

18 Wheels

AND

BUSSted

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# Montana Facts/Issues

- Since July, 2005, commercial vehicle inspection services (MCSAP) has been under the direction of the Montana Department of Transportation, NOT the Montana Highway Patrol.
- The Montana Highway Patrol turned its attention to enforcement of other laws.



# Inevitable Mindshift

- Due to the previous administrations demphasis of CMV related activities beginning in 2004, enforcement and inspections were reduced substantially.
  - MHP stopped sending troopers to CVSA training.
  - MCSAP transfer in 2005.

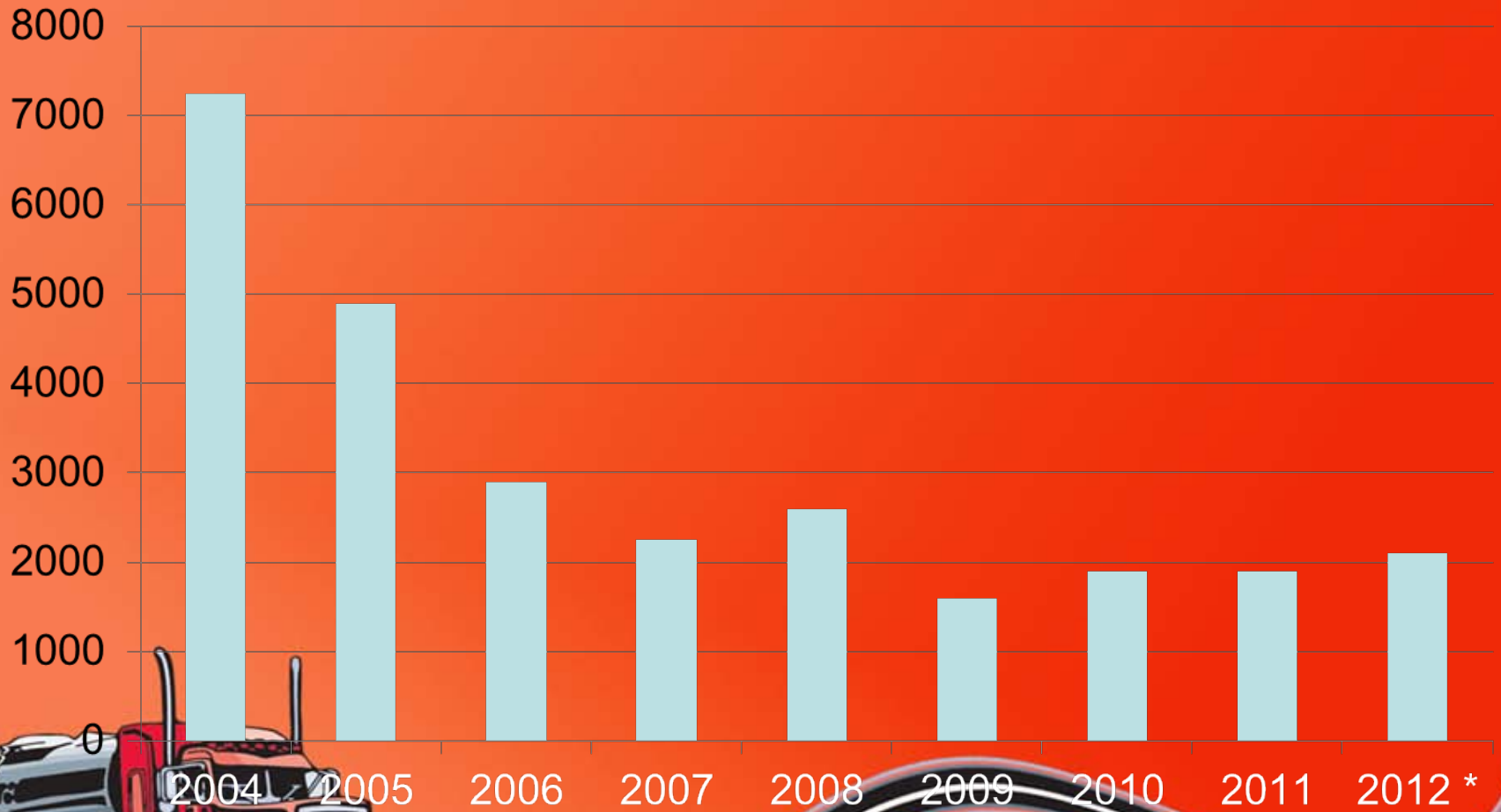


# Mindshift results

- As inspections and enforcement decreased, crashes began to increase.
- We saw the problems developing with a huge increase in crashes and started to search for ways to address the issue in 2009.



# Inspections

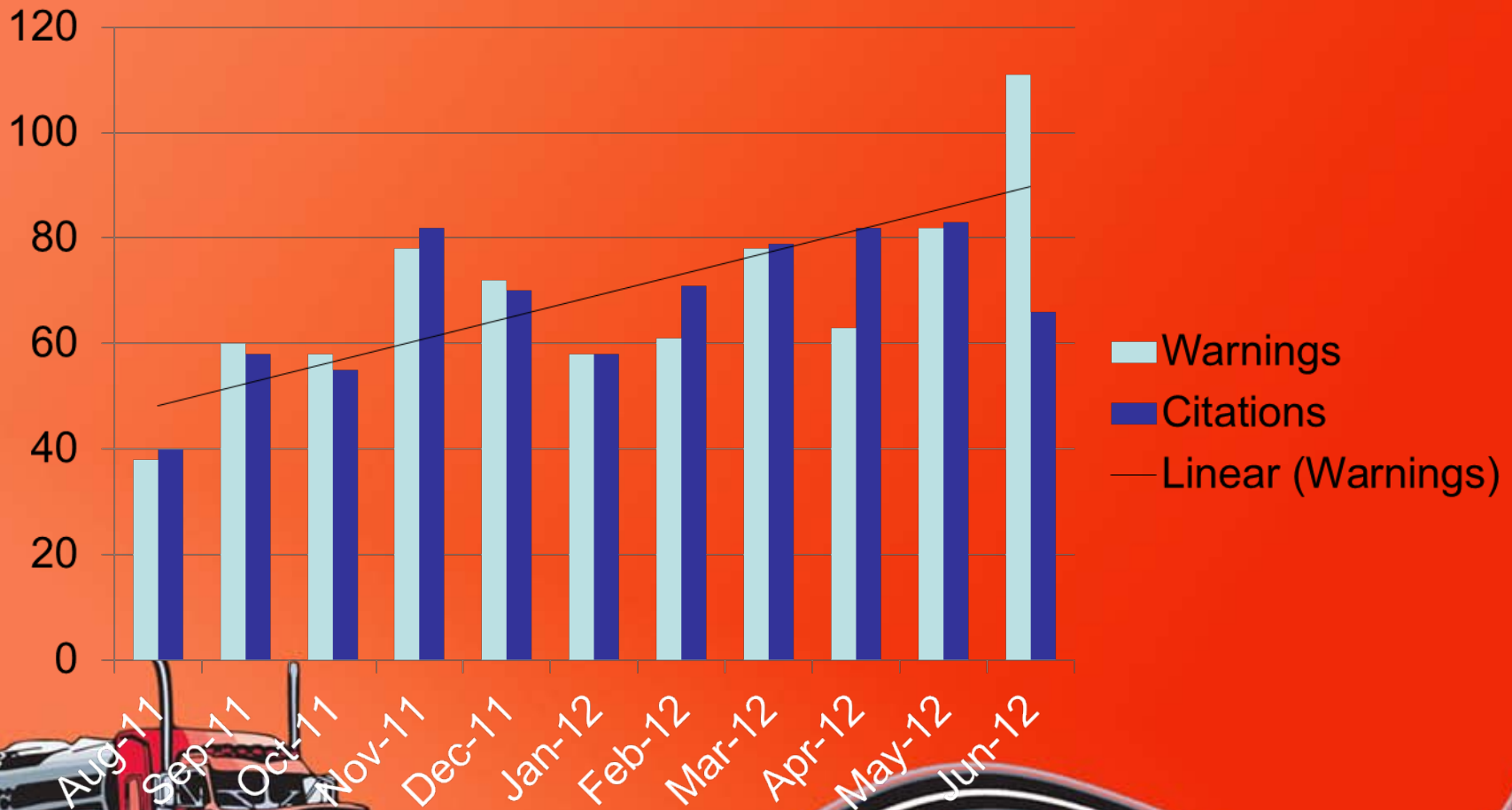


# 18 Wheels and BUSted

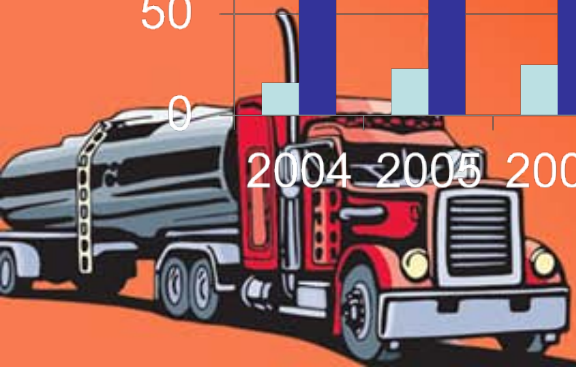
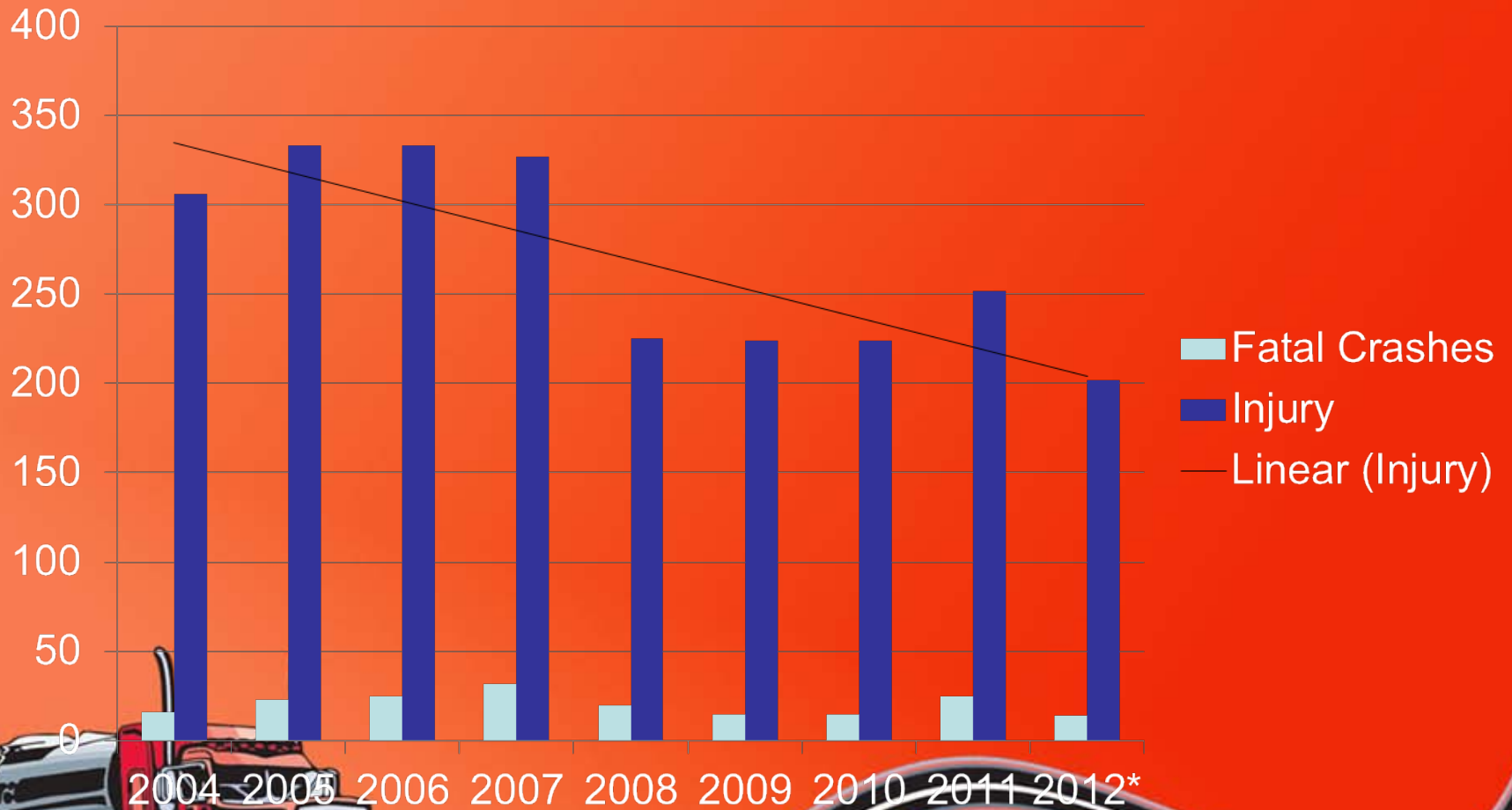
- In September of 2011, AAMVA rolled out the “18 Wheels and BUSted video”.
- Current administration saw this as an opportunity to refocus on CMV enforcement.
- Became mandatory training in October, 2011.



# Enforcement immediately before/after video rollout



# CMV Crash Data





# Results, future actions

- Enforcement is trending up, crashes are trending down.
- The MHP is re-entering the inspection field, at least at Level 3
  - Mechanical issues are not the leading causes of crashes, driver behavior is. That is our focus. Certifications are an issue.



# Results

- Our efforts since 2009 have made some differences, but the enforcement has really improved since the 18 Wheels and BUSted video was released.
- CMV crashes have not increased despite the increase in CMV traffic.
  - All other categories are up substantially.

