**Enforcement and Education 2022**

**Talking Points for Safety Stakeholders**

## What is Enforcement and Education?

* An enforcement and education initiative aims to discourage unsafe driver behaviors that can cause crashes on our roads.
* The goal for these high visibility enforcement periods—coupled with continual road safety education—is to eliminate highway fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).
* We are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), local law enforcement, and state and federal agencies as part of this effort to reduce crashes by conducting regular high visibility enforcement and education periods.
* Enforcement and education efforts compliment FMCSA’s *Our Roads, Our Safety* public awareness campaign, which educates all road users about sharing the road safely with CMVs.
* *Our Roads, Our Safety* helps improve safety on America’s roadways by providing safety tips to passenger vehicle drivers, CMV drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

## Key messages and calls to action

We want drivers to be aware of upcoming enforcement and education periods and to remember the tips below.

### For CMV drivers:

* Always obey all traffic laws. Wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limit, slow for work zones, and don’t drive distracted. Unsafe driving behaviors can lead to crashes and fatalities.
* Make sure your vehicle is in safe working order, and follow all regulations regarding hours of service, medical certification, and CMV credentialing and driver licensing.
* Additional tips for commercial motor vehicle drivers can be found at FMCSA’s website [here](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/tips-truck-and-bus-drivers).

### For passenger vehicle drivers:

* Obey the speed limit and wear your seatbelt.
* Never drive distracted or impaired.
* When driving around large trucks and buses, be patient and leave more space.
* Drivers of large trucks and buses have natural blind spots: Don’t cut off commercial motor vehicles or drive on the left or right side of them for a long period of time.
* Big trucks need more time to stop safely. Don’t follow too closely, or merge or make sudden stops directly in front of them.
* Additional tips for motorists can be found at FMCSA’s *Our Roads, Our Safety* website [here](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/tips-driving-safely-around-large-trucks-or-buses).