

Women of Trucking Advisory Board (WOTAB)
Task Statement 22-1: Crime Prevention for Women Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

I. Task Title

Provide feedback to the Agency regarding the dangers of sexual assault and sexual violence against women, particularly drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMV), and suggest actions and initiatives to prevent and ultimately eliminate such violence.

II. Background

In response to increasing reports of violence perpetrated against women and other CMV drivers, FMCSA recently conducted an anonymous survey on Crime Prevention for Truckers.

III. Task

For Task 22-1, FMCSA asks WOTAB to discuss gender-based violence and sexual harassment in the trucking industry and actions that employers, unions, government agencies, lawmakers, apprenticeship program sponsors, shippers, receivers, truck stop operators, and others should consider to improve safety in the workplace. This includes gender-based violence and harassment that occurs in the truck itself as well as in the course of, linked with or arising out of work, such as in driver training, at truck stops, in employer-provided accommodations and other locations. FMCSA requests that WOTAB identify best practices for preventing and responding to gender-based violence and harassment in ways that are survivor-centered and trauma-informed, and creating a safe workplace environment that supports the recruitment and retention of women drivers.

For this task, FMCSA will consider data by agency and outside experts, including FMCSA's Crime Prevention Survey. FMCSA will, to the maximum extent possible, provide expert presentations and data requested by WOTAB and its members, to provide the most comprehensive information for WOTAB to consider in completing this task.

IV. Estimated Completion of Task

FMCSA asks WOTAB to deliberate on this task at its November 2022 meeting, allowing for continued discussion at subsequent meetings. The results of this and other tasks will be compiled and submitted to FMCSA's Administrator as recommendations in a comprehensive letter report addressing Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) requirements on ways to increase participation by women across the CMV industry. The agency will review this final, comprehensive report and submit a Report to Congress for its consideration.

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