



## New License Plates Roll Out This Summer

For the first time in more than 10 years, all vehicles and equipment registered in

Missouri will receive new license plates - even "permanent" trailers. A new design, similar to the concept above, was chosen by a vote on the Missouri Department of Revenue's Web site last year. MoDOT Motor Carrier Services' distribution of new plates begins this summer.



### New Equipment and Replacement Plates

Starting June 16, 2008 MCS will issue the new design for replacement of lost, damaged or stolen license plates or other transactions that

require a new license plate - such as add with transfer, fleet additions or weight changes.

### Registration Renewal

Carriers whose plates expire September 30, 2008, will be the first to receive the new design when they renew their vehicle and equipment fleet registration later this year.

State law requires a full reissuance of plates to all vehicles and equipment registered in Missouri. The law was enacted to take advantage of new license plate visibility technology, to reduce tab theft, and to ensure collection of state and local sales taxes and local property taxes.

If you have questions about the new plates for motor carriers, call toll-free, 1-866-831-6277, or send an e-mail to [contactMCS@modot.mo.gov](mailto:contactMCS@modot.mo.gov).

## International Registration Plan Update Rule Changes Affect Most Carriers

The rules that govern the International Registration Plan are reviewed from time to time to ensure that the plan keeps up with technological and other industry changes. The latest IRP revisions and updates become effective July 1, 2008. Changes that affect most carriers include:

### Phone Line

Businesses still must have a telephone line, but now a cell phone is sufficient. Landline phones are no longer required.

### Distance Estimates

IRP fee calculations will change. The estimated

miles MCS uses to calculate your bill will change every three years rather than every five years.

### Temporary Vehicle Registration – Account Suspension for Failure to Meet Deadline

Carriers have 90 calendar days from the issuance of a temporary vehicle registration to pay all fees and supply all documents. Failure to do so results in automatic suspension of the entire account on the 46th day.

A copy of the revised agreement is available at [www.irponline.org/Publications/ThePlan/](http://www.irponline.org/Publications/ThePlan/)

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# Jan's Letter

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## We are deeply honored.

I have the pleasure to report that a recent survey revealed that 96.2 percent of carriers surveyed said they are satisfied with Motor Carrier Services. Just under half reported they are "extremely satisfied"!

We must thank every carrier and every driver who contribute to our success. You've made suggestions, reinforced our successes with your praise and alerted us when we've not lived up to your expectations.

Don't let up! We won't. Looking for new ways to streamline processes, explain procedures, increase safety and encourage carriers' economic success is part of everyday life at MCS. We seek innovation. In fact, Missouri is at the forefront of an exciting new approach to safety that could save your valuable time.

Carriers often told me that while safety is their number one concern, compliance reviews take too much business time. That's why we're excited that Missouri was chosen as a test state in the new Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 model. The model takes into account both physical problems (bad brake adjustments, incomplete employee files, etc.) with behavioral cues (speeding tickets, HOS violations, etc.) when determining a driver or carrier's fitness.

Look into the story on page 4, ask questions and make suggestions. Your opinion matters.

It is our honor to serve you.



Motor Carrier Services Director

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## Homeland Security Registration Needed for Ammonium Nitrate

In December, President George W. Bush signed a law that regulates the sale of a commonly available fertilizer that has been used in terrorist attacks, including the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

Under the new rules, the Department of Homeland Security requires anyone who produces, stores, sells or distributes ammonium nitrate to register their facility and maintain records of sales. Buyers will be checked against a terrorist-screening database. Vendors who fail to comply could be fined up to \$50,000.

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## Work Zone Season Begins

### Driving Smart Reduced WZ Deaths in 2007

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In 2008, MoDOT's Better Roads, Brighter Future program will continue improving 5,600 miles of roadway by the end of 2011. When complete, 85 percent of Missouri's roadways will be in good condition. Making your workplace smoother requires work zones. We need your help to keep work zones safe.

In 2007, 5 people were killed in work zones – 15 fewer than in 2006! However, between 2002 and 2006, 113 people died as a result of work zone crashes. Why? The reasons most often cited include: inattention, excessive speed and following too closely. Though highway and utility workers are most vulnerable in work zones, the majority of those killed and injured in work zones are drivers and passengers - even those in large, commercial vehicles. Protect highway, street and utility workers – and yourself.

**Drive Smart!**

#### Drive Smart in Work Zones to Arrive Alive

- Buckle Up!** – Every trip, every time
- Pay Attention!** – Keep your full attention on the road
- Follow Signs!** – They'll guide you through work zones safely
- Expect the Unexpected!** – Watch for flaggers, workers and equipment
- Reduce Distractions!** – Turn the radio down and don't use your mobile phone
- Be Patient!** – Remember workers are improving the road for future travels
- Don't Speed!** – Follow posted limits and adjust for weather conditions
- Don't Drink and Drive!** – Impairment of any kind puts everyone at risk
- Be Nice!** – Merge early, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone

# OD/OW Carriers Warm to Blankets-by-Phone

Motor carriers who move loads that require overweight/over-dimension permits from the same origin to the same destination request annual blanket permits from MoDOT Motor Carrier Services. Blanket permits authorize all moves that meet the permit description for up to 12 months, saving carriers from having to order multiple single-trip permits.

Until recently, blanket OD/OW permits were allowed only by mail or fax. Now that the application is open online

on MoDOT Carrier Express and MCS can accept credit card payment or transfer escrow funds for the permit fees, carriers can apply for the long-term permits by phone and receive them by e-mail or fax during office hours. Submit permit applications anytime through MoDOT Carrier Express.



## OD/OW Concerns Spark Revival of Regional Committee

Kelly Ray, Motor Carrier Services' over-dimension/overweight permit supervisor, was frustrated. Carriers complained that variations in individual state regulations made it very difficult to route interstate OD/OW loads. She agreed, but what could one state do to help the situation?



*Kelly Ray*

Last fall, committee members met in St. Louis to begin discussing recommendations states could present to their lawmakers.

### Committee on Highway Transport Chaired by MCS's Teel

Michelle Teel, MoDOT Motor Carrier Services' assistant director was elected chair of the Mississippi Valley Conference Committee on Highway Transport.

"I'm thrilled to lead this committee," said Teel. "Who would imagine that standardizing regulations could be exciting? Though the process might be tedious, the committee's work could alleviate OD/OW carriers' aggravation. That's something I look forward to!"

Picking up the phone, she called colleagues in surrounding states and found agreement. Something had to be done. It was time to revive the Mississippi Valley Conference Committee on Highway Transport.

The Mississippi Valley Conference, part of the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials, is a group of ten state departments of transportation: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri. Varied committees within the conference bring states' experts together to address regional transportation issues.

## Upgrade for OD/OW Orders

In the near future, the MoDOT Carrier Express system will change the way load descriptions are entered in the over-dimension/overweight permit application.

A new screen, the LOAD tab, is where carriers will enter each commodity separately if they plan to haul multiple pieces with different dimensions. If the dimensions are

identical for each piece, carriers will complete the first load description and indicate a quantity.

When this function is operational, more permits will be issued automatically, cutting the time carriers must wait to receive a permit.

# Missouri Chosen to Test CSA 2010

In February, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration began operational model testing of the Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010, better known as CSA 2010 in Missouri, Colorado, Georgia and New Jersey.

Under CSA 2010, states determine the safety fitness of motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles by analyzing roadside violation and site inspection data, looking for problem trends. The program goes beyond looking at logbooks and brake alignment. Multiple citations for speeding, improper lane changes and the like will catch investigators' attention.

Investigators try to determine why the behavior is happening and employ a list of escalating actions to fix the problem. Sometimes, it is as easy as sending an e-mail

about a driver's behavior to the carrier's safety officer. At the other extreme, a carrier with serious violations in two or more behavioral areas will experience a comprehensive on-site intervention much like the compliance review.

"The FMCSA Large Truck Crash Causation Study taught us that drivers who are cited for speeding or violating hours of service are much more likely to be involved in crashes," said Ben Goodin, MoDOT enforcement administrator. "Because past behavior is a good indicator of future action, we look at the program as an opportunity to nip unsafe behavior in the bud."

*How did Missouri become a CSA 2010 test state?*

FMCSA asked and Ben Goodin agreed to test the new program. Goodin is one of three state partners on the

## CSA 2010 BASICS

**With CSA 2010, safety fitness determination is based on performance data. A broad array of compliance interventions help carriers operate more safely.**

CSA 2010 performance data is categorized into behavioral areas, identified as Behavioral Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories or BASICS. BASICS are used to determine safety fitness.

1. **Unsafe Driving** — Dangerous or careless operation of commercial motor vehicles. Examples: driver traffic violations and convictions for speeding, reckless driving, improper lane change, inattention and other unsafe driving behavior.
2. **Fatigued Driving** — Driving commercial motor vehicles when overly-tired. Incidents are distinguished from those where unconsciousness or an inability to react is brought about by the use of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances. Examples: hours-of-service violations and crash reports citing driver fatigue as a contributing factor.
3. **Driver Fitness** — Operation of CMVs by drivers who are unfit due to a lack of training, experience, or medical qualification. Examples: inspection violations for failure to have a valid and appropriate commercial driver's license, a lack of medical or training documentation, crash reports citing a lack of experience or medical reason as a cause or contributory factor and violations from a compliance or focused review for failure to maintain proper driver qualification files or use of unqualified drivers.
4. **Controlled Substances and Alcohol** — Operation of a CMV while impaired due to alcohol, illegal drugs, and misuse of prescription medications or over-the-counter medications. Examples: roadside violations involving controlled substances or alcohol, crash reports citing driver impairment or intoxication as a cause, positive drug or alcohol test results on drivers and the lack of appropriate testing or other deficiencies in motor carrier controlled substances and alcohol testing programs.
5. **Vehicle Maintenance** — Vehicle failure due to improper or inadequate maintenance. Examples: roadside violations for brakes, lights, and other mechanical defects; crash reports citing a mechanical failure as a contributing factor; and violations from a compliance or focused review associated with pre-trip inspections, maintenance records, and repair records.
6. **Improper Loading/Cargo Securement** — Shifting loads, spilled or dropped cargo, and unsafe handling of hazardous materials. Examples: roadside inspection violations related to load securement, cargo retention, and hazardous material handling; and crash reports citing shifting loads or spilled/dropped cargo as a cause or contributing factor.
7. **Crash/Incident Experience** — Patterns of high crash involvement, including frequency and severity. Data is gathered through law enforcement crash reports and carrier crash reports evaluated during compliance reviews.

CSA 2010 team. He knows the program backwards and forwards and jumped at the chance to bring it to Missouri early.

Motor carriers will not be rated during the test because the new method must be implemented through rulemaking. In the meantime, a motor carrier found to have poor safety performance who is unresponsive to CSA 2010 interventions will undergo a compliance review and be rated in accordance with FMCSA's current compliance and enforcement process.

States participating in the test will rate the effectiveness of the CSA 2010 operational model -- both in its impact upon safety and its effect on state and federal resources. This is a critical step toward achieving the program's goal: reducing commercial vehicle-related crash fatalities through increased compliance and interaction with more carriers and drivers.

The test will continue for approximately 30 months. If the test and rule-making are successful, the CSA 2010 model should deploy nationwide in mid-2010.

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## Missouri Motor Carriers Association Annual Safety Awards

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As more than 150 guests looked on, the trucking industry's finest safety and driving professionals were honored at the 61st annual Missouri Motor Carriers Association Safety Awards Luncheon in Jefferson City February 19.

Three major fields of safety -- the Fleet Safety Contest; the Missouri Drivers of the Month and 2007 Driver of the Year; and the Safety Director of the Year -- shared the spotlight at the luncheon.

The 2007 Missouri Driver of the Year is **William Girdler of Pomona, MO**, a driver for **Prime, Inc.** Mr. Girdler is a professional driver with 33 years of experience. He has driven more than four and a half million miles without a single chargeable accident.

Pete Rahn, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, presented Mr. Girdler with a framed certificate from the Missouri Motor Carriers Association, as well as a handsome trophy.

Drivers of the Month for 2007 received commemorative plaques from the Missouri Motor Carriers Association.

**January** – Joe Chitwood, O & S Trucking, Inc.

**February** – Thomas Phillips, Transport Distribution Co.

**March** – Edward Hosier, O & S Trucking, Inc.

**April** – Jack McBride, Sitton Motor Lines, Inc.

**May** – Ralph Conduff, D & D Sexton, Inc.

**June** – Robert A. Conger, Prime, Inc.

**July** – Harvey Williams, Prime, Inc.

**August** – Mark Hohensee, O & S Trucking, Inc.

**September** – Bruce Barnes, Witte Brothers Exchange, Inc.

**October** – William Girdler, Prime, Inc.

**November** – Bobby Waynick, Transport Distribution Co.

**December** – Dale Price, O & S Trucking, Inc.

**Danny Sexton**, D & D Sexton, Inc., Carthage, MO, recieved "Safety Director of the Year" honors for his outstanding leadership in safety related programs designed for the trucking industry, his company and the community.

The Grand Trophy winner in the "Fleet Safety Contest", a competition among motor carrier fleets for the best "no-accident" record on a fleet-wide basis during the 2006-2007 contest period, was **Sitton Motor Lines, Inc.**, of **Joplin, MO**.

Plaques were presented to the winners in each of four divisions of competition.

**D & D Sexton, Inc.** won "Local Division" honors. Honorable mention went to **O & S Trucking, Inc.** and **Sitton Motor Lines, Inc.**

In the "Over the Road, Up to One Million Miles" category, the winner was **Twehous Excavating, Inc. of Jefferson City, MO**.

Honors in the "Over the Road, One to Five Million Miles" category went to **Sitton Motor Lines, Inc.** Honorable mention in this category went to **Buchheit Trucking Service, Inc.** and **Sem Trucking, LLP**.

**A B F Freight Systems, Inc.**, took the prize for "Over the Road, Over Five Million Miles". Honorable mention in this category went to **Con-way Freight** and **Wal-Mart Transportation of St. James, MO**.

Congratulations to all the individuals and companies who received honors. Your strong dedication to safety is much appreciated by everyone who travels Missouri highways.

# Host Cities Announced for 2008 Tour of Missouri

Twelve cities around the Show Me State will participate in the second edition of the Tour of Missouri, an elite, point-to-point cycling stage race to be held September 8-14, 2008.



The second Tour of Missouri has been extended from six to seven days after an extremely successful inaugural event in 2007. From the start in St. Joseph, to the ultimate finish in St. Louis, this signature event features road races and circuit trials.

"This event proved, in only its first year, to be hugely successful for all involved, most importantly the great host communities of the Tour," Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, chair of the Tourism Commission of Missouri. "It was very successful for the state, as tourism vehicle, people from 73 countries caught part of the event via live webcasts and more than 350,000 showed up on roads of the event."

"The Tour of Missouri is perfectly positioned between the Olympic Games in Beijing and the World Championships in late September," said Chris Aronhalt one of the event or-

## 2008 Tour of Missouri Stages

### STAGE 1 / Monday, Sept. 8

St. Joseph - Kansas City, road race with circuits (90 mi)

### STAGE 2 / Tuesday, September 9

Clinton - Springfield, road race with circuits (125 mi)

### STAGE 3 / Wednesday, September 10

Branson, individual time trial (18 mi)

### STAGE 4 / Thursday, September 11

Lebanon - Rolla, road race with circuits (105 mi)

### STAGE 5 / Friday, September 12

St. James - Jefferson City, road race w/ circuits (100 mi)

### STAGE 6 / Saturday, September 13

Hermann - St. Charles, road race (110 mi)

### STAGE 7 / Sunday, September 14

St. Louis, circuit race (75 mi)

For more information: [www.tourofmissouri.com](http://www.tourofmissouri.com)

ganizers. "We can expect the field to include some of the top cyclists who have either competed in the Games or are preparing for the Worlds. This will be a good course for them."

## Unified Carrier Registration Update

### 2008 Bill Making Its Way Through Legislature

At press time, a bill that would allow MoDOT to participate in UCR passed the Senate and was headed to the Missouri House. If passed into law with the Governor's signature, Missouri would obtain more than \$2 million in UCR funds for highway safety projects.

#### Who has to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program?

All private and for-hire interstate carriers, brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders must participate. This includes farmers and non-profit organizations that transport property in interstate commerce.

#### But Missouri hasn't adopted UCR. Where does that leave Show-Me State carriers, brokers and freight forwarders?

Now that UCR is in effect, Missouri's private and for-hire interstate carriers, brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders must participate by registering in another, participating state.

#### How do I register for UCR?

Find registration information and register online at [www.ucr.in.gov/](http://www.ucr.in.gov/). The Web site should open for 2008 registration by March 31. Unless a business is brand new, 2007 registration fees must be paid before 2008 registration is complete.

If and only if your principal place of business is geographically close to one of the states on the following list, you may register for UCR in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky or Tennessee.

Otherwise, choose from the list of UCR-participating states in Missouri's FMCSA region: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio or Wisconsin.

#### How do I prove that I've registered in UCR?

Law enforcement agencies are able to electronically verify your participation. Still, MoDOT recommends that you place a copy of the UCR receipt in each truck that travels interstate. UCR enforcement begins this year.

## Safety and Haz Mat Training Offered Statewide in May

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services offers free seminars this spring to update commercial motor vehicle operators on the latest in safety regulations and federal hazardous materials rules.

The training, scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is designed for company management. Participation in the general safety sessions is limited to full-time motor carrier employees. Seating is at a premium, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. For location information or to make reservations, call 1-866-831-6277, extension 5.

### General Safety

May 2	Liberty	Liberty School District Support Services Building
May 2	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest Area Office
May 5	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area Office
May 6	Chillicothe	Best Western Chillicothe Inn
May 6	Cape Girardeau	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3838
May 6	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area Office
May 9	Rolla	Rolla Community Hall
May 14 & 19	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center

### Hazardous Materials

May 1	St. Joseph	Pony Express National Memorial
May 1	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area Office
May 2	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area Office
May 6	Columbia	Boone Electric Coop. Office
May 12	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center

## Jan Skouby Kisses A Pig!



Director Jan Skouby, kisses a pig after losing a bet that she would raise more money for a food bank than another MoDOT manager. How many MCS employees donated to the other manager's campaign? That's top secret!

# Datelines

## April 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire June 30 must file an application for renewal by this date

## April 7-11

National Work Zone Awareness Week

## April 15

Financial statements for household goods carriers and non-charter passenger carriers due

## April 30

First quarter 2008 fuel tax returns due

## May 9

Harry S Truman's Birthday – State Holiday – MCS offices open, most other MoDOT offices closed

## May 26

Memorial Day – State Holiday – All MoDOT offices closed

## June 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire June 30 must pay renewal fees by this date

## June 3-5

Roadcheck 2008. Annual truck enforcement blitz sponsored by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

## June 30

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire today must display new credentials

## July 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire September 30 must file an application for renewal by this date

## July 4

Independence Day – State Holiday – All MoDOT offices closed

## News on Wheels

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## I-44 Rest Area at Conway Closes for Rebuild Reopen in 2009 With Greatly Expanded Parking

Both the east and westbound rest area facilities near Interstate 44's mile marker 110 will close this spring for demolition and rebuilding.

Construction plans call for the area to reopen in mid 2009 with more than 70 truck/RV parking spaces on each side of the interstate. That's more than five times the number of spaces in the old design

When complete, the sites will reopen as Missouri Welcome Centers, offering tourism information, a picnic area and playground and improved vending options.

Other I-44 rest area/welcome center locations:

Nearby City	Mile Marker
Joplin	2
<i>(Westbound Joplin - Truck parking only)</i>	
Halltown	52
Doolittle	177
St. Clair	235