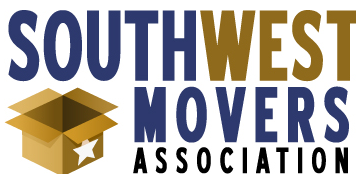


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April 1, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

The SMA Winter/Spring meeting is April 15-16. The cut off date for the hotel was Wednesday, March 31. If you were not planning to attend, but now find that you can come and need a hotel room, feel free to contact the staff and we will assist you with the hotel rate and reservation. The Friday agenda has been amended by adding the Public Relations meeting from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. All other meetings and times are as originally reflected on the registration form.

If you have a reservation with the hotel and have not registered with SMA, please do so right away. It is so much help to the staff to have your registrations as early as possible in advance of the meeting. This allows us to do many things to make the meetings more convenient and enjoyable for attendees.

Thanks so much. See you in two weeks at the meetings.

As noted below, the office will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday. We wish everyone a joyous and safe Easter.

Dorothy S. Brooks
Director of Operations

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SMA Event Calendar for 2010

SMA/GHMA Combined Meeting and Golf Tournament: April 14-16, Marriott Town Square Hotel, Sugar Land, TX

National Council of Moving Associations: June 8-10, St. Louis, MO

Summer Membership Meeting: July 11-13, Embassy Suites, Hot Springs, AR

Annual Membership Conference: Sept. 22-24, Lost Pines Resort and Spa, Bastrop, TX

CSA 2010 Update

CSA 2010 timelines have shifted resulting in a more phased-in approach. As you may know, the data preview is scheduled to be released to the industry on April 12, 2010. From April 12, 2010 to November 30, 2010, motor carriers will be able to preview their

performance data.

Full implementation of FMCSA's more comprehensive carrier safety measurement system (CSMS) will be rolled out effective November 30, 2010, at which time the motor carrier BASIC will be available to the public. CSMS will include assignment and prioritization. Also beginning November 30, 2010, warning letters will be mailed nationwide, along with deficient BASIC information being sent to the roadside.

The nine test states will continue administering the full array of CSA 2010 interventions. However, for the remaining 41 states the CSA 2010 interventions will be phased in beginning spring /summer 2011.

It is important to note that regardless of when CSA 2010 is enforced, data going back two years for a company will be used. It is pertinent that companies address all compliance issues immediately so they will be prepared.

New FMCSA Web Site on CSA 2010 Running April 12

FMCSA will be launching a Data Review Website that will allow the industry to see what individual carriers' safety data are going to look like using the anticipated changes in CSA 2010.

The carrier safety information will be broken down into the new seven Behavior Analysis Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS) used in the new Safety Management System (SMS), as opposed to the four Safety Evaluation Areas (SEAs) used in SafeStat.

On April 12, 2010, the website will be made available to the industry. Access to this website will be available through the CSA 2010 website (<http://csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov/>), through a link on the SafeStat online website (<http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SafeStat/SafeStatMain.asp>), and possibly a link from the FMCSA Portal. The information will not be made available to the public until later this fall.

The SMS will not replace SafeStat/SAFER until later this fall.

The Agency is putting together a Federal Register notice announcing all of this information which will be published soon.

FMCSA Issues Proposed Text-Ban Rule

Today, FMCSA issued a proposed rule to prohibit commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers from texting while driving. Earlier this year, FMCSA issued regulatory guidance stating that the existing general restriction on the "use of devices that decrease safety" will now be interpreted to include texting - and enforced accordingly. Today's announcement goes a step further by proposing to implement a new regulation that specifically bans texting by CMV drivers and applies disqualification penalties against drivers who do so. Of particular interest to motor carriers is that the proposed rule does not prohibit communication via an in-cab fleet management system.

Texas Driver License Offices Close Early for Good Friday

In observance of Good Friday, Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division offices will close at noon Friday, April 2 and will reopen at their regularly-scheduled times beginning on Monday, April 5.

Customers can still go online for some transactions. By logging onto www.texasonline.com, customers can see if they are eligible for online services such as driver license and ID card renewals and address changes.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Appoints ATA Economist to Statistics Advisory Council

ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello received an appointment March 30 from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS), which advises the Department's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

The Department of Transportation hopes that the 10 new members of ACTS will help the Department coordinate its data and eventually make recommendations to BTS on how to increase the relevance and quality of its data.

Legislative Committees Meeting on Interim Charges

State legislators are meeting across Texas including in Austin to conduct public hearings on the various interim charges issued to them by the leadership last fall. Interim charges are directives from legislative leadership to the respective committees. These discussions often lead to bills being filed and seriously considered next session.

Last week the House Ways & Means Committee met to review several exemptions from the state sales tax. Next week the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding will meet to discuss what measures can be used to increase highway funding. Later this month the House Transportation Committee will be holding a joint hearing with the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. These two committees will hear testimony regarding the safety and efficiency of the existing agriculture related transportation infrastructure as well as the air, ground and rail transportation needs of rural Texas.

In May, the Senate Transportation Committee will be meeting in Houston to evaluate the Texas Department of Transportation's policy for permitting overweight vehicles and recommend ways to ensure overweight vehicles do not cause significant damage to the State's roadways and bridges. They will also be examining the limited operation hours and staffing of highway weigh stations across the state and consider whether expanded operations or other alternatives would improve compliance with weigh restrictions.

SMA and TMTA are monitoring all the hearings that may discuss issues affecting the trucking industry and will be offering testimony in some of those hearings as well.

CVSA Workshop April 19-22

Sign up today for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Workshop in San Antonio on April 19-22. The workshop will give attendees an opportunity to assess processes and procedures that will improve commercial motor vehicle and overall highway transportation safety. To register, visit: www.cvsa.org

2010 CVSA Workshop
5th Annual FMCSA MCSAP Leadership Conference
North American Cargo Securement Harmonization

Public Forum
April 19-22, 2010
Hyatt Regency San Antonio
123 Losoya Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: 210-222-1234

AMSA's March-April Direction Magazine

Two members of SMA received write-ups in the newest issue of Direction Magazine. Gary Hendley's promotion to senior vice president of operations at EDC Moving Systems was noted with a nice write-up on Gary's experience in the moving industry. Congratulations Gary.

D&D Moving and Storage, Inc., Dan Daniels, a new member of the SMA Board of Directors, has formed a partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF). In recognition of the importance of NBCF, D&D has committed to donating a percentage of the revenue generated by its special 40-foot pink trailer to the NBCF every year in hopes of "Moving Toward Making a Difference" in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks Dan; your commitment and support are appreciated.

Reminder: TxDOT Seeks Public Comment by April 19

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is soliciting comment on revisions to department transportation planning and programming rules in Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 15.

The latest version of the draft planning and programming rules may be viewed on the TxDOT website. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 19.

TMTA Austin Chapter Meeting April 21

SMA members are invited to join the TMTA Austin Chapter for a meeting on Wednesday, April 21 at the Catfish Parlour on 4705 East Ben White in Austin from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Save the Date: TMTA Metroplex Chapter Meeting

SMA members are invited to join the TMTA Metroplex Chapter for a meeting on April 22 at Cacharel Restaurant in Arlington. Attendees will hear from honored guests representing the Dallas and Fort Worth areas.

Special Guests:

Chairman John Carona, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee (Dallas)
Senator Wendy Davis, Senate Transportation Committee member (Fort Worth)

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Attendees should register for the event by visiting:
www.tmta.com

Safety Audit/CSA 2010 Overview - April 13

How to Prepare for a Safety Audit/CSA 2010 Overview
April 13, 2010

TMTA Weller Training Institute Austin, Texas

The TMTA Training Institute in cooperation with Leon Feazell, the former state director of Texas U.S. Department of Transportation, will be conducting a seminar concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and CSA 2010.

This course will take place at the TMTA Weller Training Institute located at 700 E. 11th Street in Austin, Texas (TMTA Offices) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on April 13.

The cost is \$150 for SMA/TMTA members and \$190 for non-members.

Attendees will receive information on FMCSA current and future audit procedures:

- * What items trigger a safety audit
- * What questions will be asked
- * What records will be checked
- * How records are selected
- * Differences in acute and critical violations
- * How penalties are determined
- * How your carrier rating is determined
- * How to prepare for CSA 2010

For more information, contact Lance Shillingburg at 800-727-7135, lance@tmta.com
Registration help, contact Tammy at 800-727-7135, tammy@tmta.com

To register, visit: www.tmta.com

Winter/Spring Member Meetings - April 14-16

Don't forget to register for the Winter/Spring Member Meetings in Sugar Land, Texas. The GHMA Golf Tournament will kick off the gathering on April 14. Meetings will follow on April 15 and 16. The meetings are open to all SMA members. Please register today at: www.southwestmovers.org

SMA Foundation Scholarship Applications Due May 14

The SMA Foundation application for scholarships is posted on the SMA website. Members who have students (family, employees and employee families) who will be headed for colleges and universities at the end of the current school year are asked to encourage their students to file their application for SMA Scholarships. Download an application at www.mytexasmover.com. The new deadline reply date for submitting scholarship applications is **May 14, 2010**, so schools should be asked now for a sealed copy of the mid-term transcript to send with your application.

Order Today: Revised Texas Safety Regulations Available

Revised Texas Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are now available. Revisions are 39.95. If you would like a complete, bound set, the cost is 59.95. To place your order, contact TMTA at 512.478.2541 or jason@tmta.com.

SMA Office Closed Tomorrow for Good Friday

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April 5. Happy Easter.

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