



# N E W S L E T T E R

## Web Site Redesign

*CayCan has been working very hard to develop a new web site design... If you haven't already noticed, it is now online! We would appreciate your feedback.*

## Web Forum

*Right now we are BETA testing a web based forum as a place for you and your peers to get together and discuss issues in your field. Please check it out today at <http://forum.caycan.ca>*

## Vehicle Equipment - Aftermarket Changes

We all like seeing a nice truck. Just remember that some of the aftermarket equipment that is being installed is not in compliance with the standards. Most of these items should prevent the unit from passing a commercial vehicle inspection, and may lead to a ticket. Do you want Carrier Profile points because a driver wanted a low rider seat & visor or straight pipes (no a resonator is not OEM equivalent) or window tint or non-approved lights?

Even if the units somehow pass the commercial vehicle inspection the items may be brought into question in a collision or fatality investigation. Did you know that changing the seat frame could effect whether the vehicle still meets the National Safety Mark standards?

## Hours of Service - Federal Hours of Service

Another reminder on how the Federal Hours of Service is applied. If you are a designated Federal Carrier all of your drivers must follow the Federal Hours of Service all of the time. If you are a Provincial Carrier you follow the Provincial Hours of Service Regulations. If you are a Provincial Carrier you *cannot* leave the Province.

Some jurisdictions are not fully enforcing the Federal Hours of Service. BC Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch is not enforcing the Federal rules for units under 11,794 kgs. This does not mean that it is legal for carriers to operate in violation of the Federal law. Other agencies such as the RCMP may still enforce the law as written, at 4,500 kgs. If there was ever a serious incident you can bet the lawyers would be looking at all compliance issues, and not ignoring the ones some departments do not enforce.

For those of you who have, or would like to have, the OILWELL SERVICE VEHICLE PERMIT, we have links to a lot of good information on our new website under the "Links" tab. CayCan can do the audit required for the permit. Book early.

## Impaired Drivers! Enforcement Target for August

There is a National strategy called Road Safety Vision 2010. The goal is a 30% decrease in the average number of road users fatally or seriously injured during the 2008-2010 period (compared to 1996-2001). Every month there is a suggested "target" to raise awareness of Road Safety. August and December "targets" are impaired drivers.

Also remember CVSA Brake Safety Week 2008 is coming up September 21-27, 2008



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