

Motorcoach Safety Initiative

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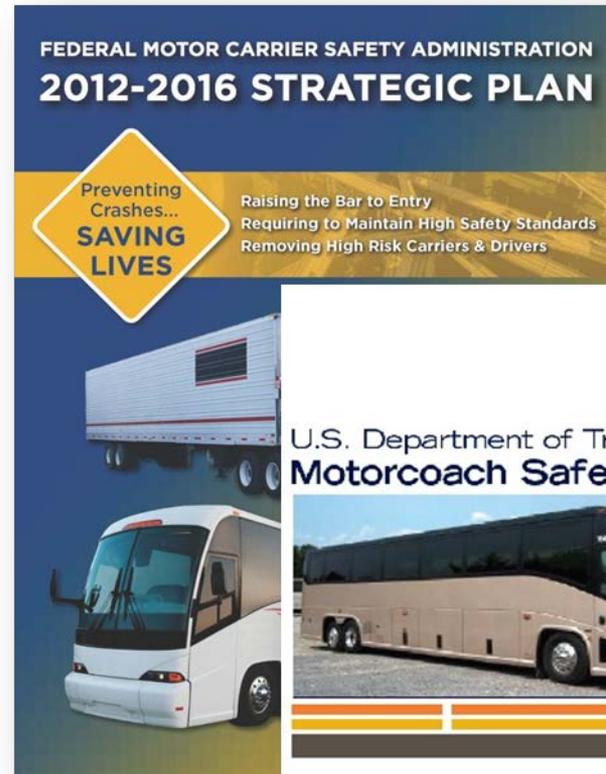


Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Our Mission

Reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicle (CMV) transportation through

- Education
- Innovation
- Regulation
- Enforcement
- Financial assistance
- Partnerships, and
- Full accountability.

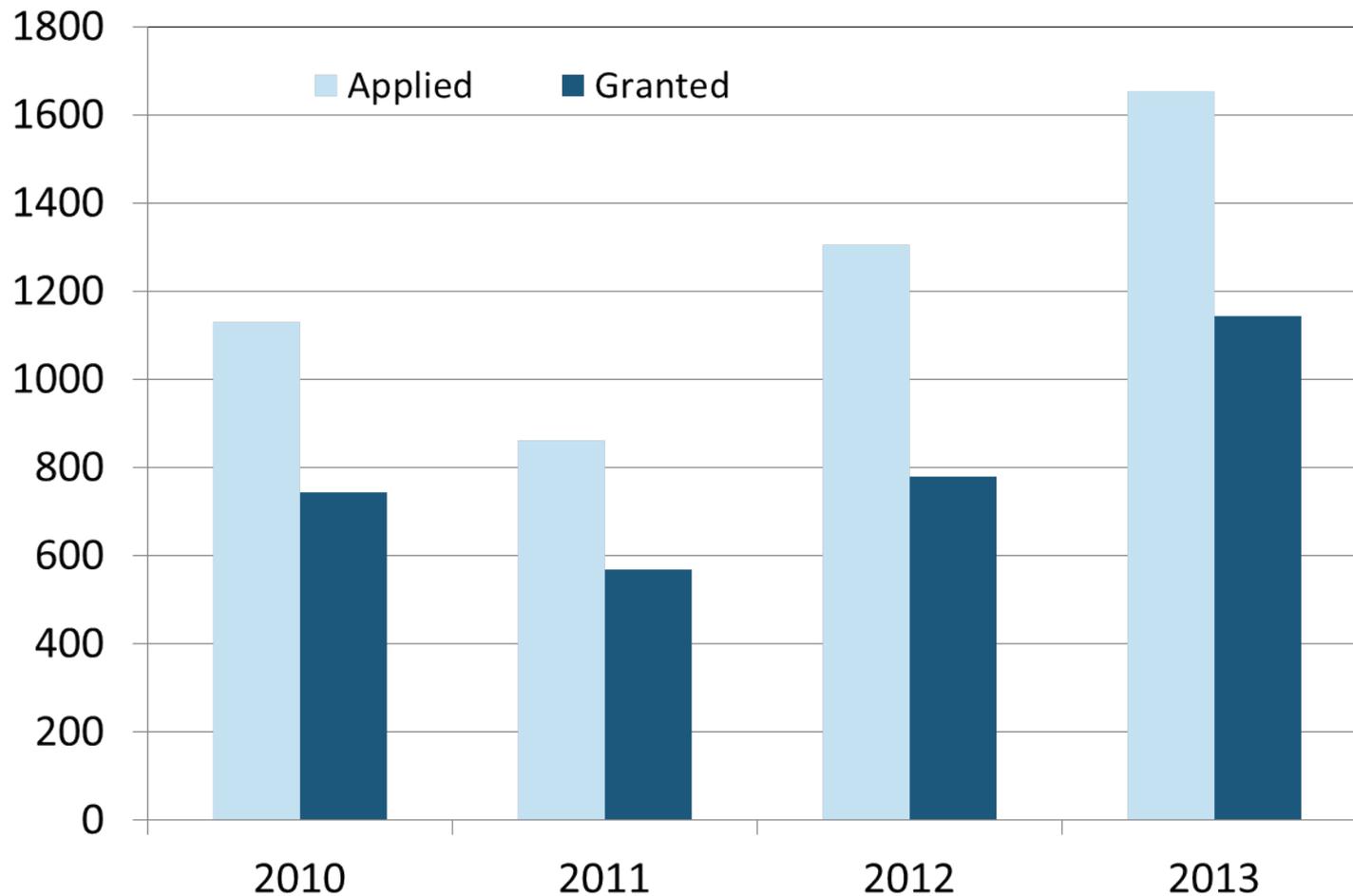


One Level of Safety

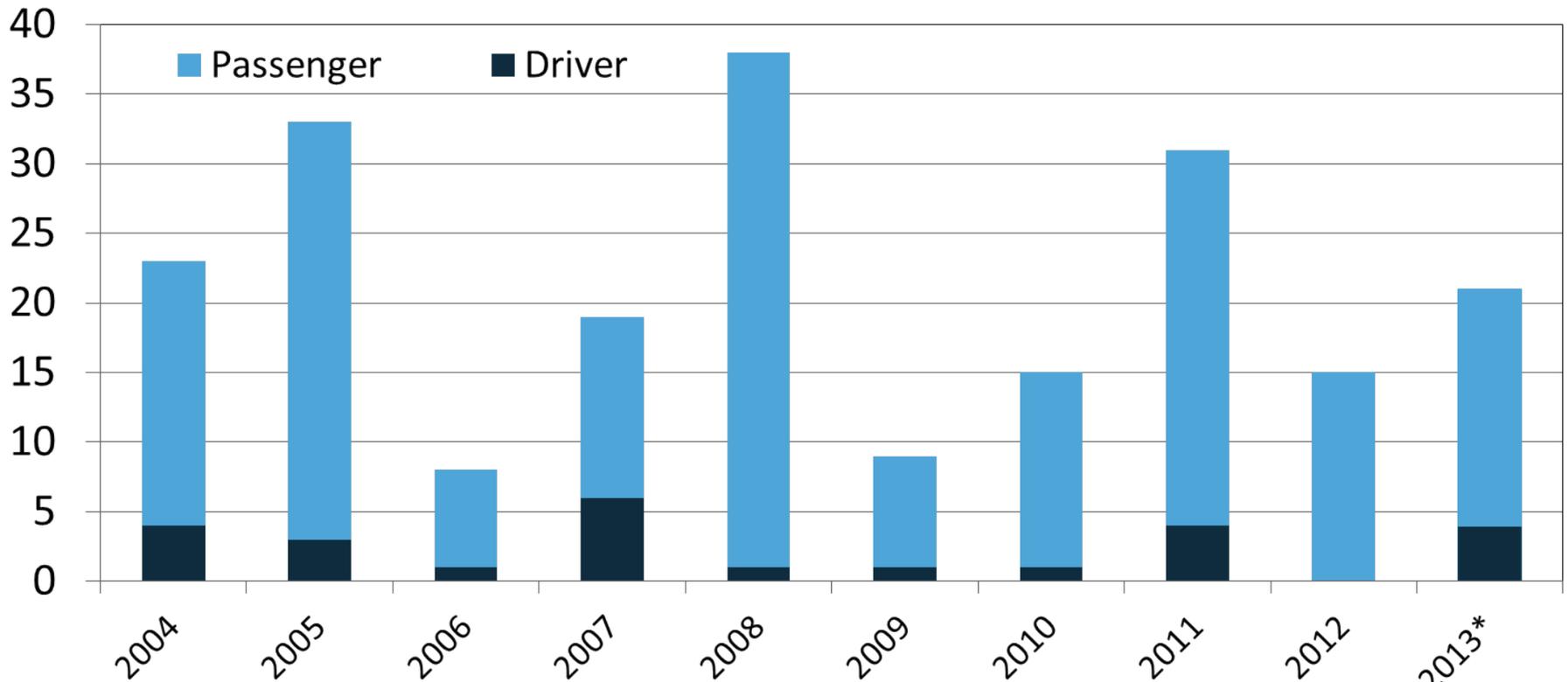
Element	AIR	BUS
ANNUAL TRIPS	650 million	750 million
COMPANIES	6,900	525,000 total (truck and bus) 4,018 motorcoach
PILOTS/DRIVERS	618,000	3.5 million (total)
STAFF	4,000 Inspectors	321 Investigators 131 Inspectors 43 Auditors



Passenger Carrier Authority FY2010-2013



Motorcoach Fatalities 2004-2013



Vetting

Motorcoach
Safety Summit

Motorcoach Safety
Action Plan

Updated

Motorcoach
Safety
Initiative

* To date



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Motorcoach Safety Initiative: Three Phases

I. Targeted Enforcement

- Quick Strike (April 1 – October 31, 2013)
- Safety Assessment
- Evaluation

II. Outreach and Public Engagement

III. Gap Analysis of Authority and Resources



I. Targeted Enforcement: Quick Strike

- More than 50 special agents trained and deployed
- 214 investigations conducted
- *Enhanced Investigative Techniques* training developed

Key Outcomes	Percentage
Enforcement Actions Taken	160 (75%)
Vehicles Placed Out-of-Service	340 of 1302 inspected (26%)
Imminent Hazard Orders Issued	20 (9%)
“Unsatisfactory” Rating Issued	32 (15%)
Total Placed Out-of-Service	52 (24%)



I. Targeted Enforcement: Evaluation

- Compare results with previous efforts to determine effectiveness
 - Population comparison
 - Investigative Outcomes
 - Enforcement Actions
 - Costs (Time and Money)
- Long term impacts on safety by looking at behaviors of quick strike carriers over time.



I. Targeted Enforcement: Safety Assessments

- Conducted during *National Passenger Carrier Strike Force*: August 26 – September 6, 2013
- 1400 carriers identified with little to no data
 - 1300 assessments completed
 - 143 carriers identified for follow-up investigation



II. Outreach and Public Engagement

Outreach Resources:

- For trip planners and travelers:
 - Revamped passenger carrier webpage
 - Motorcoach Federal Safety Guidelines
 - “Look Before You Book” handout
 - Top 10 Risks
 - Resources Guide
 - Facebook Bus Safety Hub
- For FMCSA field staff outreach:
 - Trip Planner PowerPoint
 - Enforcement PowerPoint



II. Outreach and Public Engagement

Public Engagement		
Activity	Stakeholders	Timeframe
Cross-promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAA Motorclub• AARP• NCAA• Boy Scouts• SafeKids Worldwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing
Roundtable Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel and Tourism• Education Groups (Student Youth & Travel Association, National Organizations for Youth Safety, National Association of Elementary School Principals, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 2013• December 2013



III. Gap Analysis of Authority

- Analyze passenger carrier oversight authority
- Consider use of existing authorities
- Explore statutory/regulatory gaps
- Consider

Authorities	Resources
Policy	Data
Training	Research
Regulations	Other tools



Next Steps

- Enforcement
 - Continue use of new/expanded authorities
 - Continue training/optimization of remaining field staff
- Outreach and Engagement
 - Continue promotion of outreach resources
 - Conduct roundtable meetings with more stakeholders (faith-based groups, seniors/retirees)
- Gap Analysis
 - Support gap analysis and regulatory evaluation
 - Plan for FY 2015 budget request and reauthorization



Our Vision

Save lives by striving toward a
crash-free and fully accountable
CMV transportation lifecycle

