What Do We Do Now?

Commercial Driver’s License Issues and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

August 27, 2013

Selden Fritschner, Chief
Commercial Driver License Division
Medical Registry II

- Establishes the Registry I;
- National Medical Registry II will move the results of the exam to the driver record; and
- MAP 21 requires FMCSA to audit 10 States annually to assure compliance with the Registry process.
Med Cert

- Concerns over way drivers are self-certifying;
- Differences in the way States are dealing with expirations; and
- Need to continue to pursue our outreach efforts.
Military CDL

- Skills Test Waiver;
- Congressional Study and Report; and
- Future Efforts.
  - Domicile rule
  - Equal trade for trained drivers
  - Extension of Waiver application period
  - Expansion of 3rd party testing opportunities
Current Grant Funding

• CDL Funding level will remain at $30M annually;
• Grants are in concurrence process;
• Anticipate going to OST any day; and

• Future Grant funding.
  • Applications need to pay close attention to the posted priorities
  • Plan ahead – next CDL grant posting will likely come towards the end of the year
  • Applications due Jan 2014, NOFA posted in October / November
  • Anticipate delays in the appropriations process (as we had this year), it may be next summer before they receive FY14 funding
CDL Compliance
New Model

- Less time in the office / more remote evaluation with more frequent contact;
- Annual Program Reviews (APR) - Division Offices will be more involved with APR and Skills Test Reviews (STR);
- CD-31 – close to 500K broken/missing; and
- ACRS.
FMCSA more aggressive in placing unsafe companies and drivers out-of-service (OOS);

FMCSA issuing Imminent Hazard (IH) orders disqualifying drivers for one year; and

Process provides States to allow for appeal.
FMCSA will assure OOS / IH / FTP orders are delivered to SDLA; and

FMCSA is asking for immediate action on the driver record.
• Need all to submit convictions;
• Already doing this w/ Mexico (FCWD); and
• Need to duplicate this effort with Canadian driver convictions.
Authority to Disqualify Foreign Drivers

§ 32204

- New authority for FMCSA.
National Medical Registry
§32302

- Establishes the Registry I;
- National Medical Registry II will move the results of the exam to the driver record; and
- Requires FMCSA to audit State compliance with the Registry process.
Employer Notification System (ENS) § 32303

- Requires development of ENS;
- Also requires development of a plan for implementation of a national ENS;
- FMCSA recognizes several States already have such a system; and
- Will work with AAMVA membership to determine minimal standards and best practices.
Operator Training (ELDT) § 32304

- Existing NPRM;
- Considerable amount of discussion and public listening sessions; and
- FMCSA still considering options.
State Plans § 32305

- Requires SDLAs to submit a plan to be CDLIS compatible and fully compliant. States should be compatible with CDLIS via CDLIS Mod; and

- Using the templates built in to ACRS system.
Nlets Access
§ 32306

- CMV Driver Information Systems;
- Providing access for driver history and status electronically; *ideally via Nlets*
- As a condition of grant money towards system improvements, states must provide the Secretary (DOT) electronic access to all state licensing status and driver history records.
Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Database

§ 32402

- Will impact similar to National Medical Registry;
- Potential connection to CDLIS; and
- Results will ultimately be tied to the driver’s record.
Passenger Endorsement (‘P’) Requirements Review

§ 32709

- Analysis of the appropriateness of current knowledge and skills testing requirements; and

- AAMVA Test Maintenance sub-Committee.