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Certified Transportation Safety Professionals Program

The Government of Alberta is currently working in partnership with the Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) to develop a Certified Transportation Safety Professionals (CTSP) program.

This program is being developed to fill a gap in the training that is available to safety professionals working specifically in the commercial transportation industry.

According to Section 40(2) of Alberta's *Commercial Vehicle Certificate and Insurance Regulation*, every National Safety Code carrier in Alberta is required to designate a person as responsible for maintaining and implementing a safety program and for ensuring compliance with safety laws.

Although this is a legal requirement, there is currently no formal training for a person that has been designated to fulfill this role.

A committee made up of government, industry, consultants and educators was formed to develop a program that can provide these safety professionals with the skills and knowledge they need.

Specifically, the CTSP Program will assist safety professionals in identifying, interpreting and successfully implementing programs to ensure compliance with transportation safety requirements.

The CTSP program is being developed around seven core competencies:

1. Legislation, Polices and Procedures
2. Operational Duties
3. Investigations
4. Public and Personal Safety
5. Data Management
6. Stakeholder Engagement
7. Learning and Development

The committee is currently discussing the development of courses for this program.

It is anticipated that the first of these courses may be available to carriers by later this year.

The full CTSP program will take more time to develop as participants will be eligible to earn a formal certification upon successful completion of all required courses.

It is anticipated that this program will play a vital role in ensuring that transportation safety professionals have the competencies they need to help improve the safety of the motoring public. The Government of Alberta looks to the future and hopes to positively affect the culture around commercial truck and bus transportation safety in Alberta.

For more information about development of the CTSP program, contact Caitlin Berg at caitlin.berg@gov.ab.ca.

June is Commercial/Passenger Vehicle Safety Month

According to Alberta's Traffic Safety Calendar, this month's focus is on Commercial/Passenger Vehicle Safety.

In 2015, commercial buses, trucks and tractor-trailers in Alberta were involved in approximately 6 per cent of reportable collisions in the province causing injury and 18 per cent of collisions involving a fatality.

It is important to recognize the role of commercial bus and truck carriers in enhancing public safety on Alberta's highways. Carriers have a responsibility to contribute to safety by implementing safety and maintenance programs, having measures in place to address issues like fatigued/impaired driving, and ensuring drivers have the training they need to do their job well.

The purpose of transportation safety regulations is to help ensure that industry and government not only protect commercial drivers, but also the motoring public that share Alberta's roads with those drivers.

For more information about commercial vehicle safety requirements, visit: www.transportation.alberta.ca/671.htm

International Roadcheck 2017

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement will be conducting the annual International Roadcheck June 6 to 8, 2017. The 30th annual International Roadcheck is a major undertaking by commercial motor vehicle enforcement personnel in Canada, Mexico and the United States to conduct and collect valuable inspection information. Officers will be conducting inspections throughout Alberta.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. The special emphasis for 2017 is cargo securement. While checking for compliance with safe load regulations is always a part of roadside inspections, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is highlighting cargo securement this year as a reminder of its importance.

Common Load Securement Violations:

1. Failure to prevent shifting/loss of load
2. Failure to secure truck equipment (tarps, dunnage, doors, tailgates, spare tires, etc.)
3. Damaged tie-downs (unacceptable wear on chain or cuts and tears on web straps)
4. Insufficient tie-downs
5. Loose tie-downs

The Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators' (CCMTA) National Safety Code (NSC) cargo securement standards are available online at

www.ccmta.ca/en/national-safety-code/nsc-cargosecurement-standards.

The CVSA's illustrated cargo securement handbook includes both U.S. and Canadian regulations for reference. For more information, visit www.cvsa.org and click on the "Store" tab to order a copy of "Practical Cargo Securement: Guidelines for Drivers, Carriers and Shippers".

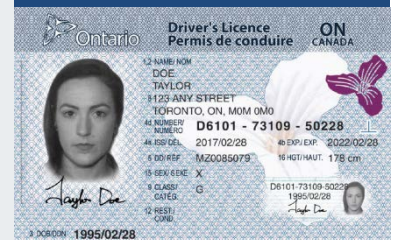


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Another Transportation Safety Professionals Workshop took place in Red Deer at the end of May.

An updated schedule of all future workshops and their locations will be posted online at:
www.transportation.alberta.ca/5607.htm



As of March, 2017 drivers with an Ontario driver's licence can include an "X" as a non-gender specific identifier in the sex designation field.

An Ontario driver's licence card with M, F or X is equally valid and aligns with North American Standards.

For more information, visit:
<https://news.ontario.ca/mt/o/en/2017/03/new-x-gender-option-now-available-on-ontario-drivers-licences.html>

Cooperation in Western Canada

Beginning in October 2015, representatives from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Yukon started to meet annually to share information on National Safety Code (NSC) programs and initiatives.

These sessions provide western Canadian jurisdictions with an opportunity to:

- share information related to NSC programs, policies and procedures as they're applied across provinces and territories;
- share information about ongoing

initiatives that might affect commercial carriers from different jurisdictions; and

- identify potential opportunities for collaboration and harmonization on initiatives in support of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA).

Through increased collaboration, the western Canadian jurisdictions can more effectively address common issues and challenges that have an impact on the commercial transportation industry.

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