



NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Motor Carrier Operations

Global Limo Compliance Reviews

- Preaccident (2004)
 - Numerous violations (drivers, vehicles)
 - Satisfactory rating
- Postaccident (2005)
 - Numerous violations (drivers, vehicles)
 - Unsatisfactory rating
 - Consistent violations

Motor Carrier Safety

- FMCSA
 - To reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities
- FMCSRs
 - To establish safe operating requirements for vehicles, drivers, and motor carriers
- Compliance review
 - To investigate safety regulation violations and calculate company safety fitness

Compliance Review Factors

- General
- Driver
- Operational
- Vehicle
- Accident rate
- Hazardous materials

Compliance Review Determination

- Certain violations given numerical weight
- Final safety fitness calculated
 - Satisfactory
 - Conditional
 - Unsatisfactory

Safety Rating Calculation

- FMCSA: All six factors weighed equally
- NTSB: Two most important factors are vehicle and driver

NTSB Accidents

- Indianapolis, Indiana, 1995
 - 2 fatal
 - Significant driver, vehicle violations
 - H-99-6 issued
- NTSB's Most Wanted List
 - H-99-6 added May 2000
- Mountainburg, Arkansas, 2001
 - 3 fatal
 - Significant driver, vehicle issues
 - H-99-6 reiterated

Additional Accidents

- Victor, New York, 2002
 - 5 fatal
 - Significant driver, vehicle violations
- Wilmer, Texas, 2005
 - 23 fatal
 - Significant driver, vehicle violations

FMCSA Response to H-99-6

- Reviewing safety rating method
- CSA 2010 Initiative
- New rating method by 2010 dependent on
 - Legislation
 - Rulemaking
 - Pilot testing
 - Training for deployment
 - Implementation

Compliance Review Rating

- Violations of Federal safety regulations
 - “Acute”
 - “Critical”
 - Unrated violations not used in safety rating
- Scenario of 100% noncompliance with unrated violations
 - “Satisfactory” carrier even with safety violations

Ineffective Rating Method

- NTSB investigations of “satisfactory” carriers with fatal accidents
- Compliance reviews (2005)
 - 8,097 completed, 96.7% with violations
 - 65% resulted in satisfactory ratings
 - **61,924 violations**
 - 53,069 violations unrated (85.7%)
- Method inconsistent with safety

Summary

- Accidents will continue until CSA 2010 Initiative is completed
- With unrated violations in a carrier's compliance review, safety violations occur without affecting safety rating
- Current program does not identify unsafe operators
- Interim measures necessary to improve current safety rating process



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