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Overview:

- Who we are
- Our Industry
- Mission
- Programs

- **Who we are**:
  - OMC part of Federal Highway
  - MCSIA 1999
  - January 2000 FMCSA
  - 1000 strong
    - HQ-Staff
    - 4-Service Centers
    - Division Offices in Each State
    - Mexico and Canadian requirement
    - Force multiplier – MCSAP

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Our Industry

- **Interstate commerce Fed Jurisdiction**
- **662,392 Truck and Bus companies**
  - **7,927,280 Large trucks**
- **20,094 Passenger carrier companies**
  - **669,780 Commercial busses**
- **43,543 HM companies**
  - **1.1M HM shipments daily**
- **All vehicles 225,684,815**
- **CDL drivers 11 million**

- **Mission**
- Reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses.
  - Develop and enforce data-driven regulation
  - Focus efforts on high risk carriers
  - Education
- **GOAL: Reduce the large truck fatality rate by 41% from 1996 to 2008. This reduction translates into a rate of 1.65 fatalities in truck crashes per 100 million miles of truck travel.**

Programs

- **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations**
- **Hazardous Material Regulations**
- **Commercial Drivers License**
- **Motor Carrier Safety Identification and Information Systems**
- **New Entrant Safety Assurance Process**
- **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)**
- **Performance and Registration Information System Management (PRISM)**

Programs continued

- Border and International Safety
- Safety Education and Outreach
- Household Goods program

- **Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs)**
  - **Develop maintain and enforce federal regulations**
    - **Promote carrier safety, industry productivity and new technologies**
  - **Establish safe operating requirements**
    - **Commercial Vehicle Drivers**
    - **Carriers**
    - **Vehicles**
    - **Equipment**

- **Hazardous Material Regulations (HMRs)**
  - **Partner with RSPA**
    - **Ensure safe and secure transportation of HM**
    - **Classification of HM**
    - **Proper packaging**
    - **Employee training**
    - **Hazard communication**
    - **Operational requirements**
- **FMCSA might be characterized as RSPAs enforcement arm for HM over the road shipments**

- **Commercial Drivers License (CDL)**
  - **Develop, monitor, ensure compliance with the commercial driver licensing standards for:**
  - **Drivers**
  - **Carriers**
  - **States**

- **Motor Carrier Safety Identification and Information Systems**
  - **National and State crash statistics**
  - **Current analysis**
  - **Detailed motor carrier safety performance data to industry and public**
- **Data used by State and Federal enforcement to target inspections and investigations**

- **New Entrant Safety Assurance Program**
  - **Aprox. 4800 per month**
  - **Educate new carriers**
    - **18 month monitoring**

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)

- ## Federal Grant to State
  - ### Hire staff
  - ### Implement strategies to enforce FMCSRs and HMRs
  - ### Conduct roadside inspection
  - ### Review motor carrier FMCSR compliance
  - ### Detect and correct
    - CMV defects
    - Driver deficiencies
    - Unsafe motor carrier practices

- **Performance & Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM)**
  - **Tie motor carrier safety with vehicle registration**
  - **Identify at the vehicle level who is responsible for safety**
  - **Continuous monitoring prohibiting carriers from operating by removing license plates**

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Research and Technology

- **Gain fundamental and applied knowledge in order to develop new methods and technologies to enhance truck and bus safety and security**

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- **Border and International Safety**
  - **Develop compatible motor carrier safety requirements and procedures**
  - **Ensure motor carriers, drivers, and vehicles from Mexico and Canada operating in the US meet the same safety standards as US carriers**

Safety Education and Outreach

- ## Implement educational strategies to increase motor carrier compliance with the safety regulations

- ## Reduce the likelihood of a CMV crash

- ## Messages are aimed at all highway users

  - ### Passenger car drivers
  - ### Truck drivers
  - ### Pedestrians
  - ### Bicyclists

- **Household Goods Program**
  - **Regulate interstate household good movers**
  - **Register with the agency**
  - **Enforcement focused**
    - **Capability increased**
    - **Program strengthened**

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