



News on Newsletters

Important News Regarding 2007 SSRS Renewals

The recent federal highway bill allows the Single State Registration System to expire January 1, 2007. The program that replaces is not ready.

MoDOT will closely monitor the situation and report developments promptly. Please read on for the best information available when this newsletter was printed.

Will I need to renew and pay SSRS fees for January 1, 2007?

No. SSRS expires January 1, 2007.

Will my driver get a ticket for not having a 2007 SSRS receipt?

They certainly should not. Drivers do need to carry the 2006 SSRS receipt for the rest of this year. If you encounter a problem, please contact MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

What will replace the SSRS program?

The Unified Carrier Registration program will replace SSRS. It is a streamlined registration program that applies to both for-hire and private motor carriers that operate commercial vehicles across state lines. It also applies to freight forwarders and brokers.

When will the UCR program begin?

The start date is not yet known. It is possible that Congress could extend the SSRS program. Until the UCR program begins or the SSRS program is extended, you will not be required to submit any documentation to your base state.

Will the UCR cost more than SSRS?

Fees for the UCR program are not yet set.

How will the new fees be calculated?

Fees will be based on the number of commercial vehicles a carrier operates. SSRS fees were based on the number of vehicles carriers operate and in what states they travel.

Will I be notified when something changes?

Yes. When the new UCR Program is ready to implement or if SSRS is extended, MoDOT will mail an application with directions just like we've done in the past.

NOTE: This notice and change in the renewal process does not affect your IRP, IFTA or any other renewal requirements.

MoDOT To Improve 800 Bridges By 2012

Most of Missouri's worst bridges will be repaired or replaced by 2012 under a new initiative planned by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Plan targets 800 bridges in poor condition for improvement by 2012. To get such a huge number of bridges fixed in a short amount of time, MoDOT will seek to award a single contract to design and build the bridge upgrades as well as maintain the bridges in good condition for at least 25 years.

"This is an extremely innovative program we're attempting," said MoDOT Director Pete Rahn. "There are more than 10,000 bridges on

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Jan's Letter

If you haven't already looked at it, please be sure to read the Single State Registration Program information on the front page. Unless Congress decides to extend SSRS, we won't have an interstate registration program when 2007 starts. The replacement Uniform Carrier Registration program is in the federal and state lawmaking process. We'll pass on everything we learn about UCR as quickly as we can. Check the MCS Web site, www.modot.org/mcs for updates.

Normally in the fall, you'd expect MoDOT to pack away its work zone equipment. Not so this year. With 100 days remaining until the December 31, Governor's challenge deadline, MoDOT and its contractors are placing the final touches on the Smoother, Safer, Sooner project. Improved surfaces and safety devices make a difference you can see and feel.

Please keep an eye out for workers and for drivers whose skills are challenged by work zones. And get ready. Safe & Sound, a program to repair 800 bridges begins next summer. Missourians' vote for Amendment 3 in 2004 made both programs possible. Thank you.

MoDOT is up to the challenges and I've got my own challenge for you. I want you to buckle up. Every time. Every trip. It's the easiest thing you can do to increase the chance that you'll Arrive Alive!



Motor Carrier Services Director

PRISM System Keeps Bad Carriers Off MO Highways

A new Missouri law in effect since late August, gives Motor Carrier Services the authority to use the national Performance and Registration Information System Management computer system to track commercial operators with poor safety records and keep them from moving to Missouri to operate when they've been placed out of service in another state.

Unsafe carriers' registration, license, permit or other credentials can be suspended, revoked or cancelled by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission if a

federal agency or the Commission has issued an out-of-service order against them. The Commission oversees MoDOT, including the Motor Carrier Services division.

PRISM tracks CMV safety information by company name and vehicle identification number. Only the USDOT can remove a commercial motor carrier from a "out of service" status. Until that time, a commercial operator will not be eligible to operate in Missouri. Currently, 25 states participate in this national program.

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Missouri's state highway system, and too many of them need work. Rather than improve just a handful every year while the rest continue to wear down, we need to do something dramatic to get them in good shape quickly."

"MoDOT is evaluating the state's bridge system to identify the 800 bridges that most need to be improved," Rahn said. "Bidders will have until 2012 to get these bridges in good condition, then keep them that way for at least 25 years.

"By the end of this year we'll have all of Missouri's busiest highways in good condition through the Smooth Roads Initiative," Rahn added. "Now it's time to start on our worst bridges."

A list of bridges to be improved is expected to be complete late this year, with bids submitted and a winner approved by the summer of 2007.

For more details on the program, please visit www.modot.org/safeandsound.

100 Days to Completion of Smooth Roads Initiative

By the end of this year, Missouri's busiest highways will be in good condition as MoDOT meets Governor Matt Blunt's challenge to complete the Smooth Roads Initiative one year ahead of schedule. A countdown clock, found at www.modot.org, is ticking down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the end of the year to help make sure everyone stays focused on that deadline.

The initiative is part of MoDOT's Smoother, Safer, Sooner program, an aggressive road-building effort financed by voter passage of Amendment 3 in November 2004. The initiative, begun in early 2004, had a goal of bringing the most heavily traveled 2,200 miles of Missouri highways up to good condition by December 2007 until the governor called on MoDOT to move that deadline up to December 2006.

"Improving all these highways by the end of 2007 was already an aggressive timetable," said MoDOT Director Pete

Rahn. "Moving everything up a year was a huge challenge, but I'm confident we can get it done.

"Our employees and contractor partners push hard every day to accomplish this, and the countdown clock won't ever slow down or let us forget our mission," he said.

The miles included in the initiative account for 60 percent of all traffic on the state system. The roads include interstates, major highways in the metropolitan areas, and highway corridors connecting smaller towns throughout the state. About 86 percent of Missouri's population lives within 10 miles of one of the selected roads. When work on the initiative started, three-fourths of these highways were in fair to poor condition.

Improvements include better pavement for a smoother drive, as well as brighter stripes and signs, improved shoulders with rumble stripes, and safer guardrails.

MoDOT Looks to Join HazMat Alliance

MoDOT MCS is pursuing membership in the Alliance for Uniform HazMat Transportation Procedures. Currently seven states, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and West Virginia are full members. Each state registers and issues permits for carriers and shippers of hazardous materials in a uniform manner, with the same application and fee assessment calculations.

By adopting the same processes, program members aim to protect public health, safety, and security while easing

the administrative burdens of the motor carrier industry.

Through this program MoDOT can ensure hazardous material carriers based in Missouri and those in other participating states have the necessary safety and security systems in place before they operate here. Motor carriers benefit by using a single, convenient permitting registration and permitting process instead of dealing with a myriad of programs and requirements in several states.

Motor Carrier Services Mail Address

When sending a letter or package to MCS, please be sure to use the best address for the method of delivery.

When sending something by U.S. Mail, please use the MCS **post office box** number in the address.

If you send a letter or package through other delivery services such as FedEx, UPS or DHL, you must use our **physical address**. Delivery companies will return parcels that do not follow these guidelines.

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National Cooperative Highway Research Program Reviews Canadian and Mexican Experience With Large CMVs

Pressure is building across the U.S. to allow heavier vehicles on interstates. Efforts to test operation of heavier commercial vehicles have faced existing federal weight limits and active popular opposition to any increase in commercial vehicle weights. Both Canada and Mexico allow commercial motor vehicles to operate on national highways at axle and gross vehicle weights significantly above those in the U.S.

Because of an increasing demand in the U.S. for heavier loads on interstates, by 2009, the U.S. DOT wants to be able to advise the president and Congress whether changes to the current federal size and weight provisions should be made.

Research has been proposed by the national Transportation Research Board to evaluate the Canadian motor

carrier experience and learn more of the varied effects on road infrastructure that result with the continuous movement of heavier CMVs; identify special issues relating directly to these heavier movements; determine how Canadian jurisdictions dealt with damage done by CMVs; identify what additional maintenance is required and how it is financed; determine if road safety is adversely affected and consider how the Canadian experience overall might be applied to commercial vehicle operations and their regulation in the U.S.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Standing Committee on Research asked that the study also include a review of Mexican truck size and weight regulations.

Convinced!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Seat Belt Convincer makes a believer of Ashley Burnett, senior MCS assistant. At several safety regulation classes this summer, trainees and employees felt the effect of a simulated 5 m.p.h. crash. The low speed "collision" jolted riders into a new appreciation for the value of seat belts. Buckle up!



Safety Training Continues

Ken Sowers, transportation enforcement investigator, led a class on federal motor carrier safety regulations this summer. Similar classes on general safety and hazardous materials are planned this winter. See our Web site, www.modot.org/mcs for a class schedule.



IFTA Penalty Fees

If you file IFTA online and do not pay through the online system, your check must be postmarked by the quarterly due date to avoid penalty and interest. The penalty fee is \$50 or 10 percent of the total tax due, whichever is greater.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

If you've paid for IFTA and mathematical errors cause you to owe more tax, penalty fees and interest will be assessed.

If IRP renewals are not filed by the filing due date, a filing penalty of \$100 will be assessed.

If IRP renewal invoices are not paid by the timely due date, an additional invoice for penalty fees will be sent. Late fees start at \$50 per vehicle with a maximum late fee of \$150.

Credentials will not be issued if invoice and penalty fees are not paid in full.

Hands-On Web System Training Available

Are you interested in using the MCS Web system to file IFTA and IRP or apply for OD/OW permits but just not comfortable with the computer? Did you try the system but find it a challenge?

MCS offers hands on training classes. Most are held in our Jefferson City office, but if several carriers located near each other ask, we're happy to visit your area.

Send an e-mail to contactMCS@modot.mo.gov to let us know of your interest.

Here's what recent training attendees had to say:

The training was great! You and Connie did a great job ... and registration will be so much easier this year.

Shelly Hulsebus
Christenson Transportation, Inc.

I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to have hands-on training. The training was informative and insightful.

As soon as it was available, Hogan started using the Web system to process IRP supplements. Now, because of the training, we have our "why does it do that?" questions answered. We look forward to using the IFTA and renewal portion of the system. In my opinion, your system is the most user friendly.

Kay Kilgo
Hogan



Mary Jo Pointer, motor carrier manager, leads carrier employees through IRP and IFTA filing during a recent hands-on class. If you are interested in attending a similar class, please send an e-mail to contactMCS@modot.mo.gov

Winter 2007 Training Schedules

General Safety Training

Date	City	Place
January 9	Chesterfield	MoDOT Traffic Mgmt Center, 14301 S. Outer 40 Road
January 16	Jefferson City	MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, 1320 Creek Trail Drive
January 19	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest District Office, 3901 E 32nd St
January 18	Willow Springs	MoDOT South Central District Office, 3956 East Main St.
January 18	Macon	MoDOT North Central District Office, 902 North Missouri Street
January 22	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office, 600 NE Colbern Rd

Hazardous Materials Training

Date	City	Place
January 11	Chesterfield	MoDOT Traffic Mgmt Center, 14301 S. Outer 40 Road
January 17	Jefferson City	MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, 1320 Creek Trail Drive
January 23	Springfield	Springfield Area District Office, 3025 East Kearney St.
January 23	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office, 600 NE Colbern Rd

Agriculture/Farmer Safety Training

Date	City	Place
January 17	Willow Springs	MoDOT South Central District Office, 3956 East Main St.
January 18	Jefferson City	MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, 1320 Creek Trail Drive
January 22	Chesterfield	MoDOT Traffic Mgmt Center, 14301 S. Outer 40 Road
January 24	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office, 600 NE Colbern Rd
January 24	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area District Office, 3025 East Kearney Street
January 25	Macon	MoDOT North Central District Office, 902 North Missouri Street (Hwy 63)
January 26	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest District Office, 3901 E 32nd St

General Safety and Agri-hauling classes are planned for St. Joseph, Cape Girardeau and Springfield. Please check the MCS Web site for the dates and locations. All classes are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 1-866-831-6277, extension 5.

Winners Announced In Missouri Truck Driving Championships

With more than 500 spectators looking on, Davie Metzger, a driver for Con-Way of St. Louis, earned the title of Grand Champion in the 2006 Missouri Truck Driving Championships in a competition held in Joplin, Missouri, June 9-10. Metzger also placed first in the Twin Trailers class in competition sponsored by the Missouri Motor Carriers Association and its Council of Safety Supervisors.

In addition to the Grand Trophy, Metzger received the opportunity to compete in the American Trucking Association's 2006 National Truck Driving Championships in New Orleans along with other Missouri first place winners who qualified to compete in their particular class.

Winners, runners-up, their hometowns and employers' locations are listed below:

Straight Truck Class

- 1st – Porter Robinson, Brookfield, MO – FedEx Ground, Brookfield, MO
- 2nd – Gail Brown, Chesterfield, MO – Roadway Express, Fenton, MO
- 3rd – G. W. Kauffman, St. Peters, MO – FedEx Express, Hazelwood, MO

Three Axle Class

- 1st – Joe Mangiaracino, Sullivan, MO – FedEx Freight East, St. Clair, MO
- 2nd – Steven Fields, Independence, MO – Yellow Transportation, Kansas City, MO
- 3rd – Robert Payne, St. James, MO – Con-Way, Rolla, MO

Four Axle Class

- 1st – Albert Hockett, St James, MO – Con-Way, Rolla, MO
- 2nd – Robert Hallermann, St. Louis, MO – FedEx Express, St. Louis, MO
- 3rd – Richard O'Brien, Maryland Heights, MO – Watkins Motor Lines, St. Louis, MO

Five Axle Van Class

- 1st – Remy Braun, Mt. Vernon, MO – D & D Sexton, Carthage, MO
- 2nd – Scott Raper, Springfield, MO – UPS Freight, Stratford, MO
- 3rd – Steve Brunson, Carthage, MO – USF Holland, Joplin, MO

Flatbed Class

- 1st – David Hanslick, St. Peters, MO – Yellow Transportation, St. Louis, MO

2nd – Howard Kelsey, Gladstone, MO – Wal-Mart Transportation, St. James, MO

3rd – Mike Grantham, Carthage, MO – Watkins Motor Lines, Kansas City, MO

Sleeper Berth Class

1st – Thomas Miller, Bunker Hill, IL – Prime, Inc., Springfield, MO

2nd – Jimie Stitche, Carl Junction, MO – D & D Sexton, Carthage, MO

3rd – Leslie Splitter, Lamar, MO – D & D Sexton, Carthage, MO

Twin Trailers Class

1st – Davie Metzger, Bethalto, IL – Con-Way, St. Louis, MO

2nd – Tom Carr, Monett, MO – Roadway Express, Stratford, MO

3rd – Eric Meister, Springfield, MO – FedEx Freight, Springfield, MO

Tank Truck Class

1st – Russ Martin, Meta, MO – Con-Way, Rolla, MO

2nd – Duane Grimme, Satsuma, FL – Prime, Inc., Springfield, MO

3rd – Brian McCune, Higbee, MO – FedEx Freight East, Columbia, MO

The winning scores were based on personal interviews, an hour-long written examination, a vehicle safety inspection and a field course featuring six precision driving problems which simulated challenges a truck driver faces under actual everyday conditions.

Robert Payne of St. James, MO, a driver for Con-Way in Rolla, Mo., was named "Rookie of the Year" for his outstanding well-rounded performance as a first-time contestant.

The Pre-Trip Inspection award for the highest score in assuring that a vehicle is in safe and efficient operating condition before leaving on a trip went to Alan Hawkins of Arnold, Mo., a driver for UPS Freight, St. Louis.

The "Team Championship" went to Con-Way of Ann Arbor, Mich., for having the highest average team score in the competition.

Booster Seats Required

Until 8-Years-Old

A new Missouri law, effective August 28, 2006, says your child must be in a booster seat if they are ages 4 through 7 who weigh at least 40 pounds, unless they are 80 pounds or 4'9" tall.

IFTA Stickers Get Serial

Interstate carriers will notice something new when they receive 2007 IFTA decals later this year. Each pair of stickers bears its own unique serial number.

Because the serial number is unique to the pair of decals, if one is lost or stolen, both must be replaced. Though stickers will not be tied to a specific vehicle, carriers with multiple vehicles must take care that the decals on their equipment have matching numbers. The numbers, like those on private 4-wheel license tabs, will be verified during an inspection.

MCS Phone Lines and Office Open Longer

MCS is open for business from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to more closely match its customers' business needs. The 24-hour online system is always open. Use it to apply for ODOV permits, handle IFTA and IRP transactions or check your escrow balance anytime.

MCS Retirement:

Sylvia Wilbers, intermediate motor carrier agent, retired July 31 after 21 years of service. Her husband, three children, six grandchildren will enjoy extra time with her...if they can catch her. She plans to continue raising draft horses, go on wagon rides, spend time with friends and entice area fish into her new boat.

Miles 'n More

Ann Vaught earned Motor Carrier Services' second quarter Miles n' More award. A 6-year MCS veteran, Ann was recognized for going beyond her job duties to help with the implementation of the online computer system. Ann is always willing to aid fellow employees, works beyond her scheduled hours when needed and is always cheerful. We're proud to work with Ann.



Datelines

September 30

Carriers with 3rd quarter IRP renewals must display carry new cab cards and/or display new plates by this date.

October 2

4th quarter IRP renewal filing due to avoid late penalty and to be able to obtain temporary vehicle registration in 2007.

October 9

Columbus Day – MCS open, most MoDOT offices closed

November 1

Applications for 2007 Blanket OD/OW permits accepted – Apply online!

IFTA Renewals mailed by MCS this week

November 10

Veterans' Day (observed) – MCS open, most MoDOT offices closed

November 17

MCS mails out IRP renewal packets for those who have a March 31 (1st quarter) expiration date

November 23

Thanksgiving Day – MCS and most MoDOT offices closed

December 1

4th quarter IRP renewal payment is due to avoid late pay penalty and to be able to obtain temporary vehicle registration in 2007.

December 25

Christmas Day – All MoDOT offices closed

December 31

2006 Blanket OD/OW permits expire

January 1

New Year's Day – All MoDOT offices closed

Carriers with 4th quarter IRP renewals must display updated plates and carry new cab cards

March 1

Carriers with an IFTA license must display updated license and decals

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International Fuel Tax Agreement	Regulations, Missouri IFTA applications, temporary fuel permits
Overdimension and Overweight	Regulations, permits, blanket permits
Single State Registration, Interstate Exempt, Intrastate Authority, Housemovers License, Hazardous Waste and Waste Tires	Applications, SSRS receipts, stamps, stickers, licenses, proof of insurance
Safety and HM Regulations/Enforcement	Information, regulations, training, compliance reviews, educational contacts, complaint investigations

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