

MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET Management Bulletin

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Uninsured Motorists: In a recent study conducted by the [Insurance Resource Council](#), it is estimated for 2004, 14.6% of drivers were uninsured compared to 12.7% in 1999. The five states with the highest uninsured driver estimates were:

- Mississippi (26%)
- Alabama (25%)
- California (25%)
- New Mexico (24%)
- Arizona (22%)

States with the lowest number of uninsured motorist estimates were:

- Maine (4%)
- Vermont (6%)
- Massachusetts (6%)
- New York (7%)
- Nebraska (8%)

In last month's Management Bulletin it addressed Hired Non-Owned Vehicles. These statistics reinforce the fact that as a fleet or safety manager you should have a procedure/policy in place requiring employees who use personal vehicles on company business to provide proof of adequate limits of automobile liability insurance.

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week (August 20-26): This [American Trucking Association](#) sponsored week was to take the time to honor drivers for their hard work, commitment and safe driving. The question is do you have a program in place to recognize your drivers for their defensive and safe driving? Do you recognize your drivers for not being involved in a preventable collision ([The Hartford Loss Control TIPS – Preventability of Motor Vehicle Collisions](#))? The Hartford has Safe Driver Award Pins and Wallet sized cards for providing drivers on an annual basis who have not been involved in a preventable collision. Contact your Hartford loss control consultant for additional information.

Roadcheck 2006: In the 72 hour time frame of June 6-8 over 60,000 truck and bus inspections were performed. This [Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance](#) (CVSA) program in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a record number of CVSA decals.



Almost 31,000 decals were issued to vehicles that passed the inspection without having any defects regarding 13 critical inspection areas.

The number of vehicles that were placed out of service decreased significantly this year compared to 2005.

- All vehicles: 21.7% for 2006, down from 22.5% in 2005
- Buses: 6.9% in 2006, down from 11.7% in 2005
- Hazmat: 18.2% in 2006, down from 19.3% in 2005

On a negative note the number of drivers placed out of service increased significantly compared to 2005. The number of drivers placed out of service went from 4.4% last year to 5.6% in 2006. The bulk of the drivers placed out of service were done so for hours of service violations, followed by falsification of records of duty status (12.4%).

Additionally over 1200 drivers were cited for not wearing their safety belts. This is up from over 1100 drivers in 2005. Seat belt usage for commercial drivers is only 54% compared to automobile drivers at 82%.

With the statistic so high for drivers not wearing seatbelts, consider reissuing the Hartford Driver Letter from February 2005 to your drivers. Remember vehicle collisions are the leading cause of fatalities in the workplace.

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[American Trucking Association](#)
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