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Professional Experience

Transportation Compliance Experts 2025 -

USDOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Enforcement Program Specialist, Midwestern Service Center 2017-2024

- Reviewed, evaluated, and settled federal enforcement cases on motor carriers. Reviewed and evaluated safety management plans for motor carriers requesting safety rating upgrades.
- Actively consulted with FMCSA attorneys on complex enforcement cases.
- Regularly assisted motor carriers in the interpretation and compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (FHMR), including drug and alcohol regulations, FMCSA Clearinghouse and the FMCSA Federal Medical Waiver Program for disabled drivers.

Hazardous Materials Program Manager (HMPM), Southern Service Center (SSC) 2009-2017

- Certified Safety Investigator (Special Agent); conducted compliance reviews on motor carriers, motorcoach operators, HM shippers and motor carriers, and cargo tank testing, repair, and manufacturing facilities.
- Conducted North American Standard (NAS) Level I, III, and III inspections on commercial motor vehicles and motorcoaches.
- FMCSA National Training Center Certified Instructor for all HM Courses and Motorcoach Course.
- Coordinated enforcement activities with NTSB, PHMSA, ATF, CBP and OIG on HM and cargo tank investigations, strike forces, and incidents, including management of on-site operations.
- Drafted language and provided Subject Matter Expert comments on USDOT/PHMSA HM and cargo tank rulemakings.
- Provided regular instruction and guidance to FMCSA HM Specialists on cargo tank rulemakings, issues, and investigations, including webinars.
- Formalized and revised FMCSA agency-wide guidance on HM and cargo tank enforcement practices and policies (eFOTM).

State Program Manager, Michigan Division 2008-2009

- Managed grants awarded to the State of Michigan related to commercial vehicle enforcement, including CDL, Border, MCSAP, High Priority and local agency grants.
- Conducted reviews to ensure CDL skill testers and local CMV enforcement agencies met FMCSA requirements.

Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division (MSP/MCD)

Motor Carrier Lieutenant 14 2000-2008

- Responsible for numerous statewide programs, including: Investigation Unit, Hazardous Materials Unit, Training Unit, Safety Audit Unit, School Bus Inspection Unit, Recruiting Unit, and Data Processing Unit.
- Acted as Division training coordinator, Division Public Information Officer, DataQ Manager, and Division Legislative Liaison.

- Primary point of contact with FMCSA for grant and regulatory issues. Collaborated with FMCSA on regulatory questions.
- Drafted statute language for Michigan Legislature on commercial motor vehicle issues.
- Researched and drafted MSP/MCD cargo seal policy for transport vehicles.
- MSP/MCD Size and Weight Instructor.

Motor Carrier Investigator Sergeant 1993-2000

- Commander of the statewide Hazardous Materials Unit.
- Member of the State Medical Waiver Board to review applications.
- Facilitated the research grant from FMCSA for the development of the first CTFR training program, including establishment of best practices.
- Member of work group that revised and updated CVSA's Operational Policies regarding commercial vehicles.
- Testified at Michigan Legislature hearings on commercial motor vehicle issues.
- Regular attendee of PHMSA's COHMED training conference program.
- Drafted statute language for Michigan Legislature on commercial motor vehicle issues.

Sergeant, Grass Lake Scales 1992-1993

- Direct supervision of Motor Carrier officers assigned to the Grass Lake and Cambridge Weigh Stations.
- Oversaw officer performance, assisted with regulatory questions, and assured compliance with MSP and FMCSA requirements for North American Standard (NAS) Level I, II, and III inspections and enforcement activities.
- Managed weigh stations and equipment.

Motor Carrier Officer 1985-1992

- Road patrol and Weigh Station. Battle Creek and Jackson Posts.
- Conducted NAS Inspections, Size & Weight Enforcement, Speed and OWI Enforcement.

Education

Leadership and Management Program - Central Michigan University 1998

- Leadership, Strategic Planning, Decision Analysis, Financial Management, and Project Management for Professional Emergency Managers.

Bachelor of Science Degree - Lake Superior State University 1984

- Conservation Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, *Cum Laude*
- President, Criminal Justice Association, 1982-83, 1983-84
- Member, *Alpha Phi Sigma,* National Criminal Justice Honor Society, LSSU Chapter

Associate Degree- Lake Superior State University 1982

- Natural Resources Technology

Association Affiliations

- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)
  1996-2000, Chair, Hazardous Materials Committee
  1995-1996, Vice-Chair, Hazardous Materials Committee
  1993-1995, Member, Hazardous Materials Committee

Awards

- USDOT/FMCSA Administrator's Award 2021
- USDOT/FMCSA Safety Achievement Award 2016
- Michigan State Police Professional Excellence Award 2002
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance President's Award 2000
- First Annual MSP/MCD Leadership Award 1996
- Michigan State Police Meritorious Service Award 1991

Publications

- HM Bulletin, *The Gas Log*, Michigan Propane Gas Association, September 1994
- Changes in the PIN Program, *Michigan Fire Service News*, May 1994
- Simulated Cargo Tanks Donated for Hazardous Materials Training, *Modern Bulk Transporter*, April 1998
- Give a Test to Your Cargo Tank Tester, *Butane/Propane News*, May 2014
- On the Farming Road, *Michigan Farming News*, February and March 2006
- DOT cargo tank specifications, *Bulletin*, publication of the National Board of Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBIC)
- Michigan History magazine, "Heavy Duty," describing the history of Michigan's weigh stations, May/June 2005.
- *Green Light News*, publication of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan: Prosecuting Truck Crashes (January 2008); New Division (May 2007), Masking Citations (October 2007), CDL Suspensions (February 2007), and Weight Law Introduction (July 2006).

Continuing Education

- National Tank Truck Carriers and USDOT Cargo Tank Workshop, July 2025

Select List of Career Development Training Courses

USDOT/FMCSA Motorcoach Inspection Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA Hazardous Materials Regulations Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA General Hazardous Materials Regulations Inspection Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA Cargo Tank/Bulk Package Inspection Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA Other Bulk Package Inspection Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA Cargo Tank Facility Review Course (Instructor)
USDOT/FMCSA North American Standard Inspection Course (Level I Parts A&B)
USDOT/FMCSA Safety Investigator (Special Agent) Course
USDOT/FMCSA Electronic Logging Device Training
USDOT/FMCSA Federal Bridge Formula (weight law) Course
USDOT/FMCSA Level VI Radiological Course
USDOE Advanced RAM Transportation Course
DOT/FMCSA Advanced Radioactive Materials Workshop
Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division in-service training
Eaton Corporation Brake In-Service Training
Con Way Transportation Services Hazardous Materials Regulations Course
MSP Hazardous Materials Regulations Refresher
Illinois State Police Hazardous Materials Regulations Course