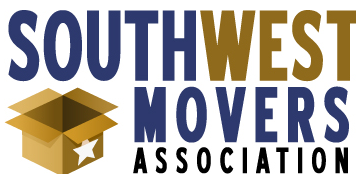


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MOVEFAX

January 8, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

We wish a happy and prosperous New Year to all of you!!
We are encouraged that all of the news reports are predicting an upturn in the economy for a much better year for all.

This week's MOVEFax; the voice of the Texas moving industry reflects the energy of a new year, full of challenges and new opportunities.

Tom Herrick's mover classes on January 5 and 6 were well attended and he has advised that his on-line "Loader" training session will go live possibly as early as next week. SMA will be publishing notices of the availability of that training and how members may access it as soon as we are given the go ahead.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year - all year long!!

Thanks,

Dorothy Brooks
Director of Operations

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Moratorium on UCR Enforcement Effective Jan. 1

A moratorium on enforcement of the UCR was effective January 1, 2010 for the 2010 registration year. This moratorium shall remain in effect until further notice. Please be advised that this moratorium does not impact UCR requirements as they relate to previous years.

An amendment to SAFETEA-LU has changed the methodology for determining fleet size by including only power units and eliminating trailers for the 2010 UCR registration year. This significant change to the statute requires modifications to the fee structure that must first be promulgated in federal regulation in order for the program to proceed. When the rulemaking is completed participating states will mail registration notices to all entities subject to the UCR allowing for a reasonable time period for companies to remit their fees. When participating states have agreed on a 2010 enforcement date an updated enforcement bulletin will be issued.

Enforcement of a Previous UCR Registration Year (2007 - 2009) after January 1, 2010: In order for roadside enforcement of a previous UCR registration year to take place after January 1, 2010, enforcement staff should first obtain evidence of interstate operations occurring during that particular registration year. Proof may include but not be limited to log entries; toll receipts; shipping papers; bills of lading; previous years apportioned receipt or prior years roadside inspection reports.

SMA Long Range Planning Committee is meeting Jan. 14

The Planning Committee will start with a SWOT session ... i.e. what are the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats that are out there for SMA. If any SMA member has a comment in any of these areas that they would like the Long Range Planning Committee to be aware of, they are invited to email their comment to Chairman Andy Crocker at crockermoving@sbcglobal.net

FMCSA to Hold Listening Sessions on HOS

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will hold four listening sessions this month to gather information and comments as the agency prepares a rulemaking proposal on hours-of-service requirements for property-carrying commercial vehicle drivers. The agency wants to hear about topics such as rest and on-duty time, sleeper berth use and the effect the current hours-of-service rule has on loading and unloading times for drivers. A record of the listening sessions will be placed in the public docket for the rulemaking.

The FMCSA has scheduled three listening sessions to encourage public participation on this issue and will schedule a fourth listening session in the coming days.

* Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport
300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202

* Friday, January 22, 2010 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST

Hyatt Regency Dallas Forth Worth Airport
DFW International Parkway, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas 75261

* Monday, January 25, 2010 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. PST

Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles International Airport
1985 East Grand Avenue, El Segundo, California 90245

In addition to the listening sessions, comments may be submitted using the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal:

Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. (Public docket, FMCSA-2004-19608)

Mail:

Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.

West Building Ground Floor
Room W12-140
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Fax:

1-202-493-2251

Each submission must include the agency name and docket number:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Docket number - FMCSA 2004-19608

Texting/Cell Phone Use Ban Gains Speed

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and the District of Columbia have all banned/restricted cell phone use and/or texting while driving and now three more states have joined the movement; Illinois, New Hampshire and Oregon. Oregon also banned use of handheld cellular phones while driving.

FMCSA has stated their intent to release a notice of proposed rulemaking on "Limiting the Use of Wireless Communication Devices". The current scheduled date for the notice is late February. It is the agency's desire to produce a final rule by mid-2011.

TxDMV Listening Sessions Continue Across State

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is holding listening sessions across the state to hear from citizens and customers regarding: What you like about the current TxDMV operations? What can we improve about the current way we do business? In an ideal world, if we had unlimited resources, what could we do to make it easier for you to do business with the TxDMV?

The next listening session is:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2010
University of Texas San Antonio Downtown Campus
501 W Durango Blvd
Riklin Auditorium - Rm. FS. 1.406.

Other sessions will be held in:

Jan. 20 Dallas
Jan. 21 Fort Worth
Jan. 25 Wichita Falls
Jan. 27 Lubbock
Jan. 28 Amarillo
Feb. 8 Waco
Feb. 9 Tyler
Feb. 16 Houston
Feb. 18 Harlingen
Feb. 22 Corpus Christi
Feb. 23 Abilene
Feb. 24 Midland/Odessa
Feb. 25 El Paso

Details of sessions will be posted on the TxDMV Web site, www.TxDmv.gov, as they become available.

Those unable to attend a session can e-mail their ideas to: TxDMVListens@dmv.state.tx.us

TWIC Accepted for Access to Military Facilities

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is now being accepted by the Department of Defense as a valid form of identification to enter a military facility. TWIC is being accepted in addition to the Common Access Credential, or CAC, and does not replace a military access ID. The TWIC card is a proof of identity credential only; drivers holding a TWIC card must still have a valid business reason to visit a military installation.

TMTA - Austin Chapter Meeting on Jan. 19

Mark your calendars, TMTA Austin Chapter will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Joanne Cisneros, FMCSA - Texas division administrator, will speak to the group on updates regarding CSA 2010. BBQ lunch will be served. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. at the TMTA Office on 700 E. 11th Street Austin, Texas 78701. Cost for Attendees is \$20. SMA members are invited to attend. RSVP to Les at les@tmta.com

Parking is available at the TMTA building as well as at the Sheraton Austin Hotel across the street if the TMTA parking lot is full.

Attention: SMA members are cordially invited to attend TMTA regional meetings. Local meetings are usually held during the lunch hour and are monthly and/or quarterly. In addition to Austin, meetings are held in the following Texas Cities: Amarillo, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Corpus Christi, Tyler, and Midland/Odessa.

SMA Event Calendar for 2010

Long Range Planning Meeting: Jan. 14-18 - Galveston, TX
AMSA Education Conference & Expo: Feb. 21-24 - Phoenix, AZ
Spring Membership Meeting: April 15-16 - 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 Hotel - Hot Springs, AR
Annual Membership Conference: Sept. 22-24 - Lost Pines Resort and Spa - Bastrop, TX

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