



TAKE A SAFETY SECOND

Topics: Unsafe Driving



CVSA's Annual Operation Safe Driver Enforcement Blitz

Be mindful that there will be increased traffic safety enforcement from **October 15, 2017** through **October 21, 2017**. This is not just for commercial motor vehicles (CMV), but also for passenger-vehicles. Make sure you're not only relaying this to the drivers, but also taking this seriously while you're behind the wheel.

Law enforcement will be patrolling for the following dangerous driving behaviors, among others:

- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Texting
- Failure to use a seatbelt while operating a CMV or passenger-vehicle
- Traveling too closely
- Improper lane change
- Failure to obey traffic control devices

In 2016, nearly 21,000 warnings and citations were issued to commercial trucks, buses, and passenger vehicles during Operation Safe Driver Week. Of those 21,000, CMV drivers were issued 11,182 warnings and citations.

Accident Reporting

We all know that it's important to report accidents to multiple different personnel at Bennett should a driver be involved in one. If a driver is involved in an accident, they should follow the procedures in the order listed below:

1. Render Aid

The driver should always check on all occupants of other vehicles involved, if there are injuries, the appropriate emergency medical authorities should be contacted.

2. Call 911

Be sure to call 911, to get them on the way before you call claims. Drivers should ensure they get the third party's information **prior** to the police arriving on scene, as authorities typically separate the different parties involved in the accident.

3. Call Claims Department

Regardless of severity, ALL accidents/incidents must be reported immediately from the scene. The number to reach the Claims Department DURING and AFTER business hours is **855-330-1558**. This includes hydraulic and other spills, alleged accidents, or accident-like occurrences, theft of rig/cargo, fire, etc.

Claims should be the **first** phone call after the police have been called, the adjuster will instruct the driver to call their agent, dispatcher, terminal manager or other safety personnel required to be contacted.

Safety Tip

As we witnessed the unfortunate tragic event in Las Vegas, we are reminded that we cannot control the actions of others. At any time, we can find ourselves in a vulnerable situation in a location that we are not familiar with.

Just as when we fly, we are instructed by the flight attendants to locate the nearest exit. You should use the same thought process when you are attending a dinner, sporting event, at the shopping center, and even a concert venue. Being aware of your surroundings and knowing where the nearest exits are located can help you stay calm and react if an unforeseen event would occur. Make it a habit and it will become second nature just like buckling your seat belt.



Professional drivers are held to higher standards. If the posted speed limit is 65 MPH, and you are going 66 MPH, *you are speeding*. The extra mile that you will drive in an hour is not worth the risk to your driving record and possibly your career.

Reminder!!! Do you know someone who should be our next Safety Hero? Send me an email at paul.molnar@bennettig.com to nominate someone.

Know the Priority One system

