



Large Truck and Bus Traffic Enforcement



Situation



Which presents a greater safety risk?
*A large truck driving outside the lane line
or a passenger car driving outside the
lane line?*

While the large truck presents a greater potential risk based on its size, the passenger car is more likely to be pulled over.



Video: Traffic Stop Leads to More



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Criminal Activity



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The transport and trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor or prostitution.



DRUG AND WEAPONS TRAFFICKING

The transport and trade of illegal goods.



MOVING FRAUD

The extortion of consumers by un-registered moving companies.



At the Very Least...



Do your part by enforcing traffic safety laws for ALL vehicles on the road.



Video: Enforcing Traffic Safety



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Large Truck and Bus Traffic Enforcement Begins With...



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



AWARENESS

Recognizing unsafe driving behaviors.



KNOWLEDGE

Conducting large truck and bus vehicle stops.



When Conducting a Large Truck or Bus Vehicle Stop...



OBSERVE	Identify traffic violations associated with large truck and bus crashes.
CONSIDER	Identify safety considerations that apply before, during, and after a vehicle stop.
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Motor Vehicle Law Violations



Video: Driver Behaviors



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Driver Behaviors as Predictors of Crashes

Driver Behavior	Crash Probability Increase
Failure to use or improper signal conviction	96%
Past crash	88%
Improper passing violation	88%
Improper turn conviction	84%
Improper or erratic lane change conviction	80%
Failure to maintain proper lane/location conviction	68%
Failure to obey traffic sign	68%
Speeding conviction (15 mph over speed limit)	67%
Any conviction	65%
Reckless/careless/inattentive/negligent driving conviction	64%



Additional Offenses



EQUIPMENT

Vehicle defects can have as much to do with crashes as unsafe driving behaviors.



Making the Stop



The Environment



STOPPING DISTANCE

Is there anything that could make stopping difficult?

Did You Know?

It takes six seconds for a large truck to stop when it is travelling at 55 mph.

Do not stop on curves, hills, and steep grades.



The Environment



SHOULDER

Will the shoulder support the large truck or bus?

Did You Know?

The weight of a large truck or bus easily exceeds 14,000 lbs. The weight of the average car is around 4,000 lbs.

Do not stop on curves, hills, and steep grades.



The Environment



TRAFFIC RE-ENTRY

Can the large truck or bus safely re-enter traffic?

Did You Know?

A large truck's maximum acceleration rate is only 30% of a passenger car's.

Do not stop on curves, hills, and steep grades.



If the Vehicle Does Not Stop



OPERATOR COMFORT
Is the operator looking for a safe stopping area?

BLIND SPOTS
Can the operator see my vehicle?

IN-VEHICLE NOISE
Can the operator hear my sirens?



Video: Making the Stop





Personal Safety



Video: Approaching the Vehicle





Maintain Awareness



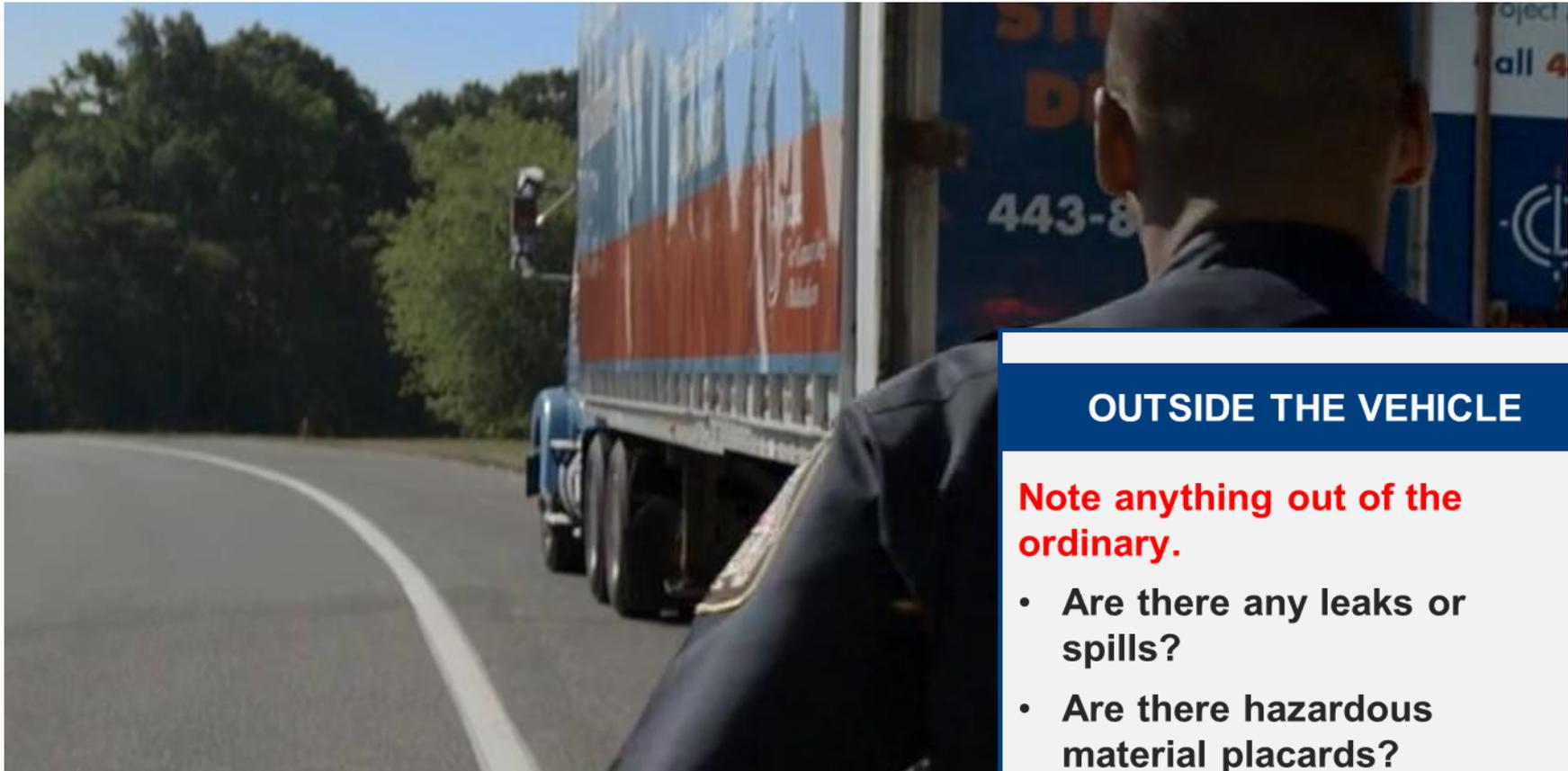
INSIDE THE VEHICLE

Use the vehicle's mirrors to monitor driver.

- What is the operator doing?
- Are there any passengers?
- Are there any animals?



Maintain Awareness



OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE

Note anything out of the ordinary.

- Are there any leaks or spills?
- Are there hazardous material placards?



Public Safety Hazards



SERIOUS VEHICLE DEFECTS

Anything that makes the vehicle a hazard on the road.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Any material that poses an unreasonable risk to health and safety.



What to Look For – Defects



SMOKE

May be a sign of engine or brake trouble.

LEAKS AND SPILLS

May be any number of engine fluids.



What to Look For – Placards



IDENTIFICATION

May include the identification number of the material.

INFORMATION

Includes the hazard class/division of the material.

Do not approach a placarded vehicle that is leaking or smoking.



Video: Safety Around the Truck Cab





Interacting with the Operator



Passenger Car Vehicle Stop



DOCUMENTATION

- Driver's License
- Registration
- Proof of Insurance



Video: Asking for Documentation



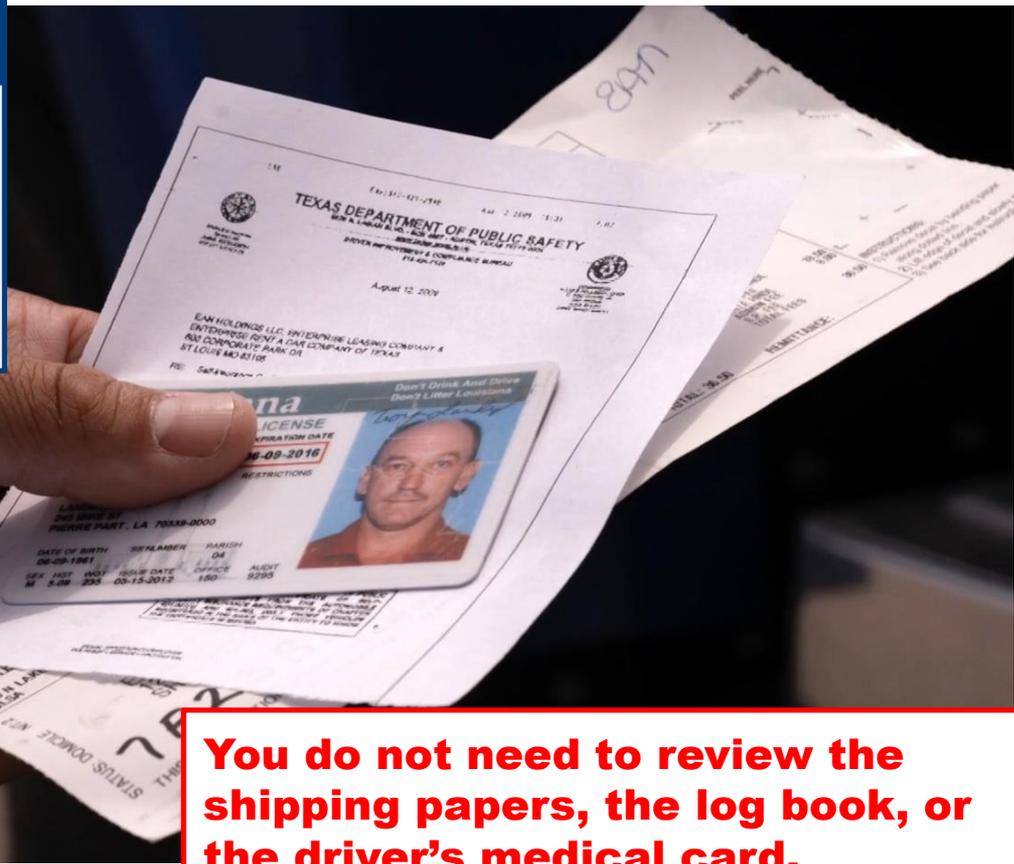
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Remember...

ONLY REVIEW

- Driver's License
- Registration
- Proof of Insurance



You do not need to review the shipping papers, the log book, or the driver's medical card.



Video: About CDLs



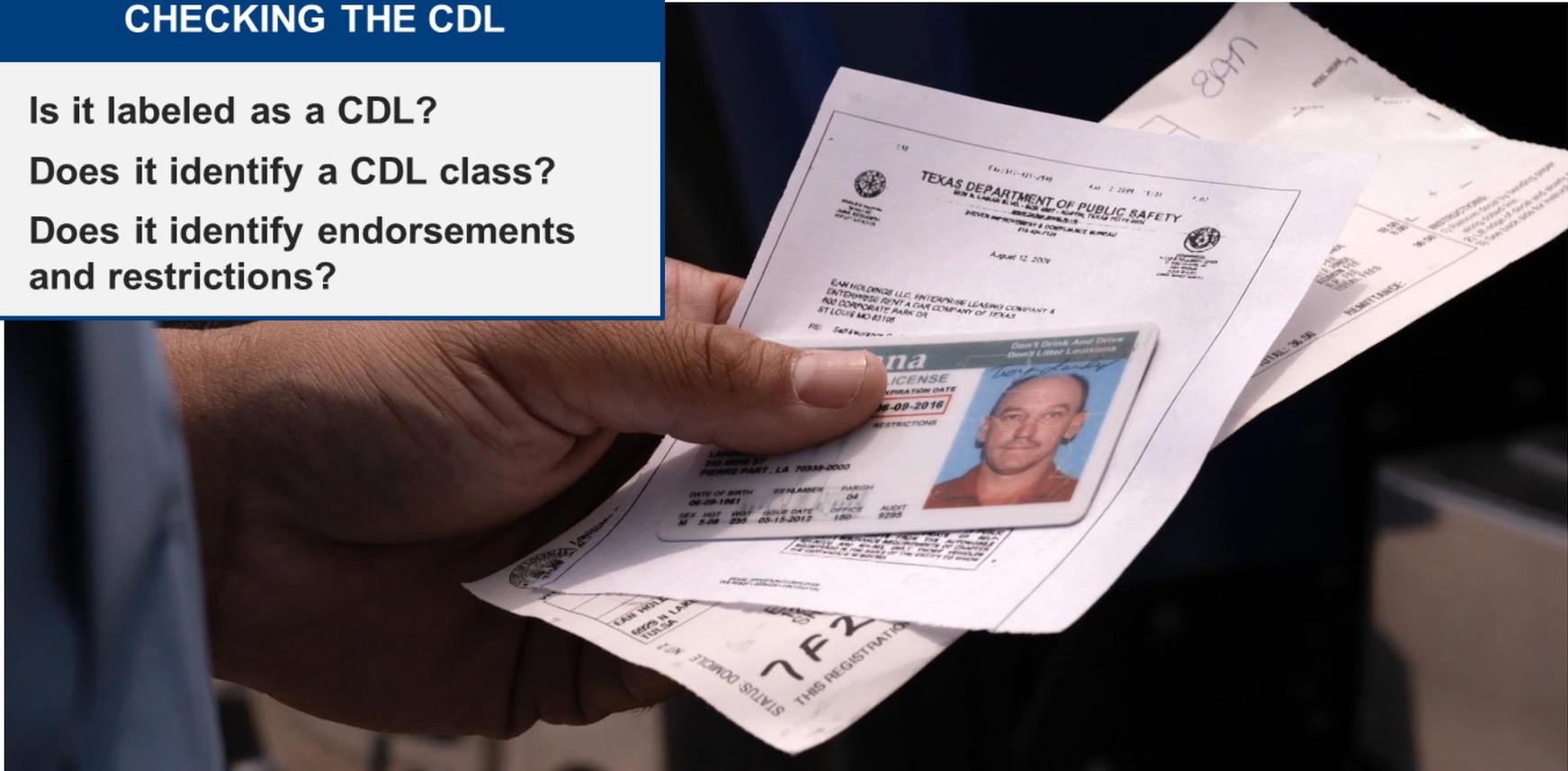


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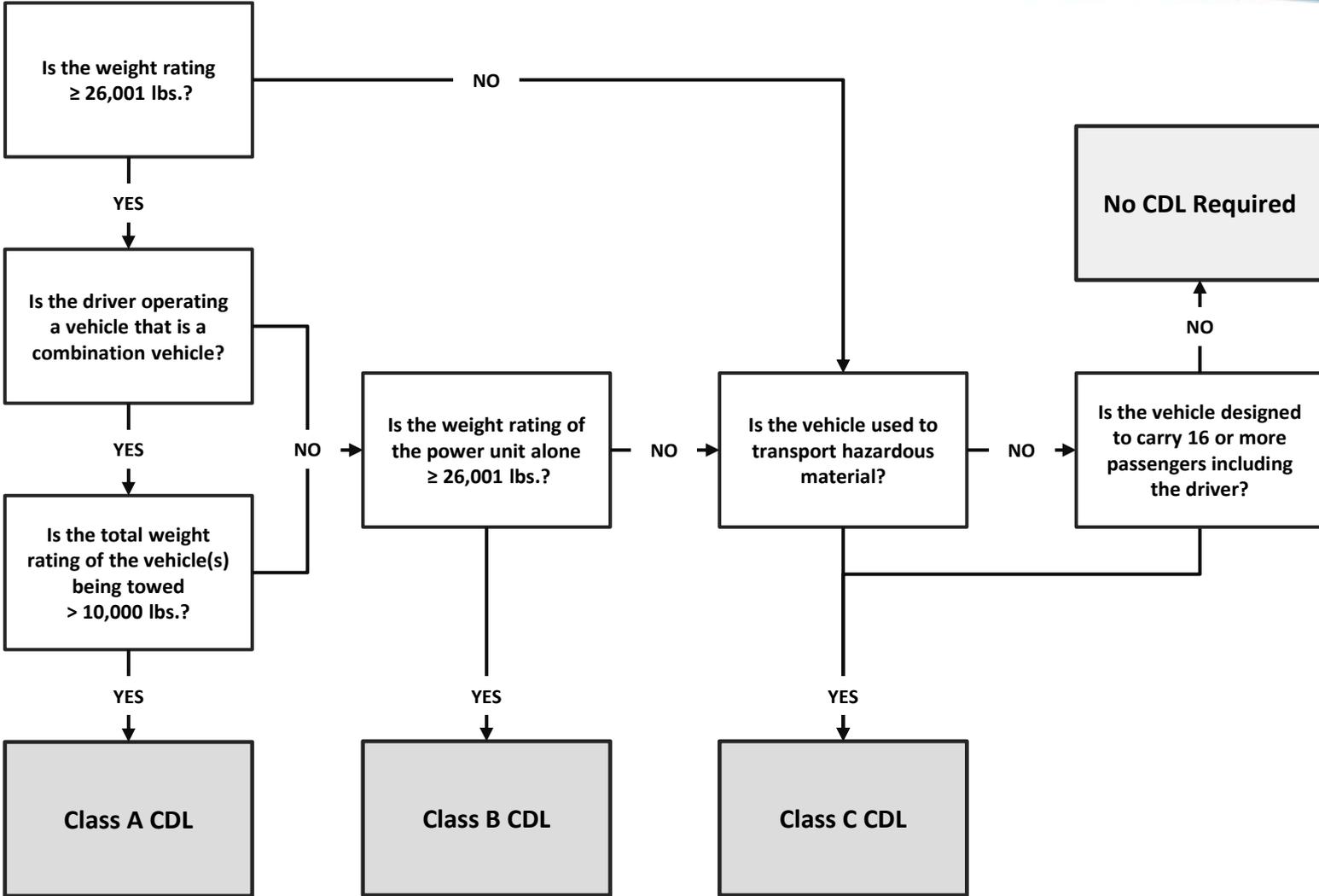
CHECKING THE CDL

- Is it labeled as a CDL?
- Does it identify a CDL class?
- Does it identify endorsements and restrictions?





Verifying CDL Privileges





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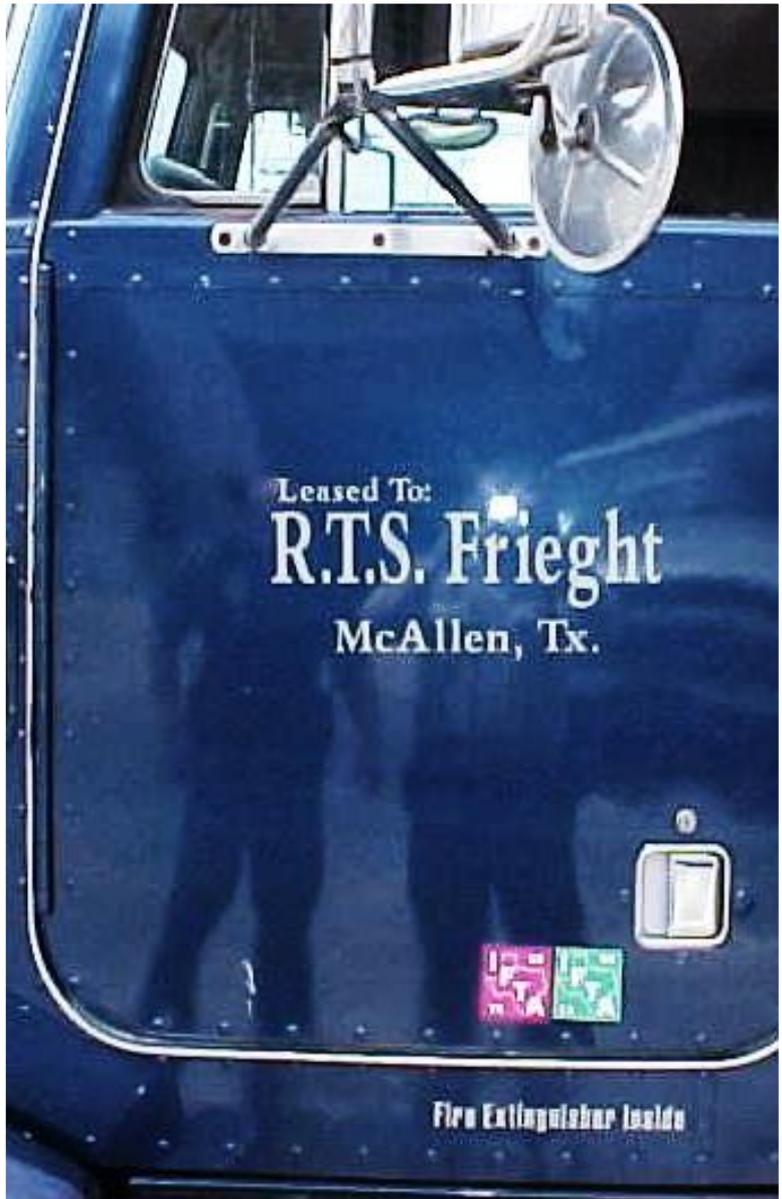
ENDORSEMENTS
T – Haul double or triple trailers
P – Operate passenger vehicles commercially
N – Operate cargo tank vehicles
H – Haul hazardous material commercial loads
X – Combination of N and H
S – Operate school bus



Criminal Activity



Detecting Criminal Activity – Vehicle



VEHICLE MARKINGS

Are they incomplete, unprofessional, or misspelled?

SEALS

Are there any broken, replaced, or missing seals?



Detecting Criminal Activity – Driver



IMPAIRMENT

Is the driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

BEHAVIOR

Is the driver overly anxious or defensive?



What to Look For – Passengers



PRESENCE

Does the passenger know the driver?

BEHAVIOR

Is the passenger behaving suspiciously?



Contact a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Officer



FURTHER INSPECTION

If you observe something that you think warrants further inspection.

DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

If you observe the presence of drugs or alcohol.

UNSAFE CONDITION

If you observe an unsafe condition that makes the vehicle a road hazard.

When contacting a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) officer, share what you have observed.



Citing and Reporting



Completing the Citation



ENFORCE THE LAW

- **Confirm the CDL**
- **Confirm the registration**
- **Cite the violation**
- **Check the appropriate boxes**



Video: Check the Appropriate Boxes



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Check the Appropriate Boxes



ADDITIONAL CHECK BOXES

- HazMat
- Seat Belt
- Work Zone



After the Stop

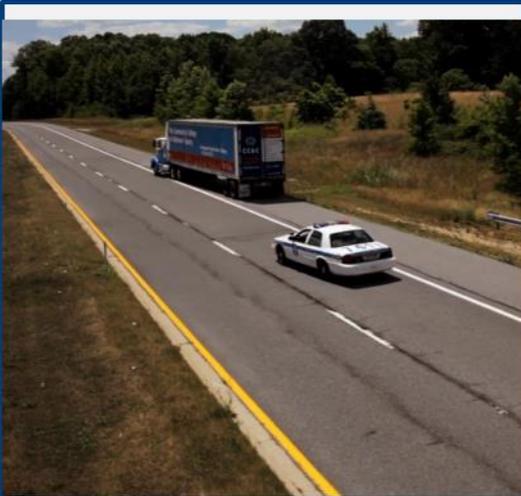


When Clearing the Stop



BLOCK

Can approaching traffic see you?



RE-ENTER

Can the vehicle re-enter the lane?



FOLLOW

Can the vehicle get up to speed?



Video: Re-Entering Traffic



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Summary



Making the Difference Involves...



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Traffic Safety Applies to All Traffic



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Video Links



18 Wheels and Busted

<http://www.aamva.org/18-Wheels-and-BUSted/>

Pull 'em Over

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmEATMjQShl&feature=youtu.be>

Fraudulent CDLs

<http://www.theiacp.org/Fraudulent-Commercial-Drivers-Licenses>

CMV Awareness Training Guide

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/commercial-motor-vehicle-awareness-training-guide>