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**Your next Idealease Safety bulletin will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> because of the Memorial Day Holiday next week.**

**CVSA "Operation Safe Driver Week" to Go on As Scheduled**

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's 2020 will go on as scheduled July 12-18. According to CVSA, the focus of the week-long enforcement effort will be to control excessive speeding by commercial motor vehicle drivers. The group noted that despite there being far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, many jurisdictions are seeing a severe spike in speeding.

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**Memorial Day Holiday**

As we celebrate the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday let us not lose site of the freedom that we all enjoy. On May 3, 2000, President William J. Clinton, designated that 3:00 pm on Memorial Day as a time for US citizens to observe one minute of silence in respect and reverence to those individuals who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedom of the United States of America. Also keep in your thoughts and prayers the wellbeing of the lives of the men and women who currently serve in our armed forces. If you are planning to travel this holiday or just get out of the house, make sure you follow the CDC recommended social distance guidelines.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**Now is the time to prepare your terminal facility for the long Memorial Day holiday next weekend.**

This is the first three-day holiday weekend of the year and it is not uncommon for



thieves to target truck terminals and truck dealerships over the holidays. During the COVID-19 pandemic there has been an escalation in vehicles being broken into. Another theft item that has escalated is the Diesel

Particulate Filter (DPF). The DPF is constructed with precious metals. Thieves use a battery powered reciprocating saw to cut off the DPF. A complete after treatment system was recently stolen from one of our customers' units. The theft not only resulted in the cost of replacing the parts, but also in the unit being down for six weeks due to parts on backorder. Thieves know this holiday is a perfect opportunity for a successful theft, as the possibility exists for no one to be at the facility.

Here are some security tips:

- Make sure that you take extra precaution to secure the trucks and items of value at your facility.
- If your units do not have anti-siphon fuel devices or locking fuel caps, instruct the drivers not to fill the units at the end of the day.
- Make sure that all security alarms and cameras are in working order.
- Walk the perimeter of the yard to make sure that security fencing is in good condition.
- Move units and all other material such as pallets, tires, etc far enough away from the fence so they cannot be used to climb on to get over the fence.
- Review your security lighting to make sure it is operational and adequate. Lighting can be obstructed by vehicles or trees allowing a thief a place to be unseen.
- Make sure the security alarm system is operational and cameras are adjusted.
- Consider blocking the entrance and exits to the lot so units cannot be stolen. Throughout the three day weekend assign management personnel to check the terminal randomly.
- Notify local law enforcement officials of your hours of operation over the holidays so they know when to expect activity at your location.



Using a little prevention and common sense can deter a thief from striking your facility and disrupting your business!



## COVID-19 Changes FMCSA's Auditing Procedures

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is performing off-site compliance reviews to limit exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19) for the regulated community and safety

investigators, the agency stated in a recent guidance document.

During the public health emergency, the agency is leveraging all available technology to access information and records required during compliance reviews.

Available options for motor carriers to present documents include:

- Accessing and transmitting information through a portal directly with FMCSA and uploading documents in a secure environment.



Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2020. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes, load securement and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals.



### Spring Dates

7/22/2020 Santa Rosa, CA

### Fall Dates

8/27/2020 Nashville, TN  
 9/23/2020 Brantford, ON  
 9/23/2020 Indianapolis, IN  
 9/29/2020 Fort Wayne, IN  
 10/1/2020 Oklahoma City, OK  
 10/7/2020 Eugene, OR  
 10/13/2020 Charlottesville, VA  
 10/20/2020 Dallas, TX  
 10/22/2020 Birmingham, AL  
 10/29/2020 Phoenix, AZ

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- Maintaining records electronically to submit them directly, from the electronic application where they are stored.
- Faxing or emailing documents to FMCSA if they so choose, or if they cannot access the portal.

FMCSA may substitute in-person interaction with email and telephone and video calls during:

- the compliance review, or
- the close out when findings are provided to company officials.

**Standards remain the same**

FMCSA will use the same standards for the off-site audits that it applies during an on-site visit. The agency will use procedures in Part 385, including the Safety Fitness Rating Methodology in Appendix B, prior to assigning a safety rating.



FMCSA's guidance document allowing for the off-site investigations does not apply to compliance reviews conducted under Part 385, Subpart B, Safety Monitoring System for Mexico-Domiciled Carriers.

The guidance document will remain in effect until the revocation of the Presidentially declared COVID-19 national emergency.



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