

# THE FLEET BEAT

**AUGUST 2019**

## **NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2019**

America honors its 3.5 million drivers for hard work and commitment in one of our most demanding and essential jobs. Everything in our homes and offices, everything we wear, and everything we eat was “brought by a truck.” Our drivers enable us to enjoy modern conveniences and lifestyles afforded us by our transportation network and too often their efforts go unnoticed. Take the time to say “thank you” to your drivers and consider having a recognition event for their efforts. A breakfast, lunch, or gift certificate is an investment that will pay dividends in many areas for months to come

## **BRAKE SAFETY WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2019**

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is holding its **Annual Brake Safety Week** during the week of September 15 – 21, 2019 to reduce crashes caused by faulty braking systems on large trucks and buses. Misadjusted or defective brakes reduce stopping ability and this can result in unsafe conditions for all of us. Enforcement will primarily use Level I Inspection procedures to identify common brake violations, and Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) found to have critical brake violations will be placed out of service.

During this year’s Brake Safety Week, inspectors will focus on brake hoses and tubing to ensure they are properly attached, not damaged, not leaking and are flexible. Be sure your drivers understand how to interact with officers and remind them to ensure brakes are working properly. Remember, in the United States, there is no such thing as an airbrake endorsement, nor is it required to have a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) merely because a vehicle is equipped with air brakes. However, a driver must be capable of operating air brakes if so equipped, and if the requirements cannot be met, a restriction will be imposed and must be followed.

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