- **For Vehicles:**
  - 1.12 violations per roadside inspection
  - 0.19 OOS violations per roadside inspection
  - 0.05 citations per roadside inspection
- **20,198 CMV Driver Traffic Enforcement Contacts:**
  - 6,887 warnings were issued
  - 8,067 citations were issued
- **10,928 Non-CMV Driver Traffic Enforcement Contacts:**
  - 3,818 warnings were issued
  - 10,365 citations were issued
- **27,903 CMV Driver License checks and 8,577 Non-CMV Driver License checks**
- **102 targeted Compliance Reviews** on truck and motorcoach operations:
  - 74 reviews resulted in a safety rating
  - 18 carriers (or 24.3%) received a Conditional Safety Rating (national average of carriers rated Conditional in 2009 was 27.3%)
  - 9 carriers (or 12.2%) received an Unsatisfactory Safety Rating (national average of carriers rated unsatisfactory in 2009 was 3.3%).

## CSA 2010... Onsite Vs. Offsite Investigations

CSA 2010 uses an array of investigations to address carrier safety problems. Ongoing evaluations of the types of investigations performed under the Op-Model Test reveal that Safety Investigators employ a balance of comprehensive investigations, onsite focused investigations and offsite investigations. Enforcement officials can now reach more carriers and can better target specific carrier safety deficiencies while being less disruptive to business operations. Preliminary effectiveness analyses show that carriers who receive CSA 2010 investigations improve their safety performance and indicate higher improvement levels in test carriers than non-test carriers, most notably in the Unsafe Driving and Fatigued Driving (Hours-of-Service) BASICS, which have high correlations to crash risk.