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TRANSPORTATION STATION

Update on Developing a Better Criminal Background Check Process for School Bus Drivers

For years, OSBA has been pushing MTO to come up with an improved background check process that would eliminate the current redundancy and duplication of cost, time and effort that comes with having to put drivers through the criminal background check twice – once to satisfy the condition of the B or E licence, and one to satisfy the School Boards who require an more in-depth (vulnerable persons) check. **OSBA's objective is to have one, all-encompassing background check that will satisfy all parties and ensure safety and security without the costs and delays inherent with the current situation.** When OSBA first raised industry's concern with MTO, the MTO decided initially to explore the notion of shifting the regulatory requirement for the background check from the HTA (as a Class B and E licence requirement) to the Education Act. This approach was discussed at length during one of the business sessions at OTE in April.

However, concerns were raised during the public consultation process causing MTO and the Ministry of Education to rethink the proposal and consider other ways to achieve the end goal (of a single, streamlined background check) without removing it as a condition of getting a B or E licence. OSBA met with MTO shortly after OTE to discuss our views on keeping the background check as a requirement for the B and E licence. We agreed it is possible to solve the problems by streamlining the existing process *within* the MTO licensing process. OSBA doesn't object to keeping the background check as a condition of the B or E licence provided it's an all-encompassing check that will include the vulnerable persons element which will satisfy school board requirements. We are continuing our discussions with MTO and Ministry of Education and will provide further information on our progress as it becomes available.

Roof Hatches for Ventilation on Hot Days

We often get questions at this time of year from operators and drivers asking if it's legal to operate a school bus with the emergency roof hatch in the open or partially open position. The answer is yes. There is no prohibition against the use of roof hatches for ventilation in either the HTA or CSA D250. In fact, the hatches are designed with this in mind, in addition to being there in the case of an emergency evacuation.

Baggage/Freight Carried Inside School Buses

At this time of year, school bus charter trips to camps and other recreational venues often involve the transportation of sports equipment, camping gear, etc. Carrying loose cargo inside a school bus raises concern over the potential for injuries to the occupants in the event of a crash or sudden maneuver. Also, loose cargo piled on seats can shift and fall into the aisle, blocking access to the emergency exits. MTO and OPP bus inspections include the enforcement of the laws requiring cargo inside a Public Vehicle to be secured and not blocking the aisles or exits. Last June, an OSBA member operator's driver was charged for failing to keep a clear aisle to the rear emergency exit door. Cargo should be stored in under floor baggage compartments on buses so equipped. For school buses without under floor storage compartments, operators should consider using cargo netting securely attached to the seat frame/legs as a means to prevent loose objects from becoming projectiles in a crash and to prevent cargo from blocking the aisles.



Calendar of Events May & June

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Upcoming Events

June 13, 2013 - OSBA Board of Directors Meeting

July 7-12, 2013 - Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program - Burlington, ON

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