

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

**MOTOR CARRIER SPECIALIST I  
TRAINING MANUAL**

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## DEDICATION

This manual is dedicated to the memory of Mr. George Williams, MCS III, California Highway Patrol. Mr. Williams' commitment to the development and expansion of a formalized Motor Carrier Specialist training and evaluation program is largely responsible for the preparation of this manual. His professionalism in his chosen career of motor carrier safety has elevated the standards of highway safety in general, and commercial vehicle and driver safety in particular.

## FOREWORD

The purpose of this manual is to provide policy and guidance for Motor Carrier Specialist Supervisors and Motor Carrier Specialist Training Officers to utilize in the training and development of Motor Carrier Specialist I (MCS I) personnel. References to other California Highway Patrol (CHP) manuals and state or federal statutes or regulatory codes are utilized where necessary to provide specific information relating to the various rating factors used in evaluating the safety compliance of a motor carrier's terminals, i.e., maintenance program, driver records, equipment maintenance, and hazardous materials. Supervisors should encourage trainees to highlight specific information in their copies of referenced publications, as a method of optimizing the trainees' development of expertise to the journey level.

The objective of this manual is to refine and expand upon the knowledge each MCS I demonstrated in initially qualifying for the position, so that each trainee will have the necessary skills to effectively and efficiently evaluate motor carrier safety practices. Meeting this objective will enable the Department of California Highway Patrol to fulfill its policy of uniform application of laws and regulations to the transportation industry.

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