



News on Wheels

## UCR Bill Fails in MO Legislature

### *MoDOT Unable to Participate in 2007 UCR Rollout*

The 2007 Missouri Legislature adjourned May 18 without passing a bill that would have allowed the state to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program.

"We're very disappointed," said Jan Skouby, MoDOT Motor Carrier Services director. "Because the law did not pass, our office cannot register carriers into the federally required UCR program should the board begin enrollment in 2007."

Outlined in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU Act, The UCR replaces the Single State Registration System.

It is expected to begin in late 2007 in states that have adopted the program as law. MoDOT MCS hopes to provide carriers a list of participating states and registration instructions when the program begins.

"MoDOT will petition the UCR board for inclusion in 2008," said Skouby. "We'll also ask next year's legislature to authorize Missouri to become a UCR state. Until then, we'll do what we can to help our motor carrier customers register for the program elsewhere."

## IFTA – Annual Meeting in Missouri

Representatives from each state and Canadian province will gather at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, Chesterfield, Mo., July 20 and 21 for an annual business meeting of the International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.

Motor carriers are invited to attend. Registration fees are \$340. Learn more and register online by visiting [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org). Hotel and ground transportation information is available on the site.

The meeting agenda includes:

- President's report
- Board of Trustees election
- Committee reports – including one by an industry advisory committee
- Five full-track preliminary ballot proposals
- Presentation of the 2007 Richard L. Reeves IFTA Leadership Award, and
- A town hall meeting



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# Jan's Letter

## MCS is Disappointed, Cannot Participate in 2007 UCR

Among the proposals in the transportation omnibus bill this legislative season was one that would have allowed Missouri to participate in Unified Carrier Registration. It's a federally required program that requires all interstate motor carriers to register and pay fees. Carriers who don't participate are fined.

Because the bill did not pass this year, carriers who base their businesses in Missouri will have to go to another state to file for UCR. The other state gets to keep the fee, so Missouri will lose an estimated \$2.3 million in safety funds for 2007.

We at MoDOT Motor Carrier Services are concerned about the lost funds, but we're most upset that our customers will be inconvenienced.

We have no real recourse for 2007, but will petition for inclusion in the 2008 season with the UCR board. We'll also

work to get the proposal back in front of legislators so we have a chance to take part in the registration process in late 2008.

MCS will provide a list of participating states to Missouri carriers. When UCR begins, we hope to provide the forms and information you'll need to register in the other states.

We've worked very hard to build strong relationships with our customers and are profoundly disappointed that this is the best we can do.

Please contact anyone on the MCS team if you have any questions.



Motor Carrier Services Director

## New FMCSA Site Answers New Registrant Questions

Figuring out whether a business needs a USDOT Number or Operating Authority and understanding the registration process is about to get a whole lot easier.

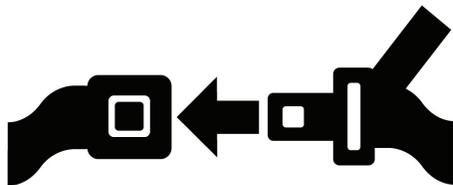
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces the release of the Online Registration and Compliance Assistant. ORCA replaces the "Who Must Comply" tool. It helps a companies understand which regulations they must adhere to, guides them towards a decision on whether they need to register with FMCSA and lists which forms to complete.

Visit [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov) and choose "Registration and Licensing" then "Online Registration."

### Missouri's New Entrant Tool Covers State, Federal Rules

Curious about Missouri rules? Those who go on to visit MoDOT's New Entrant Tool, [www.modot.org/mcs/NewEntrant/](http://www.modot.org/mcs/NewEntrant/), can find answers about registration, regulations and other requirements. The site asks several questions and uses the answers to assemble basic regulatory information specific to the visitor.

MoDOT's New Entrant Tool isn't just for new carriers. As their businesses transform, carriers can revisit the site, answer a few questions and learn whether their regulatory responsibilities change.



**BE READY.  
BE BUCKLED.**

## Fuel Receipts

Check fuel receipts and make certain the date and time, fuel type and number of gallons is correct.

IFTA auditors look for this information. If it is missing or incorrect, you'll be asked to provide proof of accuracy and could be fined.

# World's Attentions Shines on Tour of Missouri

An international event is headed our way. The Tour of Missouri, a cycling race that is attracting several Tour de France participants, begins September 11, 2007, in Kansas City.

"The Tour of Missouri provides the opportunity to showcase Missouri's natural beauty and hospitality to the world," Gov. Matt Blunt said. "The tour will span the state and bring tourists and visitors to communities across Missouri. This special event will not only be a lot of fun, it will generate economic growth and bolster our tourism industry."



The race route, to be announced by July 4, will include

city, county and state roads, but is not expected to include interstate routes. Circuit races challenge riders to complete laps on challenging, closed courses. Road races pit riders against Missouri's varied terrain on a city-to-city route.

Check the event Web site, [www.tourofmissouri.com](http://www.tourofmissouri.com), for the route announcement in July and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## Race Locations

Kansas City – Circuit race  
Clinton to Springfield – Road race  
Branson – Circuit race  
Lebanon to Columbia – Road race  
Jefferson City to St. Charles – Road race  
St. Louis – Circuit race

## PRISM Penalties Apply to Leased-On Carriers, Too

Missouri will soon complete the transition and comply fully with the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management program. Using PRISM, the state can place unsafe carriers out of service and prevent those banned in other states from registering here until they comply with all safety regulations.

Missouri law (Section 226.009, RSMo Supp. 2006), states that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will suspend or revoke the vehicle registrations

and license plates issued to a motor carrier that has been prohibited from operating by a federal or state order. Accordingly, the vehicle registrations and license plates of those who are leased to out-of-service carriers on the effective date of the Commission's order will be suspended or revoked.

For more information, visit [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov) and search for PRISM or call MCS Safety and Compliance toll-free, at 1-866-831-6277.

## MoDOT Online Express Minimum System Requirements

Are you ready for MoDOT Online Express? Check the list below to see if your system is compatible, then give the 24-hour service a try. If you have any questions, call us toll-free at 866-831-6277.

- Pentium 4
- Windows 2000 or Windows XP
- 256 MB of memory (RAM)
- Internet connection (dial-up or high speed, high speed recommended)
- Internet Explorer 6.0 (IE 7.0 can be used with MoDOT Online Express if you turn off the built-in pop-up blocker, which is enabled by default. See the instruc-

tions below to disable the pop-up blocker.)

- Java version 1.5.05

To Turn Off Your Internet Explorer Pop-up Blocker:

1. Open Internet Explorer by clicking the Start button, then click Internet Explorer.
2. Click the Tools button, and then click Pop-up Blocker.
3. To Turn off Pop-up Blocker, click Turn Off Pop-up Blocker.

# Drivers Are Key to Safety

Motor carriers and government agencies work constantly to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. Those efforts appear to be paying off in Missouri. Preliminary statistics show that the number of fatal crashes and injury crashes involving CMVs fell by more than 10 percent in 2006.

That's great news. It's also a challenge. Can Missouri continue reducing the number of crashes while more trucks and drivers travel more miles in the state?

While efforts such as safety audits and inspections, road visibility and condition improvements continue, research by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the American Transportation Research Institute indicates that a significant responsibility for highway safety rests in the commercial motor vehicle driver's seat.

Recent FMCSA and ATRI studies looked for causes of fatal CMV crashes. The FMCSA's study revealed that 87% of crashes charged to a commercial motor vehicle were attributed to driver behavior. ATRI's Predicting Truck Crash Involvement study goes one step further. It resulted in a model that can be used to predict the likelihood that a driver who displays certain driving behaviors would be involved in a crash. For example, drivers who already have been cited for an improper turn is found to be 105 percent more likely to be involved in a future crash. Compared to others, drivers who have had a reckless driving violation are more than three times more likely to be involved in a crash.

Motor carriers and government agencies have been using data from the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) and the Commercial Drivers License Information System (CDLIS) for several years now. These information systems gather data from roadside stops, accidents and compliance reviews. One use of these systems

If a Driver Had a:	Crash Likelihood Increases:
■ Reckless Driving Violation	325%
■ Improper Turn Violation	105%
■ Improper or Erratic Lane Change Conviction	100%
■ Failure to Yield Right of Way Conviction	97%
■ Improper Turn Conviction	94%
■ Failure to Maintain Proper Lane Conviction	91%
■ A Past Crash	87%
■ Improper Lane Change Violation	78%
■ Failure to Yield Right of Way Violation	70%
■ Driving Too Fast for Conditions Conviction	62%

Source: American Transportation Research Institute

for motor carriers involves the review of violations recorded against current and prospective drivers. Using the ATRI study motor carriers can predict which driver may pose a risk to their future crash rates.

To learn more about driver requirements and things you can do to help lower commercial vehicles crash rates, join MoDOT at one of several Driver Safety Seminars this July.

To learn more about the FMCSA's Large Truck Crash Causation Study visit <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/ltrccs/default.asp> ATRI's study can be found at [www.atri-online.org](http://www.atri-online.org)

## St. Louis Launches 511 Number for Travel Information

There's a new way to get St. Louis traffic information – even if you are miles away. Dial 511 if you're in the metro area or call toll-free 877-4STL-511 (877-478-5511) if you're in Illinois or other Missouri locations. You'll be connected to a voice-operated service. Answer a few simple questions and instantly you'll learn whether any delays exist on your planned route.

The service couldn't come at a better time. Traffic patterns in the metro area are expected to shift as the Interstate 64/Highway 40 reconstruction project gets under-

way. Local traffic will move to other interstates and major highways and could affect travel times.

The 511-travel information service adds one more tool to motorists' toolkits. The Gateway Guide Web site, [www.gatewayguide.com](http://www.gatewayguide.com) and overhead message boards give real time information so drivers can make smart choices about their route.

If successful, MoDOT hopes to expand the service to other cities in coming years.

# Safety Audit

It started with a ticket.

Paul Construction Company was stopped on the way home from a job out of state. The company installs high-speed, wireless Internet systems for schools, working with a couple of utility bucket trucks and a pick-up.

Until receiving the citation, the owner didn't realize his vehicles and business were subject to motor carrier safety regulations. He wasted no time in beginning the entry process, obtaining a USDOT number and filing for registration.

As the paperwork was underway, Lance Hagler, senior transportation enforcement investigator traveled from his Springfield office to visit the business and perform a safety audit. After inspecting the vehicles, Hagler spent a rainy day working at the owner's kitchen table.

Danny Paul answered Hagler's questions and listened carefully to his instruction as Paul's wife searched the company files, asked questions and discovered resources available on MCS' Web site.

Several hours later, Paul learned that he'd passed the audit. He had some improvements to make in record keeping, but with the instruction sheets from the investigator, was sure he could have everything straight the next day.

"That was one nice day," Hagler said when reviewing the visit. "Like most of my customers, they were easy to work with and genuinely concerned about safety."



Lance Hagler of MCS (far right) and the Pauls work at the kitchen table to complete paperwork during a recent Safety Audit.

## Motor Carrier Services' Summer Safety Seminar Schedule

### General Safety

- July 16 Clarion Hotel – Springfield
- July 16 Transportation Management Center – St. Louis
- July 17 MoDOT Northeast District HQ - Hannibal
- July 18 Army National Guard Armory – Warrensburg
- July 18 Boone Electric Coop – Columbia
- July 19 MSHP Troop E HQ – Poplar Bluff
- July 20 Pony Express Museum – St. Joseph
- July 20 MoDOT Southwest District HQ – Joplin
- July 26 Inter-county Electric – Licking

### Haz Mat

- July 17 MoDOT Motor Carrier Services – Jefferson City
- July 17 Transportation Management Center – St. Louis
- July 19 Pony Express Museum – St. Joseph
- July 19 Army National Guard Armory – Warrensburg
- July 26 MoDOT Springfield Area HQ - Springfield

### Driver

- July 14 Motor Carrier Services HQ – Jefferson City
- July 21 Pony Express Museum – St. Joseph
- July 21 MoDOT Northeast District HQ – Hannibal
- July 21 Army National Guard Armory – Warrensburg
- July 21 Transportation Management Center – St. Louis
- July 21 Clarion Hotel - Springfield
- July 21 MSHP Troop E – Poplar Bluff
- July 28 MoDOT Southwest District HQ - Joplin
- July 28 Grimes Auditorium – Willow Springs Middle School

Overflow – classes in these locations often fill quickly. MCS will hold a second seminar at the following locations if demand is sufficient.

### General Safety

- July 17 Clarion Hotel - Springfield
- July 18 Transportation Management Center – St. Louis
- July 20 Army National Guard Armory – Warrensburg

# MoDOT Announces 2007's "Top 10 Work Zones To Look Out For"

Vacation travel season is upon us and millions of motorists are on the road... along with hundreds of highway maintenance crews. Though the Missouri Department of Transportation plans fewer interstate highway projects this summer, work on other busy routes makes this one of the largest-ever construction seasons. Well over 1,000 work zones will be active throughout the year.

"Missouri's roads are getting better in a big way this year," said MoDOT Director Pete Rahn. "But that means there will be growing pains for the next few months. We've got some big projects planned that will require motorists' full attention."

To help travelers prepare for what's ahead, MoDOT has put together a list of the state's top 10 work zones to look out for, based on volume of traffic, amount of work and level of delay. "These are the projects most likely to slow you down, so avoid them if you can, especially during peak hours," Rahn said.

The top 10 list of highway work zones to look out for in 2007 is ranked in order of impact. Most work zones will not be active over the July 4 and Labor Day weekends, but it may be necessary for lane closures to remain in place. For more information on these or other projects around the state, please call 888-ASK-MoDOT or visit <http://www.modot.org/>.

## Top 10 Work Zones To Look Out For in 2007

**1. Kansas City** - Triangle Project: Route 71 realignment and reconstruction - Route 71 will be reduced to one through lane at the I-435/I-470 interchange through the summer. Carries 70,000 vehicles per day. Major delays expected during peak hours, moderate delays during non-peak hours.

**2. St. Louis** - Eastbound Interstate 70 from Route 79 to Mid Rivers Mall Drive - Crews will add a lane from Route 79 to Mid Rivers Mall Drive. I-70 reduced to two lanes only going east. Construction runs May 2007- winter 2007. Carries 138,000 vehicles daily. Expect major delays during morning peak traffic, moderate delays at other times.

**3. St. Louis - Interstate 170 and Route 340** - A new interchange will be built at Route 340 and I-170. The construction reduces I-170 from three lanes to two in both direc-

tions and includes various ramp closures over the course of the project that continues until December 2007. Carries 101,000 vehicles daily. Expect major delays through peak travel times.

**4. Springfield** - Interstate 44 and Route 65 - This interchange will be reconfigured, including a new ramp for northbound-to-westbound traffic. Work scheduled summer 2006 through spring 2008. I-44 carries 58,000 vehicles a day, and Route 65 carries 55,000 vehicles a day. Delays expected during peak travel times; traffic will be detoured onto state routes in town when bridges and lanes are closed at key points during the project.

**5. Cooper County, west of Columbia** - Interstate 70 from Saline County line to Route M - Lanes will be reduced eastbound for resurfacing. Work will be completed in summer 2007. Carries 28,000 vehicles a day. Expect lane closures during the day. The speed limit will be reduced through the work zone.

**6. Kansas City** - Interstate 470 / Route 291 / Interstate 70 interchange - Resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation will close exit and entrance ramps in sequence through the early summer and lead to lane restrictions through the fall. Carries 50,000 northbound/southbound vehicles per day. Significant delays expected during peak hours.

**7. Macon to Chillicothe** - Route 36 - Four resurfacing projects are set for this 58-mile stretch across Macon, Linn and Livingston counties. Projects include 21 bridge rehabilitations, creating driving lanes as narrow as 10 feet over the course of the summer. The projects also include upgrading two narrow sections of eastbound lanes near Brookfield and Meadville and widening outside shoulders in several locations. Projects will be completed this fall. Carries nearly 11,000 vehicles a day.

**8. Cape Girardeau** - Interstate 55 - While work on a new interchange continues north of town, northbound and southbound lanes are diverted to exit ramps between Cape Girardeau and Fruitland. Work is ongoing to the end of the year. Carries 9,500 vehicles daily. Ten to 15-minute delays are possible.

**9. Joplin** - Business 71 (Range Line Road) and 20th Street - This intersection will be realigned, with turn lanes and sidewalks added. All work done during overnight hours

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from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Average traffic is 41,500 vehicles per day. Estimated completion date is Nov. 1. Delays of up to 15 minutes at night.

**10. St. Louis** - Interstate 64 throughout St. Louis County and City - Initial construction work to rebuild I-64 is under way. Lanes on Interstate 170 reduced to two in each direction north from I-64 for one-half mile. Lanes on Kingshighway over I-64 will be reduced to two in each direction from June through December. Additionally, other ramps and bridges will be closed throughout the year. Construction continues until summer 2010. Carries 158,000 vehicles per day. Expect delays through peak travel times. *Look for this project to be a chart-topper next year.*

## E-Updates

There's been a chemical spill and MoDOT is going to detour one of the interstates for several hours. How will you know? You can sign up to receive e-mailed messages from MoDOT's e-Updates service.

You can sign up to get several kinds of information. Most of the updates are about highway incidents such as snow or flood closures, emergency shut downs or bridge trouble, but news about over-dimension/overweight permits, IRP, IFTA and safety is e-mailed as well.

Dispatchers love the service. If you're an independent driver, consider asking a friend or family member to sign up. They can pass the messages on to you when you're on the road.

It's easy to sign up. Start by visiting MoDOT's main Web site, [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org). Look on the left side of the page for a dark blue e-Update tab. Create an account, choose your own userID and password. When you have the option to choose the information you'd like to receive, click on the Motor Carriers option near the bottom of the page.

You can also choose to receive e-mail about projects near you from MoDOT district offices, change your options or cancel the free service at any time.

## Datelines

### June 1

Payment due for those whose IRP plates expire June 30

### June 5-7

Roadcheck 2007. Annual truck enforcement blitz sponsored by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

### June 30

Carriers whose IRP registration expires June 30 must display 2008 credentials

### July 2

IRP renewal due on file for those whose IRP plates expire September 30

### July 4

Independence Day – All MoDOT business offices closed

### July 20-21

IFTA, Inc. Annual Business Meeting – Chesterfield, Mo.

### July 31

IFTA 2nd quarter returns filing deadline

### September 1

Payment due for those whose IRP plates expire September 30

### September 3

Labor Day – All MoDOT business offices closed

### September 30

Carriers whose IRP registration expires September 30 must display 2008 credentials

## Did You Know?

### It's Work Zone Season

Slowing from 70 mph to 50 mph for a one-mile work zone adds just 20 seconds to your trip.

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<b>International Fuel Tax Agreement</b>	Regulations, Missouri IFTA applications, temporary fuel permits
<b>Overdimension and Overweight</b>	Regulations, permits, blanket permits
<b>Intrastate Authority, Housemovers License, Hazardous Waste and Waste Tires</b>	Applications, stickers, licenses, proof of insurance
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