



# Idealease Safety Bulletin

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## Truck Driver Appreciation Week starts on Monday!

Next week we will recognize those drivers who operate commercial motor vehicles for the hard work they perform in a challenging environment. There are over 3.5 million professional truck drivers nationwide – delivering the goods U.S. consumers need every day of the year. Logging over 432 billion miles per year, trucks delivered 10.7 billion tons of freight a year or 69 percent of total U.S. freight tonnage. Professional truck drivers are more essential to the national economy than ever before, and they're delivering their loads safely and professionally.

### Driver Recognition Awards

Next week is Truck Driver Appreciation week and it is a good time to review your award and recognition programs that you have in place. It is important that we recognize those drivers who have performed in a safe and compliant manner. Recognition awards are best used for safe driving. A recognition award should be an award that the driver or employee cannot get anywhere else. It is best if these awards are personalized. Benefits of recognition award are that they are non-monetary and have a longer lasting effect. A driver should not be able to go and buy this award on their own. The only way to receive the award and recognition is to meet the requirements for receiving the award. These awards can be further enhanced by presenting award group presentations with peers (i.e. meetings, banquets, etc.).

As a motor carrier, there are a number of state and nationwide association award programs that you can enroll your drivers in. I would recommend that you contact your state trucking association for a listing of the awards programs that are available. There are a variety of awards programs available for your drivers through organizations such as the American Trucking Association ([www.truckline.com](http://www.truckline.com)) and the National Private Truck Council (NPTC). The NPTC has the Driver Hall of Fame and National Driver All-Stars driver's awards programs that are available to NPTC members. Go to: [www.nptc.org](http://www.nptc.org) to enroll your driver.

### Truck Driver Appreciation Week

**\*September 16 - 22, 2012**

Make your plans now to recognize your drivers. Show them how much you appreciate the work they do every day.



### *Driver Incentive Awards:*

Incentive monetary awards are best used to motivate a driver to perform.

These types of incentive programs are successful in motivating the driver to achieve a specific goal such a certain fuel mileage or clean roadside inspection.

## FMCSA ADOPTS WRITTEN CONSENT LANGUAGE FOR PSP

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued revised mandatory consent language for version 2.0 of its Pre-Employment Screening Program. Carriers may use PSP to review drivers' crash and safety records during the hiring process, but the carrier must obtain the driver's written consent prior to accessing the PSP database.

The new version of the PSP includes a form with mandatory [consent language](#) that every account holder must use for every PSP record inquiry. The form may be used on its own or combined with existing consent language. Each account holder must keep a driver's consent form for a minimum of three years, and consent forms must be kept whether the driver was hired or not.



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
Pre-Employment Screening Program



In addition, carriers must consent to periodic [audits](#) to verify that they are complying with the PSP procedural requirements.