**Why Roadside and Weigh Station Inspections matter**

**Every inspection counts!** All safety-based roadside inspections are reported to the SMS regardless of whether a state officer issued a citation or a verbal warning. It is important for you to understand how your safety performance adversely affects the company as well as you! Violations are recorded for 2 years against the company, and for 3 years against the driver.

**What does FMCSA stand for?**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration -** The FMCSA is a transportation agency committed to preventing crashes, injuries and fatalities related to large trucks and buses on our Nation’s highways. FMCSA helps ensure safety in motor carrier operations by enforcing safety regulations, targeting high-risk carriers for intervention, improving safety information systems and technologies, strengthening the standards of commercial motor vehicle equipment and operations, and increasing safety awareness. FMCSA is partnered with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, motor carriers, drivers, and other stakeholders to get this job done.

You help keep yourself on the road and earning money by following the FMCSA’s safety rules and regulations and learning about the CSA program – by doing this, you help keep the Nation’s highways safer for everyone.

**What does SMS mean?**

**Safety Measurement System -** The SMS is used by the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) to collect, measure and evaluate data on carriers and drivers. Data is obtained and entered into the SMS from Roadside Inspection Reports, Weigh Station Inspections Reports, Moving violations and crash Investigations.

**What does CSA Mean?**

**Compliance, Safety, Accountability -** FMCSA’s safety compliance and enforcement program that collects roadside inspection and crash information from 3.5 million inspections each year to identify large truck and bus carriers that pose the greatest risk to safety on the Nation’s roads. This monitoring and evaluation system is designed to identify and intervene with carriers and drivers who are not in compliance with safety regulations. A data gathering and analysis approach deigned to identify and correct safety problems before they lead to tragedies on the highway.

SMS results are updated once per month and include results for the previous 24 months.