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U.S. DOT NATIONWIDE ROADSIDE INSPECTION BLITZ

BE PREPARED! NATIONWIDE DOT ROADSIDE ENFORCEMENT BLITZ FOR CMV VEHICLES AND CDL DRIVERS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4-6:

Heating Oil dealers, petroleum marketers and propane dealers who transport product in commercial motor vehicles (CMV) should be prepared for a major enforcement blitz in June when a nationwide roadside commercial motor vehicle inspection sweep is scheduled to take place. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), a group of federal, state and local transportation enforcement agencies is preparing to put 10,000 inspectors at 1,500 sites nationwide to conduct approximately 75,000 roadside inspections on June 4-6, 2013. The CVSA "RoadCheck" inspection sweep is an annual event designed to highlight common violations of state and federal motor carrier and HAZMAT transportation regulations. The goal of the RoadCheck program is to take unsafe drivers and vehicles off the road, increase awareness of inspections and their function, educate drivers about vehicle maintenance and gather general motor carrier compliance data. Common violations could result in a vehicle being taken out of service. According to the U.S. DOT, the average out of service order costs the operator \$861 not including fines and penalties. This year, inspectors will focus on all DOT HAZMAT requirements but will pay special attention on cargo securement and driver hours of service requirement. The #1 violation cited at past RoadCheck enforcement sweeps is CDL driver failure to wear a seat belt. CVSA offers a [checklist of safety tips](#) for drivers and trucks. The safety tips cover all items subject to inspection during RoadCheck 2013.

Drivers who are stopped during the RoadCheck 2013 enforcement sweep should be prepared to undergo any one of the following levels of inspection:

LEVEL I - Standard Inspection: An inspection that includes examination of driver's license, medical examiner's certificate and waiver, if applicable, alcohol and drugs, driver's record of duty status as required, hours of service, HAZZMAT registration, seat belt, vehicle inspection report, brake system, coupling devices, exhaust system, frame, fuel system, turn signals, brake lamps, tail lamps, head lamps, lamps on projecting loads, safe loading, steering mechanism, suspension, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels and rims, windshield wipers, emergency exits on buses and HM requirements, as applicable.

LEVEL II – Walk Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection: An examination that includes each of the items specified under the North American Standard Inspection. As a minimum, Level II inspections must include examination of: driver's license, medical examiners certificate and waiver, if applicable, alcohol and drugs, driver's record of duty status as required, hours of service, seat belt, vehicle inspection report, brake system, coupling devices, exhaust system, frame, fuel system, turn signals, brake lamps, tail lamps, head

lamps, lamps on projecting loads, safe loading, steering mechanism, suspension, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels and rims, windshield wipers, emergency exits on buses, and HM requirements, as applicable. It is contemplated that the walk-around driver/vehicle inspection will include only those items which can be inspected without physically getting under the vehicle.

LEVEL III - Driver Only Inspection: A roadside examination of the driver's license, medical certification and waiver, if applicable, driver's record of duty status as required, hours of service, seat belt, vehicle inspection report, and HM requirements, as applicable.

LEVEL IV – Special Inspections: Inspections under this heading typically include a one-time examination of a particular item. These examinations are normally made in support of a study or to verify or refute a suspected trend.

LEVEL V - Vehicle only Inspection: An inspection that includes each of the vehicle inspection items specified under the North American Standard Inspection (Level I), without a driver present, conducted at any location.

RoadCheck inspection results are used to determine which transporters are targeted for a more comprehensive safety review under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) new Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA). Click on the following link to read more about DOT inspection levels <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/safety-initiatives/mcsap/insplevels.htm>. To learn more about RoadCheck please go to the following link: <http://www.cvsa.org/home.aspx>.

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