



# The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

## March 2021 Edition

### Ready, Set, Two Months to Go Time!



This year's International Roadcheck inspection blitz is on the books for **May 4-6, 2021** focusing in on:

#### Hours-of-Service & Vehicle Lighting

Inoperable lamps was the #1 vehicle violation in 2020. Inspectors will also focus in on other areas like brake systems, exhaust systems, steering mechanisms, tires, wheels, wipers, etc.

#### Do You Know What a CVSA Decal Means?

Vehicles that successfully pass a Level I or V inspection during the blitz will receive a CVSA decal. **In general, vehicles with a CVSA decal are not re-inspected during the three-month period during which the decal is valid.** Think about that one as we prepare for this International Blitz. Be prepared!



#### Stop On By! We Love Visiting With Our Awesome Operators!

Passing by Mooresville, NC or Kokomo, IN? Stop on in and visit with us. We'll get you some breakfast or lunch and get you introduced to your support team.

We are here for you!



**Toast Anyone?** - Did you know that a bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 100,000 slices of bread? If you consider that each bolt of lightning contains more than 5 billion Joules of energy, then the average 1,000-watt two-slice toaster could be powered for 84,000 minutes with just one strike. That's just enough time to toast about 100,000 slices of bread, bagels, English muffins.....wow!

### New Crash Tests Show Modest Speed Increases Can Have Deadly Consequences

If you are reading the monthly safety bulletins, which we hope you are, you've surely noticed Speed has been and will continue to be a hot topic.

It has been reported that even small speed increases can have major effects on crash outcomes. We already know speed is the #1 cause of crashes.

41 states allow 70 mph or higher speeds on some roadways including eight states that have maximum speeds of 80 mph or more. NOT FOR US! It's too risky for what we do. A speeding driver *may* arrive at their destination a few minutes faster but is the tradeoff of getting severely injured or even losing one's life worth it if that crash occurs?? Nope! Not for you or anyone else out on the roads.

Keeping up with the flow of traffic? Understood but you **MUST** be SAFE. Watch for changing signs and adjust your speeds accordingly. **Safety First**

### Keep an Eye Out – The Hibernators Are Waking Up!



Most hibernators wake up during March and April. Keep a lookout for more animals near/on the roadways. Do not swerve to avoid any animals. Swerving could cause more harm than good. Slowly reduce your speed the best you can. **Stay Safe!**

### Things Change - Want to Brush Up a Bit?

Medallion offers online refresher courses you can take any time, anywhere. Every expert can use a refresher! Don't worry, any requested courses will remain confidential. With changing regulations happening all the time, take the initiative and stay ahead of the curve. Whatever the topic – we'll find a course for you! Contact Safety today! #education! [safety@medalliontrans.com](mailto:safety@medalliontrans.com)

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