

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Overview: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) primary mission is to prevent commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries. Large trucks represent about four percent of registered vehicles; however, they account for 8 percent of the travel volume on our Nation's highways. Eleven percent of all the people killed in motor vehicle crashes die in crashes involving a large truck. In 2003, 4,986 people died and 122,000 were injured in crashes involving large trucks. This compares to 4,939 deaths and 130,000 injuries in 2002. While progress is being made toward the agency's goal of saving lives and reducing injuries by preventing truck and bus crashes, too many people continue to be injured and die as a result of crashes involving large trucks. The 2006 budget request for FMCSA, \$465 million, will help meet this challenge.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

	2004 <u>Actual</u>	2005 ^{1/} <u>Proposal</u>	2006 <u>Request</u>
Motor Carrier Safety Operations & Programs ^{2/}	--	--	233
Motor Carrier Safety Grants ^{2/}	--	--	232
Motor Carrier Safety	175	255	--
National Motor Carrier Safety Program	189	188	--
TOTAL	363	443	465

^{1/} FY 2005 proposal reflects SAFETEA policy funding levels for FY 2004 - 2009 included in the FY 2006 President's Budget.

^{2/} New accounts for FY 2006.

FY 2006 Budget

Motor Carrier Safety Operations & Programs: \$233 million is requested to support critical motor carrier program activities that will reduce crashes, save lives, and prevent injuries on our Nation's highways. The FY 2006 budget proposes the following funding requests aimed at meeting DOT's strategic goals and performance targets:

- ❖ Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety - \$189 million is dedicated to reducing the incidence and severity of commercial truck and bus crashes by advancing motor carrier standards and rule-making; increasing compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations through enforcement operations; enforcing safety regulations at the borders; extending motor carrier safety education and best practices; overseeing certification of physical qualifications to operate motor carriers; improving commercial motor vehicle safety information and analysis; and advancing technological solutions.
- ❖ Hazardous Materials Safety - \$10 million is requested to reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle hazardous materials (HAZMAT) incidents through enforcement and compliance operations, research, and technology.

- ❖ Hazardous Materials Security - \$8 million is requested to improve the security of motor carrier transport of hazardous materials through outreach and security operations.
- ❖ Commercial Motor Vehicle Productivity - \$2 million is requested to improve the efficiency and integrity of commercial truck and bus transportation by ensuring compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Commercial Regulations through increased household goods carrier enforcement, education, and outreach efforts, and maintaining a nationwide safety violation and consumer complaints telephone hotline.
- ❖ Organizational Excellence - \$24 million is requested to increase accountability and program performance through meeting the objectives of the President's Management Agenda in the areas of strategic management of human capital, citizen-centered e-government, competitive sourcing, financial and procurement performance, and budget and performance integration. Efforts focus on evaluating and improving business practices and processes that support program delivery.

Motor Carrier Safety Grants: \$232 million is requested to maintain aggressive State enforcement of interstate commercial truck and bus regulations as part of the Federal/State partnership aimed at meeting DOT's strategic goals and performance targets:

- ❖ Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety - \$222 million is requested to support State enforcement, regulatory compatibility, and safety information capabilities. This includes \$172 million dedicated to Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) State grants. Grants will be used to support State motor carrier compliance reviews; conduct roadside inspections; enforce violations noted in roadside inspections; and ensure that new commercial trucking firms pass a safety audit within the first 18 months of operations in order to receive permanent registration. State safety enforcement efforts at the international borders are funded at \$23 million to ensure Mexican and Canadian trucks and buses adhere to the same safety standards as U.S. motor carriers. In addition, \$23 million is included to improve State commercial drivers' license (CDL) oversight activities to prevent unqualified drivers from being issued CDLs, and \$4 million is provided for the Performance Registration Information Systems and Management (PRISM) program, which links State motor vehicle registration systems with carrier safety data in order to identify unsafe commercial trucks and buses.
- ❖ Hazardous Materials Safety - \$10 million is requested to continue a grant program in support of State HAZMAT enforcement and regulatory compatibility at the international borders with Mexico and Canada to ensure that all points of entry to the U.S. transportation system are fortified with comprehensive safety measures.

