



Captain's Corner



Traffic Safety Division has a new Captain

Captain Harold Love, a twenty-two year member of the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP), has been assigned as the new commander of the MSP Traffic Safety Division. He replaces Captain Monica Yesh, who accepted an assignment as the MSP Second District Commander.

Love joined the department in 1988 and graduated as a member of the 104th Trooper Recruit School. In his 22 ½ year career, he has served at the Niles, Detroit, Paw Paw, Metro North, Groveland, and Adrian posts. He also served in the MSP Fire Marshal Division, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and Second District Headquarters as District Commander.

During his career, Love has held the ranks of trooper, sergeant, detective sergeant, specialist sergeant, lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. Love holds a bachelor's degree in public safety studies from Siena Heights University.

We welcome Captain Love and look forward to making even bigger strides in commercial vehicle safety.

Basic Driver Improvement Course

Effective December 31, 2010, the Basic Driver Improvement Course program permits eligible drivers to take a driver improvement course, either on-line or in a classroom.

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The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) will not make the points or information from the ticket available to insurance companies for drivers who take and pass the BDIC through an approved course provider.

The MDOS will notify eligible drivers by mail. Eligible drivers have 60 days to arrange for and pass the BDIC. The approved course provider must notify the MDOS whether the driver passes or fails.

"Basic driver improvement course" means a course of study that satisfies all of the following conditions:

- It meets or exceeds the curriculum standards set forth in the Defensive Driving Course Instructor Manual, Eighth Edition, published by the National Safety Council.
- It provides documented evidence from a federal, state, or local agency of course effectiveness in reducing collisions, moving violations, or both.
- It contains other information as approved by the Secretary of State and may be offered over the internet or through classroom instruction.

For more information contact your local MDOS office or go online to www.michigan.gov/sos.

Inspection Reminders

Enforcement of Medical Certificate on Passenger Carrying Drivers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation CFR 393.41(a) states under (a)(1)(i) that A person operating a CMV must be medically certified as physically qualified to do so, and, when on-duty has on his person the original, or a copy, of a current medical examiner's certificate.

In September, 2008, the CVSA Executive Committee unanimously approved the following: A valid medical card not in the driver's possession (passenger-carrying vehicle only) is to be considered an out-of-service (OOS) condition. The North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC), Part 1, Section 4b – Medical Certificate - was changed by adding paragraph (3) as articulated below:

*(3) Operating a passenger-carrying vehicle without possessing a valid medical certificate (391.4(a)).
Place driver out-of-service.*

MCI Buses with Detroit Diesel Engines

Certain MCI busses are designed with naturally aspirating air compressors on models with Detroit Diesel engines in order to comply with EPA requirements. Officers may hear this leak and consider it an out-of-service condition (OOS) as an audible air leak.

By design, this is normal and should not be considered an OOS condition. To confirm that the system is functioning properly, shut off engine and noise will cease. If noise continues or other sounds are heard further investigation is required.

Unified Carrier Registration

The enforcement date for 2011 UCR fee requirements commences on February 1, 2011. Officers are reminded not to take enforcement for fee violations for 2011 until that date, but the carriers who have failed to pay previous year's fees can be cited.

Officers are reminded that the company only has to register power units (tractors/trucks) that have an GVWR of more than 10,000 lbs. The company no longer has to include the number trailers in the calculation to determine total UCR fees.

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)

Officers are reminded that enforcement for 2011 IFTA decals does not begin until March 1, 2011.