

2020 CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Overview

Dates: July 12 thru July 18th

What You Should Know About the 2020 Operation Safe Driver Week

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is conducting its annual Operation Safe Driver Week between July 12th and July 18th across North America. The program was created to help reduce the number of crashes, deaths, and injuries involving large trucks, buses, and passenger vehicles due to unsafe driving behaviors. The CVSA has selected speeding as the emphasis area for this year's program. The initiative aims to help improve the behavior of all drivers operating in an unsafe manner through educational and traffic enforcement strategies to address individuals exhibiting high-risk driving behaviors.

Valuable Information to Help Prepare for This Year's Operation Safe Driver:

In addition to the emphasis on speeding, other dangerous driver behaviors will be tracked like:

Distracted driving, Texting, Failure to use a seatbelt, Following too closely, Improper lane change, Reckless/aggressive behavior, Failure to obey traffic control devices, and

The top five citations issued to Commercial Motor Vehicle drivers were:

Speeding (1,454 citations), Failure to wear a seatbelt (954 citations), Failure to obey a traffic control device (426 citations), Using a handheld phone/texting (249 citations), Improper lane change (92 citations).

Last year, officers issued 46,752 citations and 87,624 warnings to drivers throughout the week.

2020's Special Emphasis: Speeding - The CVSA noted that less traffic because of shelter-in-place and shutdown orders in most states appears to have encouraged some drivers to ignore traffic safety laws, including speed limits. As the number of vehicles on roadways decreased in March and April, average speeds measured during the first week of April increased significantly in the five largest U.S. metropolitan areas.

Looking for More Information?

More details on Operation Safe Driver can be found on the CVSA website: <https://www.cvsa.org/news-entry/2020-osd-week/>.

Statistics From 2019 Operation Safe Driver:

Citations were issued to 16,102 passenger vehicle drivers for speeding.

Citations were issued to 1,454 commercial vehicle drivers for speeding.