

Quarterly Transportation Call

10/8/19:

Attendees:

Jerald Wolff-Palatine Township
Gayle Planera-Bloom Township
Lynddah Lahey-Wheeling Township
John Messina-Wheeling Township
Regina Stapleton-Wheeling Township
Nick Christopher-Schaumburg Township
Kathy Varsalona-Schaumburg Township
Mel Delgado-Schaumburg Township
Maureen Ryan-Worth Township
Dorothy Osting-Worth Township
Lori Strong-Oak Park Township
Pat Peters-Rich Township
Linda Steininger- Hanover Township
Morgan Fletcher-Mid-West Truckers Assn. Inc.

- ***Midwest Trucker Presented slides pertaining to Drug Testing Update for Townships (this training was posted and available on the TOI website).***
 - Midwest Truckers is mandated by the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration).
 - There was much discussion pertaining to who/what governs Township transportation.
 - The **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** is an agency in the United States Department of Transportation that regulates the trucking industry in the United States. The primary mission of the FMCSA is to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities involving large trucks and buses.
 - The **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)** is an agency within the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) that provides financial and technical assistance to local public transportation systems. The FTA is one of ten modal administrations within the DOT.
 - The slides that were presented focused a lot on the CDL Clearing House that will be mandated by the FMCSA to be used and in effect come January 1, 2020
 - <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>
 - There was much discussion as to whether or not Township transportation is required to participate in the Clearinghouse
 - After the call concluded, Linda Steininger tried to get further clarification on this issue:
 - It appears that anyone that drives a vehicle that transports passengers is regulated by the FTA, **if it is a public revenue transportation work** regardless of the weight of the vehicle or if the drivers hold CDL licenses

- If the vehicle transports passengers, in a non-revenue function with 16 passengers or above it is regulated by FMCSA (register for clearing house)
 - If there are Township staff that drive non-passenger vehicles that are over the gross weight of 26,001 pounds are interstate or intrastate, they would be mandated by FMCSA, and therefore would need to enroll in the Clearinghouse (Maintenance staff, etc.)
 - There could be personnel that drive both such vehicles and therefore could be mandated by both
 - **Recommendation: Please check with your legal counsel to validate this information**
 - Can Township Transportation use the Clearinghouse?
 - Yes if the Township personal are regulated by FMCSA
 - **Conclusion:**
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- **General Information:**
 - Pat Peters brought up procedure to check back-up lights:
 - Turn ignition on (do not start vehicle). Put vehicle in reverse, apply emergency brake, go out and check back up lights. This allows you to check back up lights
 - To check brake lights, use lift bar to put between driver's seat and brake pedal
 - TOI is in November - feel free to submit nominations for staff/personnel that are deserving
- **Next Call/Agenda:**
 - Upcoming Call:
 - There is nothing scheduled, but we will try and have a call in December for further clarification of upcoming laws changing in January and to touch base

Thanks to everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in this call. Let me know if you have any feedback, issues, or questions.

Regards,

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