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### FMCSA Close to Making HOS Announcement

On Tuesday of this week, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) submitted an interim final rule concerning the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations to the White House Office of Management and Budget for their review. The document responds to the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals which voided two provisions — the 11 hours of driving and 34-hour restart from the current HOS rules. Details of the proposed interim final rule are not yet known however rumors indicate that it likely preserves in some way the 11 hours of driving and 34-hour restart. Specific details will be released once the White House completes its review and returns the proposal to FMCSA.

### Feinstein Asks FMCSA to Reconsider On-Board Recorders

Sen. Feinstein (D-Calif.) called on U.S.DOT to revisit efforts to improve the safety of our highways by requiring onboard computers that automatically record when a truck is being driven. In her recent letter to John Hill of the FMCSA, Feinstein asked: Does the FMCSA possess the legal authority to require electronic recording devices on long-haul trucks in the United States? Is the FMCSA considering requiring such devices on U.S. domiciled long-haul trucks? Does the FMCSA propose another approach to address the growing problem of truck driver fatigue?

### Board Suspends UCR Enforcement

The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Board of Directors has advised law enforcement agencies around the country that the original November 15, 2007 enforcement date has been suspended until such time as the UCR registration information collected thus far has been successfully uploaded to SAFER, Query Central and ISS. Until further notice, the UCR Board requests enforcement staff to provide educational outreach to the motor carrier industry concerning the UCR agreement. The UCR Board also understands that certain states will be doing enforcement on carriers based in their states, and does not intend their message to preempt them from doing so. You can register online at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov).

### EPA Report Enforcement Results in Texas

Enforcement activities by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency produced historic results from industry, government, and other regulated entities to protect the nation's air, water, and land in fiscal year 2007. The record \$10.6 billion in pollution controls and environmental projects to achieve compliance with federal environmental laws exceeds the previous record of \$10.2 billion set in FY2006. In Texas, EPA achieved more than 50 million pounds of pollution reductions, more than \$229 million in penalties and environmental improvements, and concluded 252 enforcement cases with facilities in the state.

### FMCSA to Hold Listening Session in Arlington

A public listening session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4, near Dallas at the Sheraton Arlington Hotel. This listening session is to obtain feedback on the agency's Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010 initiative, a comprehensive review and analysis of FMCSA's current commercial motor carrier safety and enforcement programs. FMCSA will use the upcoming session to inform the public on the direction and progress of CSA 2010, and obtain feedback from its partners and stakeholders. To participate, participants must register by completing the online registration form at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/csa2010/csa2010-register.asp](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/csa2010/csa2010-register.asp); space is limited.

### New TMTA Stolen Equipment Alert

This week, TMTA initiated the new Stolen Equipment Alert system. In addition to legislative and regulatory alerts, TMTA members will receive important notification of stolen equipment through our 'TMTA Stolen Equipment Alert' program. The vast network of TMTA members are informed through instant email messages containing information on the stolen equipment. Our leading asset has always been the members of this association and through these alerts, members can share critical information on stolen property with other industry professionals and employees. As we know, our drivers are the front lines in fighting theft. This resource to report stolen equipment is available to SMA members as well.

### Move U – Mover Training Certification Classes

The December 3 and 4 classes are full. The next training classes are scheduled for January 16 and 17, at the SMA headquarters in Austin.

The Mover 101 class, January 16, is a pre-requisite course that covers proper equipment, its use and emphasizes moving safety practices and techniques. The 201 Loader Class, employing the training from the 101 class is January 17th. Members will realize quite a savings by enrolling employees for both days at \$295. If you cannot spare the time off for employees for two days, you may enroll them for the January 16-101 class, and send them back @ \$195 for the 201 Loader class when the next one is scheduled.

**One day** - Basic moving safety and equipment class - \$195

**Two days** - Basic moving safety and loader class - \$295.  
A registration form will be posted on the new SMA Web site [www.mytexasmover.com](http://www.mytexasmover.com). Call SMA 800/759-2305 with questions.