

2019 Commercial Vehicle Safety Summit

This all-day event will include short break-out sessions facilitated by representatives from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). There will be representatives available from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), California Department of Transportation, California Air Resources Board, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to answer questions. The combined efforts of industry and the Department have made this training and outreach endeavor a success in previous years.

CLASS SUMMARIES

Truck, Bus, and Modified Limousine Terminal Inspections: The terminal inspection process and inspection items for motor carriers operating trucks, buses, or modified limousines will be discussed including: vehicle and driver inspection requirements and inspection samples, required recordkeeping for each inspection category, and terminal rating criteria.

Hours-of-Service: This session will cover hours-of-service requirements applicable to passenger and property-carrying commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate and intrastate commerce. In addition, Electronic Logging Device requirements and applicability to intrastate operations will be discussed.

Commercial Industry Education Program: This session will familiarize the attendees with the CHP's Commercial Industry Education Program (CIEP). The purpose of the CIEP is to improve safety and reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle crashes through education. All CIEP presentations are offered at no cost to industry. The CIEP has been very successful since its inception in 1999, meeting and sometimes far exceeding, the goals and objectives of the program.

DataQuality Challenges: This session will address the Data Quality Challenge process. Some of the items discussed will include: how to properly challenge an inspection when there is a discrepancy; if the carrier feels a violation was documented in error, what should be included in the challenge for the best outcome to the carrier, as well as preparing the carriers for a denial of a challenge when there is insufficient evidence to have the contested violation removed; and explaining the different codes that are assigned when a citation is issued and the case has been adjudicated.

Hazardous Materials Transportation: This session will provide information on the laws and regulations applicable to the transportation of hazardous materials (HM) in commercial motor vehicles, with a focus primarily on requirements most applicable to motor carriers transporting HM. This will include communication methods, package securement, and vehicle operations. Additionally, details regarding the necessary HM permits and licenses needed to transport HM by highway will be discussed.

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Truck and Bus Permits and Operating Authority: The main topic of this session is CHP enforcement of the DMV, Motor Carrier of Property Permit, and the various Public Utilities Commission permits. Information on who needs a permit, the requirements necessary to obtain a permit, and the consequences for not obtaining a permit will be reviewed and discussed.

Overview of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Process: This session will be a topical discussion related to the differences between the levels of inspections conducted at CHP commercial vehicle enforcement facilities and on roadside. A detailed item-by-item Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, North American Standard Level I inspection will be shown with emphasis on items commonly listed as violations on an inspection report.