

QUICK GUIDE FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Safety projects are funded by Restricted State Truck Safety Funds on a reimbursement basis.
2. Only Michigan State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division (MSP-CVED) may conduct enforcement projects with this funding.
3. Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety projects must be approved by the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) at the May 10th meeting. You shall be required to attend this meeting to present your application for approval. Applicants find out later if their proposal was approved.
4. Attendance at the quarterly MTSC meetings is required along with a quarterly report to the Commissioners.
5. Current projects include the Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS), MSP-CVED Enforcement, and the Michigan Center for Decision Driving (MCDD).
 - The MTSC education and awareness campaigns are based on principles of shared responsibility between CMV drivers and the general public. The *Share the Road* program teaches the public, truck, and bus drivers how to safely share the road and respect everyone's rights.
 - Education materials are provided through print, electronic, media, and driver education programs. Best safety practices are continuously promoted in the CMV driver trainings and license programs to ensure safety principles are introduced from the beginning.
 - Technologies such as lane departure warnings, blind spot detections, and electronic braking systems are becoming a necessity for truck operations due to their ability to improve safety. Programs promoting vehicle maintenance and inspections are implemented concurrently to help minimize crashes caused by vehicle defects. These efforts proactively address risks rather than wait for crashes to occur.
 - Timely, accurate, and accessible data are critical for effective safety management. The MTSC implements several data-oriented initiatives with the goal of improving current safety management processes.
 - The Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS) conducted a statewide media campaign in 2021 to educate the public on how to share the road safely with CMVs. The campaign focused on the truck blind spot *No Zone* campaign initiated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Target media provided voiceovers and graphics of *No Zones* to avoid while driving around large trucks. The campaign included billboards, radio spots, fuel pump videos, and social media ads resulting in over 26.8 million impressions and over 487 thousand social post engagements.
6. There is a special version of the Grant Management Requirements (GMRs) for Truck Safety Grants. The GMRs are the rules for the grant.

Reporting Requirements

- OHSP Progress Reports – Due Monthly and/or Quarterly starting November 30
- Financial Status Reports – Due Monthly and/or Quarterly starting November 30
- Enforcement Reports – Due Quarterly starting January 30

STRATEGIES

- A. Improve CMV driver training and license programs to increase the number of qualified and safe CMV drivers on Michigan roads.
- B. Promote awareness of seat belt usage, fatigue, and distracted driving to reduce the number and severity of CMV involved crashes.
- C. Conduct CMV driver and general public awareness initiatives to improve safety for all road users.
- D. Address driver shortages by promoting truck driving as an alternate career choice.
- E. Adopt technologies that improve safety and efficiency of drivers, trucks, and enforcement SAFE operations.
- F. Support programs that promote vehicle maintenance and inspection to minimize the number of crashes caused by vehicle defects.
- G. Promote commercial vehicle enforcement including the MSP-CVED Special Truck Enforcement Team for roadside inspection.

H. Implement truck safety initiatives and best practices that promote data-driven decisions to proactively address issues.

See Public Act 348 of 1988 at michiganlegislature.mi.gov.