

# Client Services Update



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## On-Site Training

### Fork Lift or HazMat Training

- Any size group
- Topics customized to your company's needs
- Evening and Weekend sessions available

Call Ken Haigh at our office for more information:  
**800-215-2490**



### Click it or Ticket

Active enforcement of state seatbelt laws will be happening May 22 through June 4 during the national "Click it or Ticket" campaign. The national average of seatbelt use among truck drivers is less than 50% - please remind your drivers to use their safety belts whenever they are behind the wheel.

Visit Us At The  
**MMTA Truck Symposium and Show**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2006**  
Best Western Royal Plaza  
Route 20W & 495, Exit 24A,  
Marlboro, MA

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18 John Street Place  
Worcester, MA 01609  
www.fleet-safety.com  
Phone: 508-791-1971  
800-215-2490  
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## FMCSA Announces New Agenda

The FMCSA's newest Agenda was published in the April 24th issue of the Federal Register. Items on the FMCSA's To Do List Include:

- A rulemaking on the merging of commercial driver license records with the medical certification database which will be released "in the next few weeks."
- A rulemaking for electronic onboard recorders [EOBR] which will be released later this year.
- A revised rule for new entrants due later this year.
- A notice for proposed rulemaking to address the need to track carriers that avoid bad safety records by shutting down and re-opening under a new carrier name while respecting privacy issues.

For more information, go to the FMCSA website: [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).

## Safety and Compliance Info Zone

**NEW**

We have added a new feature to our website - called the **Safety and Compliance Info Zone** - it is accessible from our home page: [www.fleet-safety.com](http://www.fleet-safety.com).

This area of our website will be an information exchange. Clients are welcome to post comments or information on any subject. Please contact Michelle at Fleet Safety with any questions or comments or if you need assistance to do a post. We are looking forward to your input!  
Direct Line: 508 459-4710 or [mkasouf@fleet-safety.com](mailto:mkasouf@fleet-safety.com)



## Roadcheck 2006 Is June 6th to 8th

Make sure your vehicles are ready for Roadcheck 2006, which will be held June 6 to June 8. Roadcheck is the international truck and bus roadside inspection program. During the 72 hour event, approximately 10,000 CVSA certified truck and bus safety inspectors will be on the job at inspection sites along highways and roads throughout North America. Roadcheck 2004 resulted in more than 50,000 inspections on commercial vehicles; brake defects were the major reason for vehicles being placed out of service. The dates for Operation Air Brake have not been announced but it will take place sometime in May. Brake Safety Awareness Week will take place August 27 through September 2.

*Mandatory OSHA 10 Hour Training for Construction Site Workers employed on public construction worksites in Massachusetts is available through the Massachusetts Motor Transportation Association at their Symposium on May 23 and May 24. This Training must be completed by July 1, 2006. For more information contact the MMTA at 617-695-3512.*

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## TRAVELING INTO OR OUT OF CANADA?

*Some things you may want to know :*

The US Customs and Border Agency has instituted a Bar-coding system for ALL loads entering into the United States. This system is called the PAPS System. It requires all loads entering to be accompanied by a Manifest with a Regulated Barcode. This is mandatory and carriers could face up to \$5,000 dollars in fines!

The United States is not the only one with this idea. Canada has implemented their version of this bar-code program. The U.S.— Canada program is called the PARS system. This is also a set of required bar-codes for easy entrance into Canada. Although the PARS program is not yet mandatory, it allows for drivers to enter easily with little wait at the border.

Remember, when your truck is empty, traveling in either direction, the barcode and manifest are not required. *For More information about getting setup with the PAPS / PARS programs call Mina at Fleet Safety Services. 1-800-215-2490.*

### **Are You Carrying Cargo In or Out of Canada?**

**Some information that can make your border crossing quicker and help you fulfill customs requirements.**

<b>If you are entering the US from Canada with Cargo you will need:</b>	<b>If you are entering Canada from the US on a regular basis your drivers may want to have:</b>
PAPS Program (PAPS stands for Pre-Arrival Processing System - it is also known as the bar coding program)	CDRP (Commercial Driver Registration Program) registration for each of your drivers - this will expedite border crossing.
You must have a SCAC (Standard Carrier Alpha Code) code	Drivers must fill in a standard application, and submit documents, including a valid driver's license and proof of citizenship
You must submit proof of your SCAC code to US Customs	Drivers must then meet with Canadian officials, after which the driver is issued a "clearance card" which must be used as identification when crossing the border
You must have a Customs Broker	<b>Additional Information</b>
You must have the authorized bar coded labels in sets of two (Please contact Mina at Fleet Safety for more information on obtaining labels)	IF your Load (either way) is valued at <u>less than \$2000</u> then you need the <i>CBP FORM 7523 - Entry and Manifest of merchandise free of duty</i>
If you are carrying food products, including animal feeds, you must submit <u>prior notice</u> to the FDA	If you are entering Quebec you will also need to fulfill all Canadian requirements and have an NIR number issued by Quebec

### **Ordering Trip or Fuel Permits?**

Please give us as much advance notice as possible when your company needs to order travel permits. We have observed that some states are taking upwards of 6 to 8 hours to issue permits we were formerly able to obtain within 2 hours. Some of this lag time is due to state budgetary cutbacks and shortened hours at the permitting offices- for example, many states open at 8:30 and close at 2:30 or 3 PM, and do not allow wire services to issue permits without state reviews. If you need a permit and call late in the afternoon it may not be issued until the following day.

Please call us as soon as you finalize your travel plans so we can be sure that your permits are in place when you need them.