

## U.S. DOT bans truck and bus drivers from texting

In federal action that trumps a new Oregon state law, the U.S. DOT has prohibited commercial truck and bus drivers from using cell phones to send text messages while driving. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced the ban on January 26.

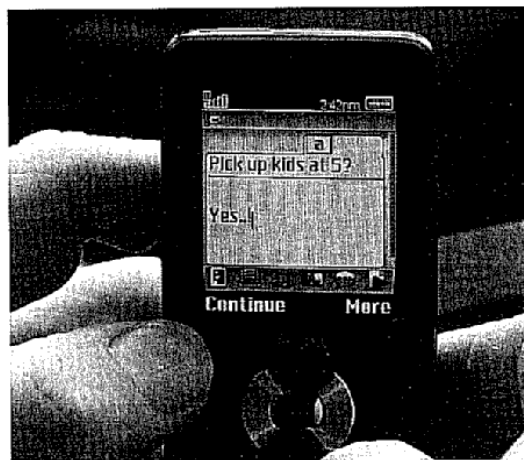
"I've directed the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, led by Administrator Anne Ferro, to use its existing authority to prohibit commercial truck and bus drivers from texting while driving, using any handheld cell phone or other device that takes a driver's attention off the road," LaHood said.

Prior to the U.S. DOT's move, a truck driver operating a commercial motor vehicle in Oregon could have legally sent a text message on a mobile communication device. In 2009, Oregon legislators changed state law to require that anyone 18 and over must use hands-free mobile communication devices unless they fall under one of several exceptions that included an exception for "a person operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment if operation of the motor vehicle is necessary for the person's job." Under this exception it was possible for a few drivers, including truck drivers, to text or talk on a cell phone without using a hands-free accessory.

With the U.S. DOT ban on texting, however, any texting exception in Oregon law no longer applies to com-

mercial motor vehicle drivers. Oregon adopts federal motor carrier safety regulations and it will enforce this particular rule regardless of whether the driver is operating in intra-state or interstate commerce.

In regulatory guidance published in a January 27 Federal Register notice, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration explained that although current safety regulations in 49 CFR Part 390.17 do not explicitly prohibit texting while driving, "the general restriction against the use of additional equipment and accessories that decrease the safety of operation of commercial motor vehicles applies to the use of electronic devices for texting."



The agency noted that texting involves a combination of visual, cognitive, and manual distraction from the driving task. It cited research showing that during 6-second intervals immediately preceding a crash, near-crash, or lane departure — called safety-critical events — texting drivers took their eyes off the road an average of 4.6 seconds.

A driver going 55 mph travels more than the length of a football field in 4.6 seconds.

Research published last year by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that truck drivers who send text messages are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or near-crash than drivers who keep their eyes on the road (see excerpt from study summarized in table below).

<b>Cell Phone Task</b>	<b>Risk of Crash or Near Crash Event</b>
<b>Heavy Vehicles / Trucks</b>	
Dialing cell phone	5.9 times as high as non-distracted driving
Talking / listening to cell phone	1.0 times as high as non-distracted driving
Use / Reach for electronic device	6.7 times as high as non-distracted driving
Text messaging	23.2 times as high as non-distracted driving

In July 2009, the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute published results of several large-scale driving studies that used sophisticated cameras and instruments in cars and trucks to observe drivers traveling more than 6 million miles. The studies found that cell phone dialing and texting leads to a substantial increase in the risk of being involved in a crash or near crash. Text messaging on a cell phone was associated with the highest risk of all cell phone related tasks. When a truck driver is text messaging, the risk of a crash or near crash is 23.2 times higher than a non-distracted truck driver.

[www.vtti.vt.edu/PDF/7-22-09-VTTI-Press\\_Release\\_Cell\\_phones\\_and\\_Driver\\_Distraction.pdf](http://www.vtti.vt.edu/PDF/7-22-09-VTTI-Press_Release_Cell_phones_and_Driver_Distraction.pdf)



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## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>D</b>	<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>2ND</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>SCHOEP</b>	<b>15 YRS</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>LOGGINS</b>	<b>2ND</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ASCHE</b>	<b>14 YRS</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>HARKER</b>	<b>3RD</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>HANSEN</b>	<b>12 YRS</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>BOND</b>	<b>3RD</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>FRANKS</b>	<b>8 YRS</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>MACKAY</b>	<b>4TH</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>MEEKER</b>	<b>5 YRS</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>DEBRUIN</b>	<b>5TH</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>BRADHAM</b>	<b>5 YRS</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>NOBLE</b>	<b>6TH</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RAMIREZ</b>	<b>5 YRS</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>STETTNICHS</b>	<b>7TH</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>WENZEL</b>	<b>4 YRS</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>URIBE</b>	<b>8TH</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>KLUVER</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>PILIPONIS</b>	<b>9TH</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>VALDEZ</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>DROST</b>	<b>9TH</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>BEARS</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>RIECK</b>	<b>14TH</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>ARENS</b>	<b>2 YRS</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>CHINGREN</b>	<b>14TH</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>WOLLMAN</b>	<b>1 YR</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>BOESE</b>	<b>15TH</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ANDERSON</b>	<b>1 YR</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>WILMES</b>	<b>15TH</b>			
<b>W</b>	<b>SANOW</b>	<b>16TH</b>			
<b>G</b>	<b>JACK</b>	<b>18TH</b>			
<b>T</b>	<b>WOLLMAN</b>	<b>18TH</b>			
<b>L</b>	<b>MOLTHAN</b>	<b>19TH</b>			
<b>G</b>	<b>VANDERWEIDE</b>	<b>24TH</b>			
<b>W</b>	<b>GLADWELL</b>	<b>27TH</b>			
<b>J</b>	<b>BELK</b>	<b>28TH</b>			
<b>B</b>	<b>CHADWICK</b>	<b>30TH</b>			
<b>M</b>	<b>GARDNER</b>	<b>30TH</b>			
<b>P</b>	<b>FRAKES</b>	<b>30TH</b>			

# COMPANY MEETING!

**SATURDAY APRIL 17TH  
7 AM DONUTS AND COFFEE  
8 AM MEETING**

## SAFETY UPDATE!

### THE FIVE SERIOUS MOVING VIOLATIONS

Any 2 in a 3 year period is automatic 60 days suspension of your MVR by your state.

Speeding 15 or more over

Following to close

Improper or Erratic Lane change

Careless or Reckless Driving

Failure to obey a traffic control device in connection to a fatality accident

SCHUSTER POLICY 1<sup>ST</sup> VIOLATION ON PROBATION FOR 3 YEARS

### SCHUSTER COMPANY POLICY FOR OUT OF SERVICE, & MOVING VIOLATIONS.

Schuster Company is proud of our low turnover rate and does not want to increase it. Please do not force us to enforce these rules. Obey the law and communicate with your dispatcher when you have a problem.

This pertains to violations discovered by Law Enforcement, any one can make a mistake. However the log book is no longer a funny book.

Being placed out of service twice in a year for logs ( termination )

Getting two Moving Violations in a year ( termination )

One out of service and one moving violation in a year ( termination )

### CUSTOMER SERVICE ( ON TIME DELIVERY )

On time delivery is a must to maintain customers and miles for the drivers. Customers monitor their loads by directly using our computer system. When an arrival call is done 2 minutes after the appointment time it can cost us a late delivery, even if you have been setting there for the last 2 hours. Always do your arrival when you arrive and before you do anything else, it only takes a few seconds and can save hours of time.

# CSA 2010 Point System

CSA 2010 Safety Measurement System Methodology, Version 1.2

CSMS <i>Fatigued Driving (HOS)</i> BASIC Violations			
Section	Violation Description Shown on Roadside Inspection	Group	Weight
392.2H	State/Local Hours of Service (HOS)	Hours	7
392.3	Operating a CMV while ill/fatigued	Jumping OOS/Driving Fatigued	10
395.1(h)(1)	15, 20, 70/80 HOS violations (Alaska-Property)	Hours	7
395.1(h)(2)	15, 20, 70/80 HOS violations (Alaska-Passenger)	Hours	7
395.1(h)(3)	Adverse driving conditions violations (Alaska)	Hours	7
395.13(d)	Driving after being declared out-of-service	Jumping OOS/Driving Fatigued	10
395.13(d)(1)	Driving after being declared out-of-service	Jumping OOS/Driving Fatigued	10
395.13(d)(2)	Driving after being declared out-of-service	Jumping OOS/Driving Fatigued	10
395.15(b)	Onboard recording device information requirements not met	EOBR Related	1
395.15(b)(5)	Onboard recording device information requirements not met	EOBR Related	1
395.15(c)	Onboard recording device improper form and manner	EOBR Related	1
395.15(d)(1)	Any violation of 395.15 (on-board recording devices)	EOBR Related	1
395.15(f)	Onboard recording device failure and driver failure to reconstruct duty status	EOBR Related	1
395.15(g)	On-board recording device information not available	EOBR Related	1
395.15(i)(5)	Onboard recording device does not display required information.	EOBR Related	1
395.3(a)(1)	Requiring or permitting driver to driver more than 11 hours	Hours	7
395.3(a)(2)	Requiring or permitting driver to driver after 14 hours on duty	Hours	7
395.3(b)	60/70- hour rule violation	Hours	7
395.3(c)	34- hour restart violation (Property)	Hours	7
395.5(a)(1)	10- hour rule violation (Passenger)	Hours	7
395.5(a)(2)	15- hour rule violation (Passenger)	Hours	7
395.5(b)	60/70- hour rule violation (Passenger)	Hours	7
395.8(a)	No drivers record of duty status	Incomplete/ Wrong Log	5
395.8(a)	Log violation (general/ form and manner)	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(a)(1)	Log violation (general/ form and manner)	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(c)	Failing to require driver to prepare record of duty status in form and manner prescribed	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(1)	Failing to require driver to prepare record of duty status in form and manner prescribed	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(10)	Failure to include total hours in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(11)	Failure to include shipping document numbers in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(2)	Failure to meet requirement for recording daily miles traveled	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(4)	Failure to list carrier name in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(5)	Failure to include driver signature or certification in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(6)	Failure to list starting time in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(7)	Failure to list main office address in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(8)	Failure to include remarks in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(d)(9)	Failure to list co-driver name in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(e)	False report of drivers record of duty status	False Log	7
395.8(f)(1)	Drivers record of duty status not current	Incomplete/ Wrong Log	5
395.8(f)(10)	Failure to record days off duty in driver activities report	Incomplete/ Wrong Log	5
395.8(f)(11)	Failing to require driver to prepare record of duty status in form and manner prescribed	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(12)	Failure to include shipping document numbers and commodity list in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(2)	For duty status records made by drivers, failure to be legible and in the driver's own handwriting	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(3)	Failure to include start date for the beginning of 24-hour period in duty status records	Other Log/ Form and Manner	2

CSMS <i>Fatigued Driving (HOS)</i> BASIC Violations			
Section	Violation Description Shown on Roadside Inspection	Group	Weight
395.8(f)(4)	Failure to include total mileage driven during the 24-hour period in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(5)	Failure to include CMV identification number assigned by the motor carrier in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(6)	Failure to list motor carrier name in driver's duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(7)	Failure to include driver signature or certification in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(f)(9)	Failure to list main office address in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(g)	Failure to incorporate appropriate graph grid in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(h)(1)	Failure to appropriately indicate off-duty time in graph grid for in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(h)(2)	Failure to appropriately indicate sleeper berth time in graph grid for in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(h)(4)	Failure to appropriately indicate non-driving on-duty time in graph grid for in duty status records	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(h)(5)	Failure to appropriately indicate location and remarks for changes in duty status	Other Log/Form and Manner	2
395.8(i)	Failing to submit record of duty status within 13 days	Incomplete/Wrong Log	5
395.8(k)(2)	Driver failing to retain previous 7 days' logs	Incomplete/Wrong Log	5
398.6	Violation of hours of service regulations— migrant workers	Hours	7

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## On the Fun Side!

The tradition of the Easter Bunny, a rabbit who lays colored eggs for children to find Easter morning, began in which European Country?

- A) England
- B) Spain
- C) Germany



Answer: C



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<b>CSMS <i>Unsafe Driving</i> BASIC Violations</b>			
<b>Section</b>	<b>Violation Description Shown on Roadside Inspection</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Weight</b>
177.800(d)	Unnecessary delay in HM transportation to destination	HM Related	1
392.10(a)(1)	Failing to stop at railroad crossing— bus	Careless Driving	5
392.10(a)(2)	Failing to stop at railroad crossing— chlorine	Careless Driving	5
392.10(a)(3)	Failing to stop at railroad crossing— placard	Careless Driving	5
392.10(a)(4)	Failing to stop at railroad crossing— HM cargo	Careless Driving	5
392.14	Failed to use caution for hazardous condition	Careless Driving	5
392.16	Failing to use seat belt while operating CMV	Other Driver Violations	1
392.22(a)	Failing to use hazard warning flashers	Other Driver Violations	1
392.2C	Failure to obey traffic control device	Careless Driving	5
392.2FC	Following too close	Careless Driving	5
392.2LC	Improper lane change	Careless Driving	5
392.2P	Improper passing	Careless Driving	5
392.2R	Reckless driving	Reckless Driving	10
392.2S	Speeding	Speeding Related	5
392.2T	Improper turns	Careless Driving	5
392.2Y	Failure to yield right of way	Careless Driving	5
392.6	Scheduling run to necessitate speeding	Speeding Related	5
392.60(a)	Unauthorized passenger on board CMV	Other Driver Violations	1
392.62	Unsafe bus operations	Other Driver Violations	1
392.62(a)	Bus— Standees forward of the standee line	Other Driver Violations	1
392.71(a)	Using or equipping a CMV with radar detector	Speeding Related	5
397.13	Smoking within 25 feet of HM vehicle	HM Related	1
397.13(a)	Smoking/lighting smoking materials less than 25 feet from HM vehicle	HM Related	1
397.13(b)	Smoking less than 25 feet from empty cargo tank used for flammables	HM Related	1
397.15(a)	Fueling HM vehicle with engine operating	HM Related	1
397.15(b)	Fueling HM vehicle without person in control of fueling process	HM Related	1
397.3	State/local laws ordinances regulations	HM Related	1
397.67(b)	Operating HM vehicle through prohibited area	HM Related	1
397.7(a)(1)	Parking vehicle with explosives less than 5 feet from traveled highway.	HM Related	1
397.7(a)(2)	Parking vehicle with explosive on private property without permission	HM Related	1
397.7(a)(3)	Parking a vehicle with explosive less than 300 feet from prohibited area	HM Related	1
398.4	Driving of vehicle— migrant workers	Other Driver Violations	1

<b>CSMS <i>Controlled Substances/Alcohol</i> BASIC Violations</b>			
<b>Section</b>	<b>Violation Description Shown on Roadside Inspection</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Weight</b>
392.4(a)	Driver uses or is in possession of drugs	Drugs	10
392.5(a)	Possession/use/under influence alcohol-4hrs prior to duty	Alcohol	5
392.5(c)(2)	Violating OOS order pursuant to 392.5(a)/(b)	Alcohol Jumping OOS	10