

OSBA NEWS

New Service for OSBA Members – EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS!

Mark your calendar - **August 22, 2013** for a 30 minute webinar with Dave Carroll, OSBA Safety and Legislative Consultant. You'll receive valuable up-to-date, information that will help and support your day-to-day operations. Here are the Aug. 22 webinar topics:

- Important Changes to the MTO Driver Certification Program (DCP)
- Using a chrome yellow bus for special needs (accessible) school transportation – operational considerations
- Safety Inside the School – overcrowding and insecure cargo/freight
- Proposed Changes to Criminal Background Checks

Different webinars will be announced throughout the year and target different employee categories e.g. operations, safety, training, maintenance and more. Registration will be required in advance. Connection instructions and a PowerPoint presentation will be developed and emailed to registrants in advance of the webinar. We want this to be a useful service for you – please email any desired webinar topics to Dave Carroll – dave@omca.com or call 416.695.9965 Ext. 4. Exposure opportunities available for supplier members – please call or email Michele O'Bright at mobright@osba.on.ca or 416.695.9965 Ext 3.

NEW FEATURE! OSBA Success Stories

The media is often filled with not-so-happy broadcasts. This area of the newsletter is dedicated to promoting good news stories from OSBA member companies, as well as highlight OSBA industry successes. The purpose is to share accomplishments/good news happening within individual companies and celebrate industry achievements. Please send us your good news articles to: info@osba.on.ca (Please note OSBA reserves all article publishing rights). Quick reminder of a recent OSBA success: OSBA was instrumental in persuading the provincial government to change the law to end the arbitrary age-based annual road testing of school bus drivers aged 65 and over, and replaced it with performance based testing requirements. For further details - see Issue 7, April 4, 2013 newsletter on the OSBA website at www.osba.on.ca - click on "News" from the home page.

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REMINDER - Updated PMVI Standard for 6 and 12 Month Bus & Truck Inspection

Further to the important bulletin sent by OSBA last week, this is **your chance to input and make a difference before CCMTA finalizes this fall**. Over the summer, OSBA bus operator members are encouraged to review the attached proposed standard and let us know **by August 23, 2013** if you see any challenges. In particular, we're looking for feedback on the brake inspection sections (drum & disc, air and hydraulic). There are some major changes in this area, including a much better explanation of when wheels don't have to be pulled to check internal components during the 12 month inspection under certain circumstances.

Background

Over the past year, a CCMTA Working Group has worked on updating the National Safety Code Annual and Semi-Annual Bus and Truck Inspection Standard – known as **NSC-11B**. In Ontario, the HTA adopts the NSC 11B PMVI Standard for the 6 and 12 month annual and semi-annual inspections with a few exceptions and modifications here and there. The updated NSC Standard takes into account new technologies and changes to vehicle components and systems since the Standard was last updated in 2006. Also, the new standard is in a much improved format, is easier to read, ambiguous language has been eliminated and it provides better instructions to the technician to clearly indicate what has to be inspected, the inspection procedure, and the reject criteria. OSBA believes it is a big improvement over the 2006 standard.

Input/Feedback

Any comments regarding any of the other sections would also be greatly appreciated. Feel free to share it with your technicians for feedback, but be sure to note that this is a *DRAFT only* at this point. For the most part, the inspection items and reject criteria are similar to the current (2006) Standard. **If you see something that is unclear, incorrect or will cause any undue hardship or unacceptable increase in hoist time or costs, please advise Dave Carroll** so that OSBA can bring it to the attention of the Working Group and CCMTA. Contact dave@omca.com or 416-695-9965 Ext. 4.

September is just around the corner!

Order your Log Books and Record of Duty Status Books TODAY!

To order - visit the link below and complete the order form.

<http://www.osba.on.ca/page.aspx?menu=55&app=199&cat1=519&tp=2&lk=no>

North American Fatigue Management Program Now Available

Commercial carriers and drivers now have a new tool to help them deal with fatigue. The Government of Alberta has announced the launch of the North American Fatigue Management Program. The program was developed over a nine year period involving extensive research into carrier best practices, medical science, and technological development. The result is a consolidated comprehensive program that carriers can access and implement on a voluntary basis.

The program was field-tested in truck and bus operating environments in Alberta, Quebec, California and Texas and was proven to reduce fatigue in drivers. By using the tools provided, successful implementation of a fatigue management program can be accomplished within any size of organization.

The Program is available at www.nafmp.com for drivers, their families, commercial vehicle administrators and executives, dispatchers, and safety officers. The program consists of 10 learning modules developed by experts and geared to specific audiences in the industry. Participation is voluntary and there is no charge to access or use the learning materials. Participants work at their own pace with the materials. Subjects covered by the modules include: introduction and overview; safety culture and management practices; driver education; family education; train-the-trainer; shippers and receivers; carrier sleep disorder management; driver sleep disorder management; driver scheduling and tools; and fatigue monitoring and management technology.

The program was developed and funded by Alberta Transportation, Alberta Human Services, Alberta Worker's Compensation Board, Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail de Québec, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, Transport Canada, and the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The Alberta Motor Transport Association and American Trucking Research Institute provided in-kind development support.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

October 21 - 25, 2013

Planning an event for School Bus Safety Week? We want to hear from you! Let us know what you're doing to promote school bus safety during this week and you could be featured in an issue of OSBA News!

Email: info@osba.on.ca

Calendar of Events

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Upcoming

August 11-16, 2013

Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program -
Burlington, ON

August 22, 2013

OSBA Member Webinar

October 20-25, 2013

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Burlington, ON

Submissions welcome.

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