

STAR Awards Program – 2015

On October 30, 2015, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will sponsor the fourth Safe Transportation Achievement Recognition ("STAR") Awards program, to formally recognize California motor carriers in the truck and bus industry for their efforts in making safety the number one priority in their day-to-day operations.

Awards will be presented in some or all of the following categories:

Truck (General):

- Truck (except hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with 3 or less power units;
- Truck (except hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with more than 3 but less than 20 power units;
- Truck (except hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with more than 20 power units;

Truck (Towing Companies):

- Motor carriers with 3 or less tow trucks;
- Motor carriers with more than 3 but less than 20 tow trucks;
- Motor carriers with more than 20 tow trucks;

Truck (Hazardous Materials):

*Transportation of hazardous materials requiring a license pursuant to California Vehicle Code, Section 32000.5 or a hazardous waste transporter registration pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Section 25163.

- Truck (*hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with 3 or less power units;
- Truck (*hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with more than 3 but less than 20 power units;
- Truck (*hazardous materials) - Motor carriers with more than 20 power units; *more than 50 percent of daily

Bus:

- Bus - Motor carriers with 1 - 10 buses;
- Bus - Motor carriers with 11 - 25 buses;
- Bus - Motor carriers with 26 or more buses.

Entry Criteria

- Truck & Bus - Company with one or more terminal locations in continuous operation in California for a minimum of six years;
- Truck - Minimum of three consecutive "satisfactory" rated BIT inspections at all terminal locations throughout the state for past six years;
- Bus - Minimum of six consecutive "satisfactory" bus terminal inspections at all terminal locations throughout the state for past six years;
- Truck & Bus - Currently rated "satisfactory" by the California Highway Patrol and no "unsatisfactory" terminal inspection rating during the past six years at all terminal locations throughout the state;
- Truck & Bus - Current "satisfactory" rating for compliance with Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing (CSAT) requirements; no "unsatisfactory" CSAT inspection ratings;
- Truck & Bus - Valid intrastate or interstate permit, registration, or authority;
- Truck & Bus (interstate) - Federal Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC) percentiles below the intervention threshold, published by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), on the date the application is scored;

The intervention threshold for individual BASICs may be viewed on line at the FMCSA Compliance, Safety, Accountability website [<https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/FAQs.aspx>] using the "Frequently Asked Questions" and searching "BASIC intervention threshold."

- Truck & Bus (interstate) - No "unsatisfactory" compliance rating has been assigned by the FMCSA within past six years.

Motor carriers successfully meeting the entry criteria will be awarded **25** points.

Scoring Categories:

- Citation history
- Collision history
- Miles driven
- Number of years in industry
- Technology Innovation
- Comprehensive policies for highway safety
- Training
- Achievements (awards and/or recognitions)
- Community service

Scoring Criteria

Citation history:

Total number of citations (during past three years), divided by the number of power units, deducting points from the overall score as follows:

<0.25 citations per power unit – no points deducted.
0.25 – 0.49 – 2 points deducted
0.50 – 0.74 – 4 points deducted
0.75 – 0.99 – 6 points deducted
1.0 – 1.24 – 8 points deducted
1.25 – 1.49 – 10 points deducted
1.50 – 1.74 – 12 points deducted
1.75 – 2.0 – 15 points deducted
2.01 – 2.5 – 20 points deducted
2.51 Or more 25 points deducted

Collision History:

Total number of collisions (during the past five years), divided by the number of power units, deducting points from the overall score as follows:

0 - .049 - 0 points deducted
.05 - .09 – 5 points deducted
.10 - .24 – 10 points deducted
.25 - .49 – 15 points deducted
.50 - .74 – 20 points deducted
.75 - .99 – 25 points deducted
1.0 Or more – 30 points deducted

Miles Driven:

Total fleet miles divided by # of power units, adding points to the overall score as follows:

1 – 20,000 – 5 points added
20,001 – 40,000 – 10 points added
40,001 – 60,000 – 15 points added
60,001 – 80,000 – 20 points added
80,001 – 100,000 – 25 points added
100,000 + 30 points added

Number of Years in Industry - # years multiplied by .01 multiplied by total # of points scored.

Example: 10 years in industry x .01 and 50 points = .10 x 50 = **5 points**.

****Training (may require documented verification):**

May provide examples or explanations of on-going driver training program(s)

Hazardous Materials carriers - On-going driver and function specific training program(s) including verifiable compliance with all mandatory hazardous materials training requirements for drivers and/or employees

****Efforts to Maintain High Levels of Highway Safety:**

May provide explanations or examples of technology, policies or other practices used to promote highway safety

****Other achievements during past six years.**

****Community service during past six years (food drives, sponsored events, etc.).**

NOTE: Items marked with two asterisks (**) will be scored based on the depth, magnitude and/or impact of each item. Validation of information provided by each application will be researched through the MISTER system, MCMIS (federal database), and any other available data.

Application

After receiving applications from the industry, a **five** member team consisting of judges from CHP and motor carrier industry representatives will review, analyze, and score each application to determine awards recipients. Applications are available here for downloading. [Download application here.](#)

Please provide as much information as possible regarding your company's safety compliance efforts. Completed applications shall be mailed to:

California Highway Patrol
Commercial Vehicle Section
601 N. 7th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Attn: STAR Awards Program

Applications must be received no later than August 30, 2015.