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Make Use of Turn Signals

No person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal. A signal of intent to turn right or left, as required by law, shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

To make it easy that's three or four blinks of the turn signal before starting the lane change. Using turn signals to change lanes is not only the law, it's also a matter of safety. One can't be a very good driver if he changes lanes - particularly those who weave in and out of traffic without signaling.

DOT Does Not Authorize Use of Marijuana

FTA would like to remind public transit providers that although many states have legalized the use of recreational and medical marijuana, these state initiatives do NOT have any bearing on DOT's regulated drug testing program. DOT's Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation—49 CFR Part 40—does NOT authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason.



Postural Belt-7th Belt

Cimarron Transit is pleased to share the availability of a new postural support belt. This is a special, separate belt that adds an extra layer of stability and safety for a rider traveling in a mobility device. Use of the postural support belt will not be required, but encouraged. Ask your driver about the new belt.

Pictured left: Nate Heintz demonstrates the soft pad of the posture belt is to be located at chest height.

Cimarron Public Transit is committed to an organizational culture that fosters safe practices, encourages effective employee safety reporting and communication and actively manages safety.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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(April-June)

10 Years

Darlene Phillips

Vickie Self-Scruggs

9 Years

Nate Heintz

4 Years

David Birnbaum

2 Years

Kelly Allen

Alexandra Coldwell

James Dufek

William Popplewell

George Vogel

George Ward

1 Year

Hugh Duffy

Art Shipman



Importance of Seeing and Being Seen

When operating a vehicle in wet weather, you **DO** want to be seen by everyone else, and you **DO** want to see them as well.

Cruise Control is for dry roads.

When roads are wet, it can prevent you from slowing down quickly enough to avoid losing traction.

Wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year, according to the National Safety Council.

Prevent Hydroplaning

Slow down during wet weather. Reduce speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. Even new tires can lose some contact with the roadway at speeds as low as 35 mph.

Avoid hard braking or turning sharply and drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you.

Allow ample stopping distance between cars by increasing the following distance of the vehicle in front of you.

Allow ample time to slow down to stop at intersections turns and other traffic earlier than you would if roads were dry.

Respond to a Skid

Even careful drivers can experience skids. Prevent skids by driving slowly and carefully, especially on curves. Steer and brake with a light touch. Do not brake hard or lock the wheels and risk a skid. Maintain mild pressure on the brake pedal when you need to stop or slow.

If you feel the vehicle beginning to skid:

- Don't panic, continue to look and steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go.
- Avoid slamming on the brakes



CPTS Safety & Training Committee met in Pawnee recently to prepare for the upcoming tailgate training. Pictured from left: Kelly Young, Shelby Jewell, Nate Heintz, Randy Heisler and Shelly Regnier.



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