

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



Security of Commercial Motor Vehicles

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Motor Carrier Vulnerabilities

- **Hazardous Materials**
 - **800,000 Shipments Daily: 493,000 are chemical and allied products.**
 - **Poisonous Gases, Explosives, Radioactive Materials**
 - **Gasoline and Propane**
 - **Other flammable chemicals**
 - **Corrosive chemicals**
- **Passenger Carriers**



FMCSA Actions

- **List of CDL holders with HM Endorsements given to the FBI**
 - a State DMV found two matches on FBI watch list
- **Increased Roadside Inspections by States**
- **Security Sensitivity Visits**
 - to heighten the sensitivity of carriers to suspicious behaviors from drivers, shippers, consignees, or the public and to report threats to the proper authorities, such as the FBI and the State Police.
 - Almost 42,000 HM carriers, tank farms, and training schools
 - FMCSA and States completed almost 42,000 SSVs by March 31, 2002



FMCSA Actions

- **Security Sensitivity Visits(cont'd)**
 - Industry reaction is positive**
 - Motor carriers feel vulnerable to attack**
 - Motor Carriers find the information and FBI contacts valuable**



Examples of Practical Advice

- **Develop relationships with law enforcement**
- **Don't accept orders from people you don't know, who want to pay cash- run a credit check**
- **Don't leave the truck when the engine's running**
- **Lock the truck, take the keys**
- **If hiring a non-citizen, verify immigration papers**
- **Verify driving record, references, prior employment, etc.**
- **Be alert to suspicious activity: report it**



FMCSA Actions

- **Include SSV as part of all future HM Compliance Reviews**
- **Compliance Reviews of HM Carriers**
- **Outreach to Law Enforcement**
- **Outreach to Drivers**
- **Security Technology Test**
- **Training**





USA PATRIOT Act of 2001

- **States are prohibited from issuing or renewing a CDL with an HM endorsement unless US DOT determines the applicant is not a security risk**
- **FMCSA will issue a rule to implement this requirement**
- **Agreements with Mexico and Canada to ensure reciprocity**
- **FMCSA working with the FBI on records check**



PATRIOT Act Records Check

- **Applicant goes to DMV with proof of citizenship (or Green Card)**
- **Applicant sent to police (local or state) to be fingerprinted for a Dept of Justice background check**
- **Police forward fingerprints to Dept of Justice**
- **Justice completes check, reports results to US DOT**
- **DOT informs DMV whether applicant is a security risk**



PATRIOT Act Records Check

- **What could make you a security risk?**

Murder

Arson

Extortion

Espionage

Treason

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Security Needs

- **HAZMAT Security: grant program, GPS Tracking and vehicle shutdown**
- **CDL Enhancements: Security requires Integrated Driver License System (PATRIOT Act)**
- **Interstate Bus Transportation: passenger safety issues**
- **Northern Border Security**



TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Created by the Aviation & Transportation Security Act of 2001**
- **Headed by a new Undersecretary for Security, John Magaw, responsible for security for all modes of transportation**
- **Will concentrate on air transport first (Checked baggage screened by 1/18/02: All TSA screening personnel in place by 11/18/02)**
- **will work with federal agencies and others to create a common data base for background checks for terrorists**
- **To be part of the President's Department of Homeland Defense**



Perfect Security

- **Can we guarantee that no HM shipment will ever be used in a terrorist act?**
- **No, but because of our vigilance we can guarantee that it will be close to impossible to do!**