

GENERAL SESSION
JANUARY 17,2010

Meeting was brought to order at 2pm

Clyde Hart introduced Anne Ferro, FMCSA Administrator

- Anne discussed the great relationships in the room
- Anne discussed her learning curve in getting to know the industry
- Foresees significant challenges for drivers and carriers
- Has a true appreciation for the industry in that she uses commuter service everyday to work and home
- FMCSA priorities
- Strong desire and passion to motorcoach safety
- Raise entry standards
- Stay credentialed
- Let enforcement take the credentials of high risk operators
- Vetting program 1100 – 1300 applications in the first year
- 560 were approved
- 250 went away
- 1 was rejected
- CSA 2010 raising the bar
- CSA 2010 also allows different enforcement actions

Loretta Bitner, Chief Passenger Carrier Safety Division

- Thanked the group for helping her grow into her position
- Motor Coach Action Plan
- Fast paced program with multiple agency cooperations
- Determined gaps in the processes
- Vetting processes
- Compliance Reviews and Inspections
- ADA
- CSA 2010
- 32 initiatives in the process 7 are most important
- EOBRs,
- No texting or cell phones on all CMVs
- Seat Belts
- Roof crush standards
- Stability controls
- Vetting process
- Loretta encourages comments on all NPRMs
- Every application to FMCSA is an investigation

- It is a 10 week process
- Many applications were withdrawn after they were questioned with flags
- A request for additional information stops the process
- Applications can be dismissed at any time and the entire process has to start over
- Compliance Review findings
- Increased to 1300 reviews
- Maintaining a good oversight on carriers
- The top 10 most common violations are very basic driver issues that must show management controls in place
- 2005 there were 13000 inspections
- 2009 there were 28937 inspections
- Again basics were found speeding, damaged windshields, lighting and oil leaks
- The same issues as 2005
- ADA willful noncompliance inspections of fixed route carriers 27 large 6 small
- CSA2010 Comprehensive Safety Analysis
- The next step to lowering highway deaths
- To be effective than full CRs
- Determines and monitors unsafe drivers and carriers
- All data is recorded not just OOS criteria
- Lets DOT reach more carriers, improve safety
- Two types of interventions
- Warning letters
- Onsite compliance investigations
- 681 carriers in test groups
- Thresholds are lower for passenger carriers
- 80 warning letters 8 on site reviews
- Memorandum of Understanding DOT and DOJ (ADA)
- 2012 service based / equipment based requests for service
- Consumer complaint database
- Special orders for wheelchairs
- All overflow buses will need to be ADA accessible
- Will be looking for more comprehensive enforcement other than generalization such as 40CFR392.2

Steve Keppler , CVSA

Bus Safety Summit March , 2009

- Top 8 items
- New entrant process
- Technology to detect and extinguish bus fires
- School bus safety as charter operators
- Attention to Senate bill 554
- Reauthorization packages
- Motor coach recommendations (17) on CVSA website
- *Driver distraction*
- CSA2010 better define citation description and codes hard code violations federally versus state to state differences
- Safety action plan all 8 items from CVSA summit are included
- Timeframe is aggressive
- NAOOS changes in 4/1/2010 no fuel cap becomes an OOS offense
- Passenger carrier committee to study exhaust systems
- CVSA is up to date on all NTSB recommendations
- United Carrier Registration the rule making is incomplete no funds being collected
- Indiana has layed off several inspectors due to funding
- Supporting a National Clearing house for drug and alcohol data
- Will run Road Check again the first week of June
- Last year 70000 inspections 11.5% OOS vehicles 3.6% OOS drivers
- Operation Safe Driver CVSA, ABA,UMA,ATA
- Teens and Trucks 26% of fatal truck crashes involve young drivers 16-25
- Next CVSA meeting in April in San Antonio
- Important to question issuing jurisdiction regarding inspections
- Request a data Q challenge
- Georgia DOT tracking buses and pulling them over

DAN SCHULTZ , DHS

- Works with the organizations outreach office
- Working on the National Infrastructure Protection Plan
- Working on protection after an event
- Will be getting Norm information for our website
- Developing an informational website site that is a one stop shop and will be able to send out alerts after a clearance is granted
- Security Grants are in place for this year 75 /25 split once again
- Grant money for next year will have to be fought for again
- All ports have to maintain a security plan and the USCG is the overseeing agency for compliance

CLYDE HART , ABA

- Clyde again spoke about SB554
- He also discussed HB1135
- Clyde urged everyone to contact their Congressman and support HB1135
- Discussed the seatbelt ruling in Secretary LaHood's desk with the group
- Also discussed the charter regulation
- Clyde finished with talking about grants and again urging your local Congress members to support grant money and how it has helped individual companies in the area