

# Motor Carrier Services Quarterly

## IRP, Inc. to Take on Motor Carrier Issues

The Board of Directors of IRP, Inc., the repository of the International Registration Plan, announced that after strategic evaluation, the organization will incorporate related commercial vehicle service issues into its central mission.

In 2008, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, IRP, Inc.'s parent organization, eliminated its motor carrier services program and IRP, Inc. agreed to transfer oversight of related issues to IRP until a strategic review could be performed. In January 2009, after gathering input from member jurisdictions, the Board, along with industry representatives and other stakeholders, conducted this review. They agreed that IRP, Inc. is in a position to provide additional, much-needed services to its members by adopting this strategic direction.

In addition to managing the IRP function in their jurisdictions, many IRP members have responsibilities in the areas of Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT), Uniform Carrier Registration (UCR), and PRISM, among other things. By expanding the scope of IRP, Inc., the Board intends to make it easier for its members to stay informed about the wide range of issues that affect them. In addition, IRP, Inc. provides a forum for members to debate and build consensus around these interrelated areas.

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## Join Us for the 2009 IRP Annual Meeting

On behalf of IRP, Inc., we invite you to join us in Tucson, Arizona from Sept. 11-14 to commemorate IRP, Inc.'s 15 Years of Improvement through Technology at the 2009 IRP Annual Meeting.

In keeping with this year's theme, the meeting will introduce you to the tools of IRP: Citrix GoToMeeting and Microsoft SharePoint, as well as the IRP, Inc. Web site. Plus, we'll be offering breakout sessions on law enforcement, the full reciprocity plan and free reciprocity agreements. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!

IRP, Inc., with the help of our tireless volunteers, has taken advantage of the opportunities for improvement offered by new technology. In its 15 years of incorporation, IRP, Inc. has implemented the IRP Clearinghouse and created a comprehensive Web site that features online voting, jurisdiction information reports, Webinar trainings, and more.

We look forward to working with our jurisdictions to make Plan Administration even more efficient and secure in the future. We look forward to seeing you in Tucson in September!

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The Board reaffirmed IRP, Inc.'s responsibility as repository of the Plan and emphasized that Plan administration remains its top priority. Additionally, the Board committed to finding better ways to serve its international members.

Facilitating the registration, collection, and equitable distribution of fees among jurisdictions, as well as promoting the safe and seamless operation of commercial motor vehicles in North America is the foundation upon which IRP, Inc. was formed, and upon which it grows.

More specific information regarding activities in these areas is forthcoming. For additional information, please contact:

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## ***IRP, Inc. Mission:***

***“To serve as the repository of the International Registration Plan, improve Plan compliance, and serve as a catalyst for positive, effective change with respect to commercial motor vehicle issues.”***

## FMCSA Portal Adds Single Sign-On Access to Six Additional Safety Systems

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has broadened the capabilities of the FMCSA Portal, adding single sign-on access, as opposed to having to sign in to multiple areas, to an additional six safety systems via a single password and user ID.

Effective Feb. 9, the Portal will provide single sign-on access to:

- Query Central
- Analysis and Information (A & I) Online
- Safety and Fitness Electronic Records (SAFER)
- Hazardous Materials Package Inspection Program (HMPIP)

- InfoSys
- National Consumer Complaint Database (NCCDB)

The FMCSA Portal already provides single sign-on access to:

- Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS)
- Enforcement Management Information System (EMIS)
- Licensing and Insurance (L & I)
- DataQs

Another feature added to the Portal is a Quick Links portlet that allows users to add, delete and edit the links available on their Portal homepage. Updated online training is available via the Portal homepage and the account request form.

The expanded access to safety data will allow FMCSA and State enforcement personnel to make better-informed decisions, identify high-risk carriers and drivers more effectively, and apply a wider range of interventions to correct high-risk behavior sooner. Enforcement personnel can now quickly access crucial safety data in the six additional systems during roadside inspections or from other remote locations, using just one set of user credentials. Access to the Portal and these systems is via the Internet and does not require the use of the Virtual Private Network (VPN) or User Authentication System (UAS).

The improved access to information will help carriers operate more safely and efficiently. Besides gaining single sign-on access to A & I and the NCCDB, company users will also be able to access public functionality in L & I, SAFER, Commercial Vehicle Information System and Networks (CVISN), and the National Hazardous Material Route Registry (NHMRR). Both company and enforcement users will also gain access to the “Protect Your Move” and “Share the Road Safely” Web sites.

Launched in September 2007, the FMCSA Portal is in the first phase of the COMPASS business and information technology (IT) modernization program. More than 4,000 FMCSA and state enforcement and company users are now registered for the Portal. Over time, the Portal will provide access to all FMCSA safety systems. Rolling out new technology in phases rather than all at once is a standard process for executing a complex business transformation. Feedback will be solicited throughout the process to ensure that users needs are met.

Source: FMCSA



## UCR Update

The UCR Board of Directors met Feb. 12, 2009 via conference call to continue the ongoing work on the UCRA. While there were many updates and topics discussed during the meeting, the major focus was on the proposed fees for the 2010 registration period. The Revenue and Fees committee provided a detailed overview of possible scenarios they have come up with given explanations of several different options. The UCR Board voted to move forward with an option that will increase the fees over the current structure, with the new proposed fees being:

Bracket	Power Units	Proposed Fee
1	0-1	\$83.00
2	2-5	\$166.00
3	6-20	\$497.00
4	21-100	\$1,741.00
5	101-1,000	\$8,373.00
6	1,001+	\$82,983

The proposed fee structure will now go to FMCSA to begin the federal rule process, which will likely to take up to six months to be reviewed, approved and processed through the federal rule-making procedures.

Many states' UCR collections are falling way below their allocated entitlement, which often result in major reductions in safety programs. It is vital that state agencies responsible for UCR work closely with other agencies, including law enforcement, to identify non-compliant carriers and find ways to improve enforcement and revenue collections. Updates will be provided as they become available.



## Commercial Motor Vehicle Highway Safety Award

AAMVA and IRP, Inc., in conjunction with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), formed the Commercial Vehicle Safety Award to recognize the jurisdiction, agency or individual who has made significant contributions to improving commercial vehicle drivers' highway safety.

Please nominate personnel for this award who improved data collection, thereby allowing more accurate monitoring of unqualified drivers, equipment or companies. Nominations are also welcome on behalf of personnel who significantly reduced fraud in testing or licensing of drivers as well as reducing fraud in third party testing organizations. Likewise, nominations on behalf of personnel, states or agencies that implemented creative programs, policies or systems that improved safety or reduced crashes, injuries and fatalities will be accepted.

Look for information on the 2009 awards, and nomination forms and guidelines, in the coming months. Please visit the AAMVA law enforcement discipline Web site at [www.aamva.org](http://www.aamva.org) for additional information.

## Safety Belt Partnership

IRP, Inc. has joined the FMCSA CMV Safety Belt Partnership. In supporting efforts to improve safety on our highways, IRP, Inc. has partnered with other motor carrier-related organizations to promote safety belt usage by CMV drivers. Watch for renewed efforts coming soon to promote awareness and encourage drivers to buckle up.



## MCS News?

Have some news to share with your fellow IRP, Inc. Members? We want to hear from you! Topics include (but are not limited to):

- Implementing new electronic credentials processing
- Recent PRISM or CVISN implementation
- MCS or highway/freeway safety news

Please contact Tim Adams with your latest MCS updates at [tadams@irpinc.org](mailto:tadams@irpinc.org) or (502) 845-0398.

## New CVISN Web Site

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced on Feb. 10, 2009 that they have launched a new Web site for the Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/facts-research/cvisn/index.htm>. Please send any comments to Julie Lane at [julie.lane@dot.gov](mailto:julie.lane@dot.gov).

## New PRISM Address

For PRISM states that are mailing MCS 150 forms to FMCSA headquarters to be entered into MCMIS, please use the updated mailing address:

Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration  
MC-RIO, W65-206  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Currently, the "PRISM System Specifications Version 6.0" and the "PRISM Procedure Manual – May 2008" documents contain the old address for FMCSA – HQ. The new address will be updated in the next versions of these documents.

## CVSA 2009 Roadcheck

The annual inspection blitz "Roadcheck" conducted by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) will be held from June 2-4, 2009 in the US, Canada and Mexico. More than 8,500 inspectors in 1,850 locations will be on the lookout for driver and mechanical violations during the 72 hour event.

During the 2008 blitz, inspectors put 5.3% of drivers inspected out-of-service, an improvement from 6.2% in the previous year. Also, 97.6% of HAZMAT drivers passed inspection, another improvement over 2007.

Hours-of-service violations continued to be the most common reason for drivers being placed out of service. Inspectors put 20.8% of the vehicles inspected out-of-service during the 2008 event, with brakes being the most common violation. In 2007, the out-of-service rate was 21.5%.

The annual Roadcheck program includes participation from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation in Mexico.

## Upcoming Events...

Bus Safety Summit - *March 5-6, 2009, Arlington, VA*  
Mid-America Truck Show - *March 19-21, 2009, Louisville, KY*  
NLETS-STARs Conference - *March 31-April 2, 2009, Denver, CO*  
2009 CVSA Workshop - *April 4-7, 2009, Louisville, KY*  
Fourth Annual FMCSA MCSAP Leadership Conference - *April 8-9, 2009, Louisville, KY*  
NCSTS Annual Meeting - UCR Board Meeting, *June 14-17, 2009, Hershey, PA*  
IFTA Business Meeting - *July 15-16, 2009, Manchester, NH*