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FMCSA Pre-Employment Screening Program

In March, the FMCSA launched its new website for its Pre-employment Screening Program (PSP). The website is <http://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov>. Free enrollment is now open for motor carriers and there is no need for drivers to enroll.

FMCSA's PSP was developed to provide motor carriers with crash and inspection information concerning new hires. Participation in the program is voluntary for both motor carriers and drivers. In order for a motor carrier to be able to access the information on a driver, the motor carrier must first obtain the consent of the driver.

It is expected that motor carriers will be asked to agree to all legal and usage constraints each time they use the PSP system. The motor carriers will be able to use the system to manage their account, request information on a driver and obtain the driver records.

The information contained on a driver in PSP is from the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS), which includes 5 years of crash data and 3 years of inspection data. Information concerning a driver's convictions is not included in the information.

The information will be maintained on a secure web database and there will be a fee for motor carriers to access a driver's records. In order to access the driver's records the motor carrier will need the consent of the driver for which they are inquiring. A driver may also provide a copy of his PSP report to the motor carrier as part of the hiring process and in that case a consent form from the driver is not required. In order to assure compliance, the FMCSA will be conducting audits specifically looking for the consent forms.

Drivers are able to access the information themselves through the website. Click [here](#) to access the information request webpage. Drivers can challenge the information contained in their records through DataQ. Click here for the link to [DataQ](#).

For information concerning fees for the program visit the Frequently Asked Questions portion of the website by clicking [here](#).

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Did You Miss the CSA 2010 Webinars Presented by M&K?

If you did not participate in the CSA 2010 Webinars presented by Marcello & Kivisto's Doug Marcello, you can still view the webinars through KCI Insurance's website. Just click [here](#).

Here is a list of other CSA 2010 resources:

- **FMCSA CSA 2010 Proposed Rule Making** click [here](#).

- **CSA 2010 Webpage** click [here](#).

- **Powerpoint presentation regarding CSA 2010** presented by ATA - to obtain a copy contact us.

- **Powerpoint presentation regarding CSA 2010** presented at Marcello & Kivisto webinar on CSA 2010 - to obtain a copy contact us.

- **CSA 2010 Frequently Asked Questions** click [here](#).

- **CSA 2010 Outreach** click [here](#).

- **CSA 2010 Safety Analysis Checklist** developed by R&L Carriers - to obtain a copy contact us.

- **CSA 2010 Spreadsheet of Violation Points** - to obtain a copy contact us.

M&K Upcoming Events

- **July 20th, 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm - Webinar - Aggressive Defense of Trucking Lawsuits** - Presented by KCI Insurance with guest speaker Doug Marcello. Click [here](#) to reserve your seat, space is limited so register early.

- **July 22nd - South Central Golf Outing** - at Fairview Golf Course

- **August 8th - South Central Baseball Outing** - at the Harrisburg Senator's

- **Look for Sonya's article on Carmack in June's issue of Penntrux**

Updates for Previous Newsletter Article Topics

- **Updated ATRI Compendium on Idling Regulations**- available by clicking [here](#).

Drivers Show Off Skills at

the 25th Annual Pennsylvania Truck Driving Championships

On June 4th and 5th, truck drivers from all across Pennsylvania competed in the 25th Annual Pennsylvania Truck Driving Championships (TDCs). The TDCs were held on the Harrisburg Area Community College campus and hosted by the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA).

The drivers competed in several classes and the competition included a written exam, pre-trip inspection and a driving course. The competition classes included; straight truck, three axle, four axle, five axle, flatbed, twin, sleeper and step van to be maneuvered through a driving course.

The pre-trip inspection portion of the competition required driver's to inspect a tractor and trailer. While the driving course included several stations for drivers to maneuver successfully.

Again this year, non-professional drivers were given an opportunity to compete. A non-professional driving course was set up where non-professional drivers could test their ability to operate a bobtail.

The winners of each class will go on to compete at the 73rd Annual National Truck Driving Championships (NTDCs) to be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on August 3rd - August 7th. In addition to the winners of each class a Grand Champion is named. This year's TDC Grand Champion is Richard Bachman of ABF Freight. He will be competing in the NTDCs as well.

Numerous volunteers and companies help to make the TDCs a success this year, including Marcello & Kivisto. Giant and Turkey Hill donated food and drinks for the drivers and their volunteers. Marcello & Kivisto partners, Doug and Sonya, put their grilling skills to the test as they made hamburgers and hot dogs for the drivers and fellow volunteers.

To see a slideshow presentation of the event, created by Nancy Wilkes of PMTA, please click [here](#).

**Congratulations and
Good Luck**

- **Updated ATRI Cab Card with Idling Regulations** - available by clicking [here](#).

- **Current State Laws Regarding Handheld Cell Phone and Texting Bans** - available by clicking [here](#).

Documents and Resources Available From M&K

If you are interested in obtaining copies of the following, please call or email.

- **Hours-of-Service Rules Safety Impact 2010 Analysis compiled by ARTI in May 2010**

- **Accident preparedness DVD and/or forms**

- **Powerpoint presentation regarding CSA 2010 presented by ATA**

- **Powerpoint presentation by Dr. Hickman regarding Distracted Driving Study presented at M&K Seminar**

To see M&K's recent

Marcello & Kivisto would like to congratulate all the drivers who competed in the TDCs this year.

They all should be commended on their accomplishments. Best of luck at Nationals to the first place drivers who will be moving on:

GRAND CHAMPION

Richard Bachman, ABF Freight

STRAIGHT TRUCK DIVISION

1st - Richard Bachman, ABF Freight

2nd - Bill Rockel, Con-way Freight

3rd - Mike Buckner, Con-way Freight

3 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER DIVISION

1st - Dale Knox, Con-way Freight

2nd - Sam Leaper, FedEx Ground

3rd - Kevin Miskiewicz, YRC

4 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER DIVISION

1st - William Chrvala, New Penn Motor Express

2nd - Paul Waite, Friendly Ice Cream

3rd - Rick Taylor, Con-way Freight

5 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER DIVISION

1st - Robert Kircher, Pitt-Ohio Express

2nd - Jim McKendrick, Con-way Freight

3rd - Phil Yoder, YRC

TANK TRAILER

1st - Leo Flack, A. Duie Pyle, Inc.

2nd - Ron Fitzgerald, UPS Freight

3rd - Ron Emenheiser, Friendly Ice Cream

FLATBED

1st - Bob Dolan, Con-way Freight

2nd - Frank Mock, BRT, Inc.

3rd - James Bauer, Klapec Trucking

TWIN TRAILER

case results and articles
click [here](#).

Other Resources

To get construction and
accident updates for
Pennsylvania roadways
click [here](#).

FMCSA Distracted
Driving Instructional
Videos click [here](#).

[PA Motor Trucking
Association](#)

[American Trucking
Association](#)

[Trucking Industry
Defense Association
\(TIDA\)](#)

[Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration](#)

[PA Travel InformationTo-
Go](#)

For more resources click [here](#)

Free

- 1st - Richard Walton, New Penn Motor Express
2nd - Wesley Hock, FedEx Ground
3rd - Jim March, YRC

SLEEPER BERTH

- 1st - Bruce Adams FedEx Ground
2nd - Brian Smith, FedEx Ground
3rd - Vaughn Linder, Wal-Mart Transportation

STEP VAN

- 1st - Sal Vincelli, FedEx Ground
2nd - Kenneth Fream, FedEx Ground
3rd - Tabitha Maggs, FedEx Ground

Presentations for Your Driver Meetings

We provide FREE presentations at driver's meetings geared toward our client's topics of interests. Recently, we finished filming a mock trial cross-examination of a driver as part of a new presentation.

Please let us know if you are interested.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

-- James Dent



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