

# Motorcoach Safety Initiative

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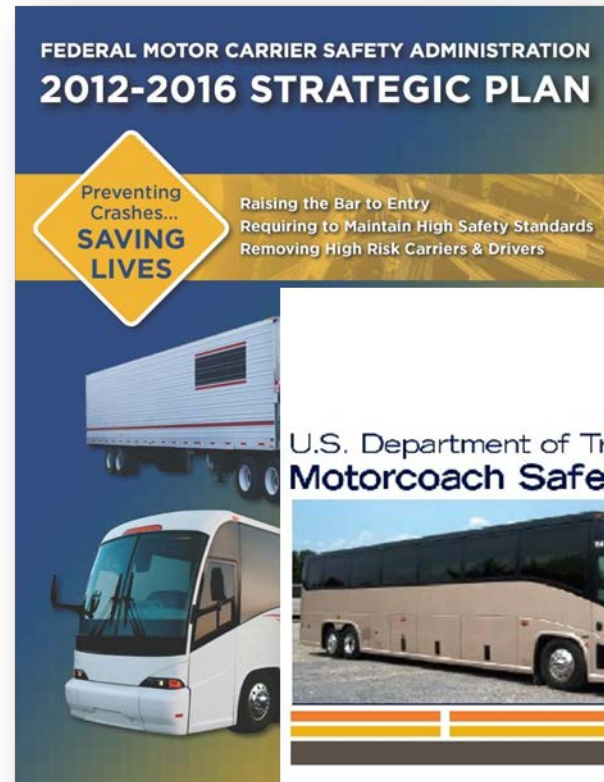


**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

# Our Mission

Reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicle (CMV) transportation through

- Education
- Innovation
- Regulation
- Enforcement
- Financial assistance
- Partnerships, and
- Full accountability.

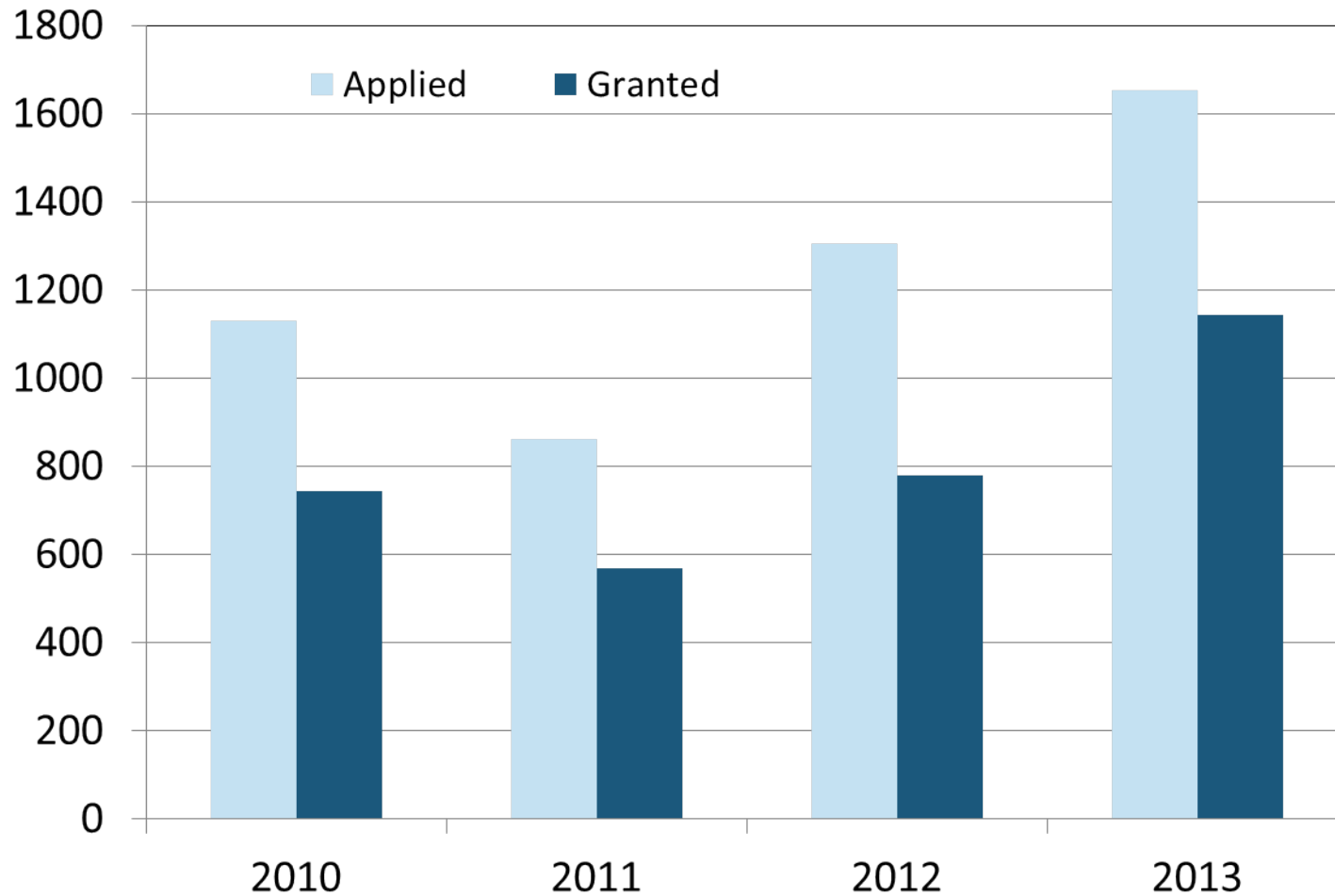


# One Level of Safety

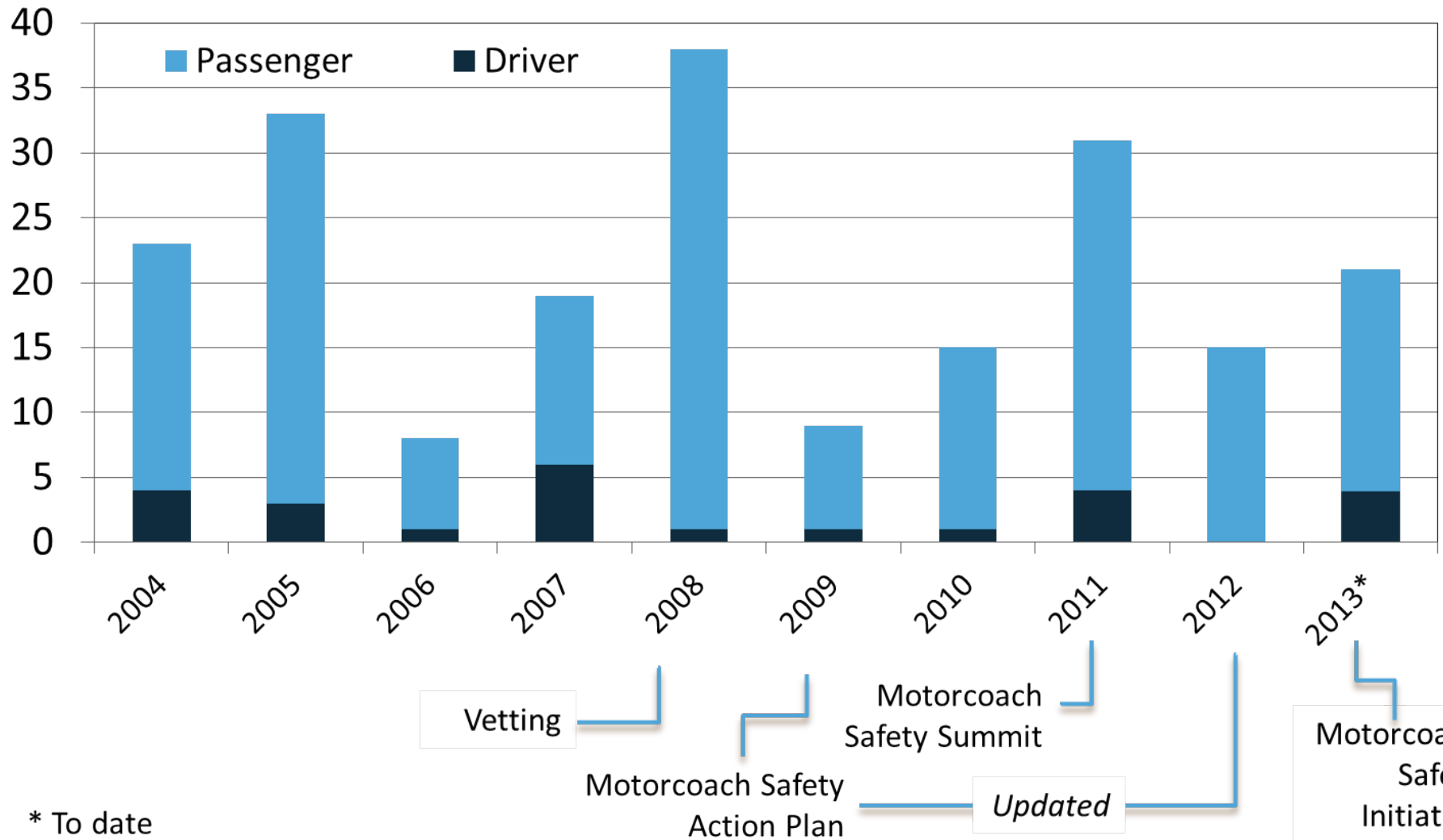
Element	AIR	BUS
<b>ANNUAL TRIPS</b>	650 million	750 million
<b>COMPANIES</b>	6,900	525,000 total (truck and bus) 4,018 motorcoach
<b>PILOTS/DRIVERS</b>	618,000	3.5 million (total)
<b>STAFF</b>	4,000 Inspectors	321 Investigators 131 Inspectors 43 Auditors



# Passenger Carrier Authority FY2010-2013



# Motorcoach Fatalities 2004-2013



# Motorcoach Safety Initiative: Three Phases

## I. Targeted Enforcement

- Quick Strike (April 1 – October 31, 2013)
- Safety Assessment
- Evaluation

## II. Outreach and Public Engagement

## III. Gap Analysis of Authority and Resources





# I. Targeted Enforcement: Quick Strike

- More than 50 special agents trained and deployed
- 214 investigations conducted
- *Enhanced Investigative Techniques* training developed

Key Outcomes	Percentage
Enforcement Actions Taken	160 (75%)
Vehicles Placed Out-of-Service	340 of 1302 inspected (26%)
Imminent Hazard Orders Issued	20 (9%)
“Unsatisfactory” Rating Issued	32 (15%)
Total Placed Out-of-Service	52 (24%)



# I. Targeted Enforcement: Evaluation

- Compare results with previous efforts to determine effectiveness
  - Population comparison
  - Investigative Outcomes
  - Enforcement Actions
  - Costs (Time and Money)
- Long term impacts on safety by looking at behaviors of quick strike carriers over time.





# I. Targeted Enforcement: Safety Assessments

- Conducted during *National Passenger Carrier Strike Force*: August 26 – September 6, 2013
- 1400 carriers identified with little to no data
  - 1300 assessments completed
  - 143 carriers identified for follow-up investigation



# II. Outreach and Public Engagement

## Outreach Resources:

- For trip planners and travelers:
  - Revamped passenger carrier webpage
  - Motorcoach Federal Safety Guidelines
  - “Look Before You Book” handout
  - Top 10 Risks
  - Resources Guide
  - Facebook Bus Safety Hub
- For FMCSA field staff outreach:
  - Trip Planner PowerPoint
  - Enforcement PowerPoint



# II. Outreach and Public Engagement

Public Engagement		
Activity	Stakeholders	Timeframe
<b>Cross-promotion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AAA Motorclub</li><li>• AARP</li><li>• NCAA</li><li>• Boy Scouts</li><li>• SafeKids Worldwide</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li></ul>
<b>Roundtable Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Travel and Tourism</li><li>• Education Groups (Student Youth &amp; Travel Association, National Organizations for Youth Safety, National Association of Elementary School Principals, etc.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 2013</li><li>• December 2013</li></ul>



# III. Gap Analysis of Authority

- Analyze passenger carrier oversight authority
- Consider use of existing authorities
- Explore statutory/regulatory gaps
- Consider

Authorities	Resources
Policy	Data
Training	Research
Regulations	Other tools



# Next Steps

- Enforcement
  - Continue use of new/expanded authorities
  - Continue training/optimization of remaining field staff
- Outreach and Engagement
  - Continue promotion of outreach resources
  - Conduct roundtable meetings with more stakeholders (faith-based groups, seniors/retirees)
- Gap Analysis
  - Support gap analysis and regulatory evaluation
  - Plan for FY 2015 budget request and reauthorization



# Our Vision

Save lives by striving toward a  
crash-free and fully accountable  
CMV transportation lifecycle

