MOTORCOACH FACTS

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides the following information for public use.

- FMCSA has approximately 4,000 motorcoach carriers registered with operating authority.
- FMCSA has increased the compliance reviews conducted on motorcoaches from 457 in 2005 to 1,042 in 2010; a 128 percent increase.
- Inspections of motorcoaches have increased from 12,991 in 2005 to 25,703 in 2010; an increase of 98 percent.
- FMCSA observed a 19 percent decrease in motorcoach fatalities between 2004 and 2009.
- Passenger carrier enforcement cases with Order to Cease (OCO) have risen from 36 in 2008 to 44 in 2010; a 22 percent increase.
- During the last three full fiscal years (FY 2008 through FY 2010) FMCSA has placed 82 passenger carriers out-of-service for being unfit to operate after receiving an unsatisfactory rating.
- For FY 2010, 71 percent of motorcoach compliance reviews are conducted on carriers with six or fewer buses.
- Of the driver violations identified on motorcoach operators for FY 2010, 18 percent duty status not current, speeding is 13 percent, non-English 4 percent.
- Since 2008, 24 percent of all passenger carriers operating authority applications have been rejected.
- FMCSA has conducted 130 American with Disabilities Reviews on over the road motorcoaches and have issued two consent decrees for serious non compliance.
- Before 2005, the average time between visiting a passenger carrier was every 8+ years. Today it is every 3 to 4 years.
- Consumer Safety Hotline: 1-888-DOT-SAFT (1-888-368-7238)

Source: Based on safety enforcement data entered into FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System and other FMCSA data systems as of May 4, 2011.