

Troop K

BEHIND THE
CURTAIN

Topics to Cover:

Troop K background and grant information



Cargo Theft and how to respond



English Speaking Provision and 391.11
(b)(2) enforcement



Towing and recovery work group



Troop K is
the only
statewide
Troop that
enforces
State and
Federal
regulations

Head Count for Troop K

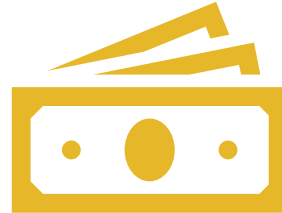
- ▶ **Three sections of Sworn Troopers**
- ▶ **One section of Civilian Inspectors**
- ▶ **27 Sworn members**
- ▶ **8 Civilians**

- 15 Level 3 certified Troopers entered the ranks 2/14/25
- 15 more Level 3 certified Troopers to be added 02/26

Mission – CMV Fatality Reduction



Conduct 15,000
Inspections for FFY 2024



Spend \$2.6 Million for
FFY 2024



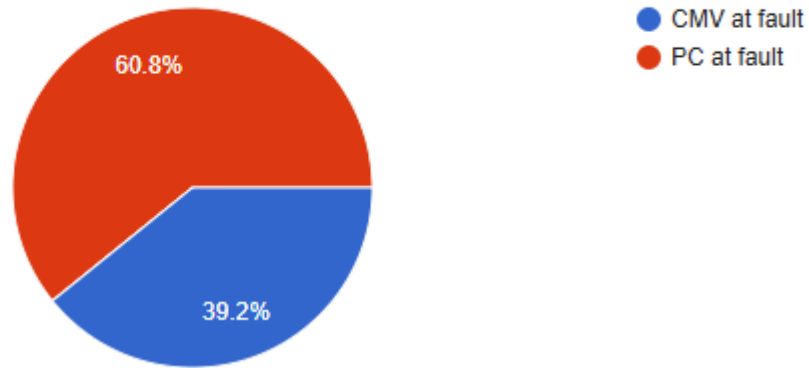
Spend down remaining
balance FFY 2023

MCSAP Grant Support

Update and maintain	Update and maintain BMV IFTA/IRP software
Update and maintain	Update and maintain DOT CVIEW software
Purchase and maintain	Purchase and maintain equipment for roadside inspections
Conduct	Conduct Compliance and New Entrant training throughout the State.

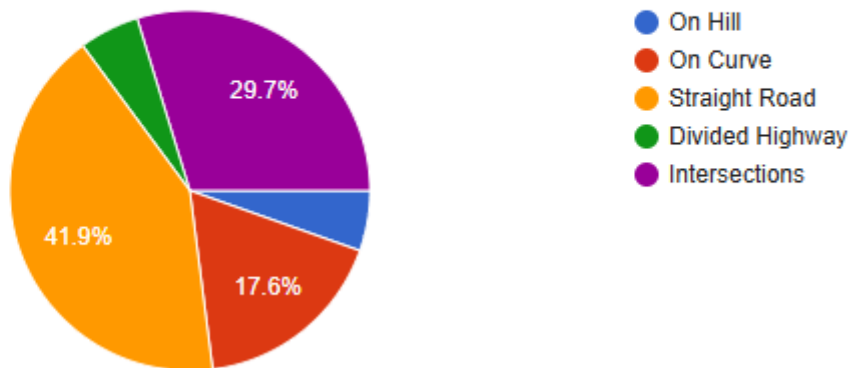
Primary Fault Causation for crash

74 responses



Road Features

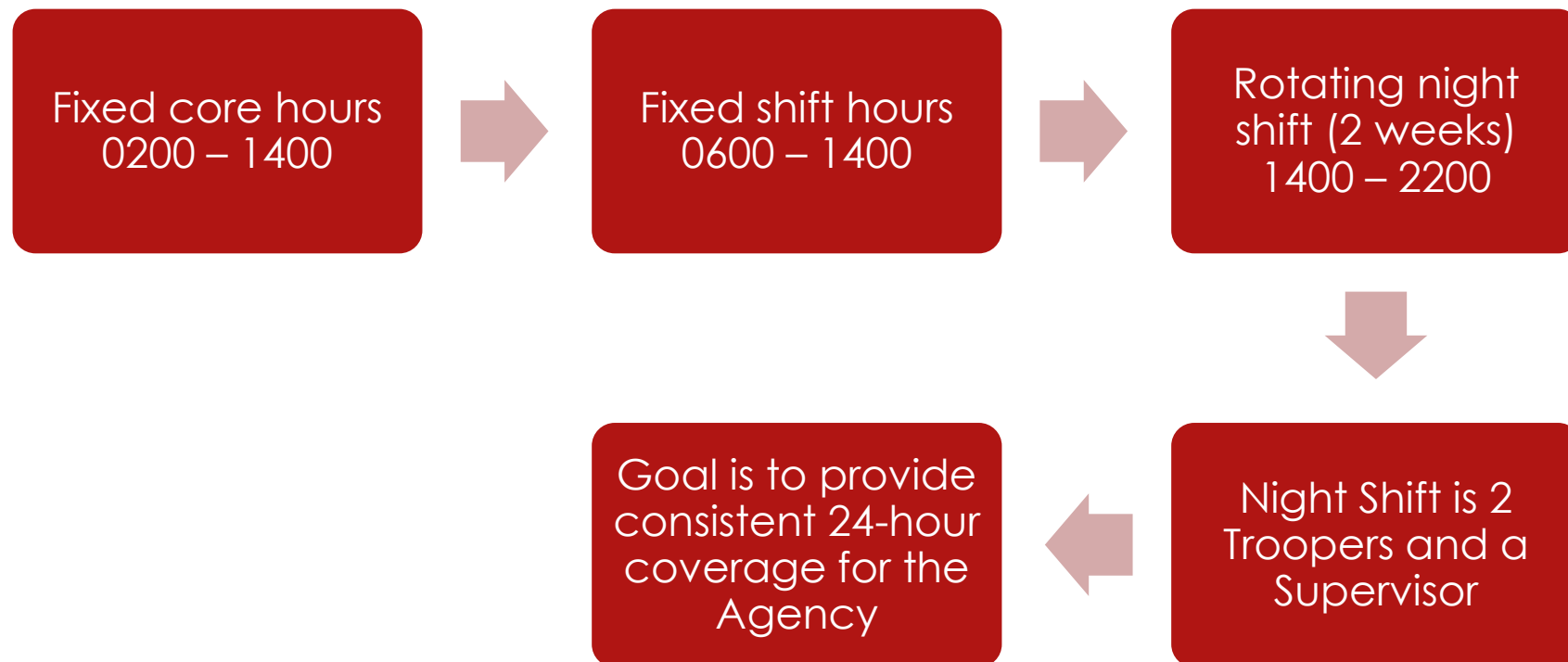
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Plan Future Operations for Crash Reduction

5 YEAR CMV FATAL ANALYSIS

Schedule Update for 24hr Coverage



Boots on the ground Inspections

Inspection Types	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Level 1: Full	2416	2442	2442	3330	3766
Level 2: Walk-Around	4970	5779	6918	5978	5987
Level 3: Driver-Only	3650	4247	4626	3795	6109
Level 4: Special Inspections	0	0	0	0	28
Level 5: Vehicle-Only	265	141	83	143	130
Level 6: Radioactive Materials	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11301	12609	14069	13246	16020

Data Q Challenges



2024 Grant Cycle up
to 09/19/25:



227 Challenges



Average clearance
time 1.5 hours

Current Technologies Applied

Performance Based Brake Testing Machine

Measuring braking force of each axle.
Improved Low Clearance Vehicle Inspections.



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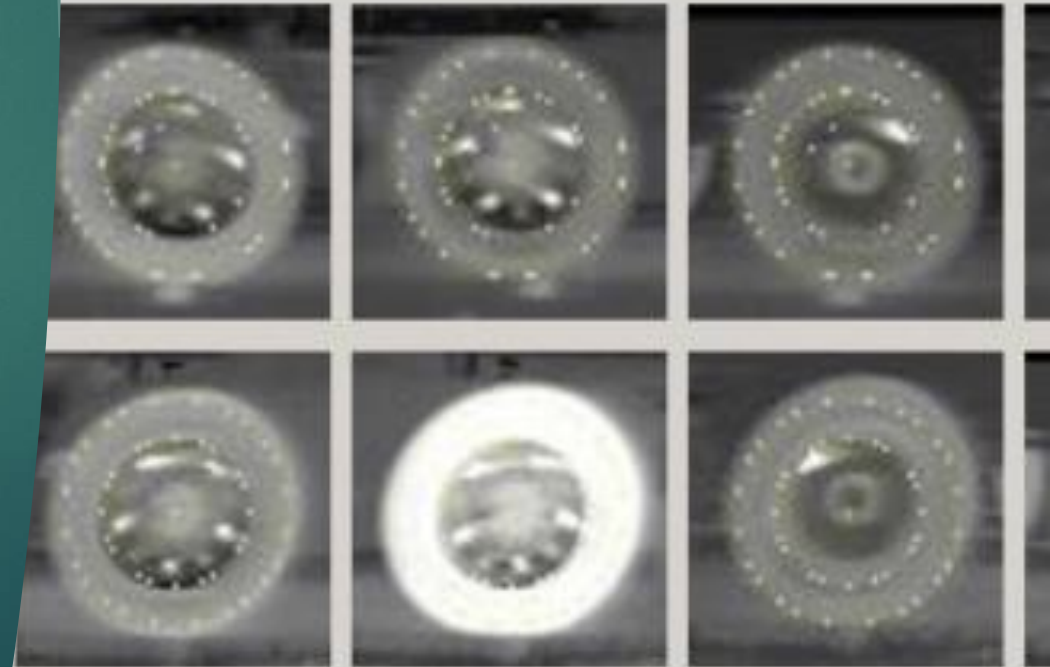
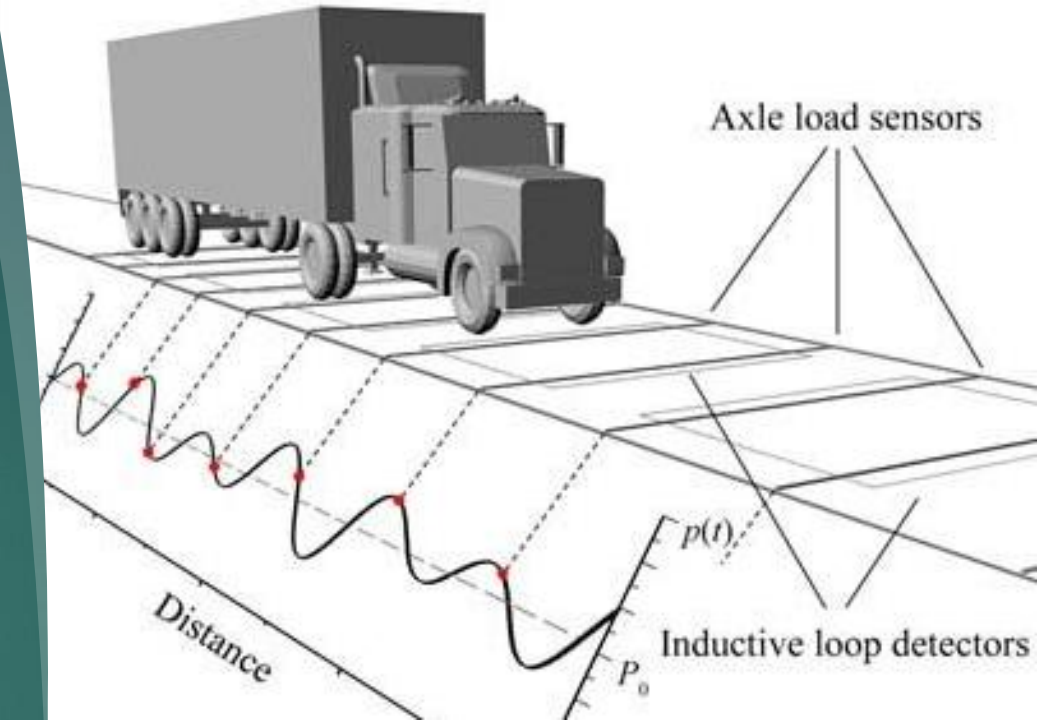
Body Worn Cameras

- ▶ Reduce Data Q's by capturing documents and verbal statements
- ▶ Training Tool for New Inspectors

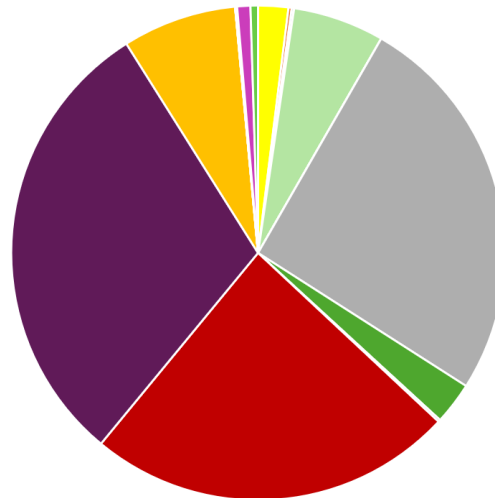


Advanced Screening Facilities

- ▶ Thermal imaging wheels for brake discrepancies
- ▶ Weight in Motion (WIMS) mobile weight calculations
- ▶ LPR – License Plate readers for DOT and ISS scores
- ▶ Tire Anomaly sensors



Potential Violations Alerted in Smart Roadside (Quantity):
Kittery, York, and ME Old Town Sites



Total Vehicles Screened:
131,707
(one year period ending June 1, 2024)

Pre-Screening Technologies

Applied Technology

Pre-Brake Check week enforcement push focused on using Technology to locate OOS Vehicle violations

22 Troopers and Inspectors participated conducting 478 inspections in 6 days.

172 Vehicle OOS defects enforced – 36% rate.



Mobile Detail Trailer

Starlink connectivity in the remote areas of the State to support detail work.



Mobile Trailer sign for increased visibility in remote inspection sites.



Portable Breath Test device to remotely test drivers





Future Technologies to be Acquired

► SRIS Trailer

- Smart Road
- Same technologies that we currently have at advanced screening facilities in a mobile towed unit.



Future Technologies

TETHERED DRONE SYSTEM FOR CARGO SECUREMENT AND THERMAL IMAGING ANOMALIES.



USDOT #
Theft:
Protecting
yourself

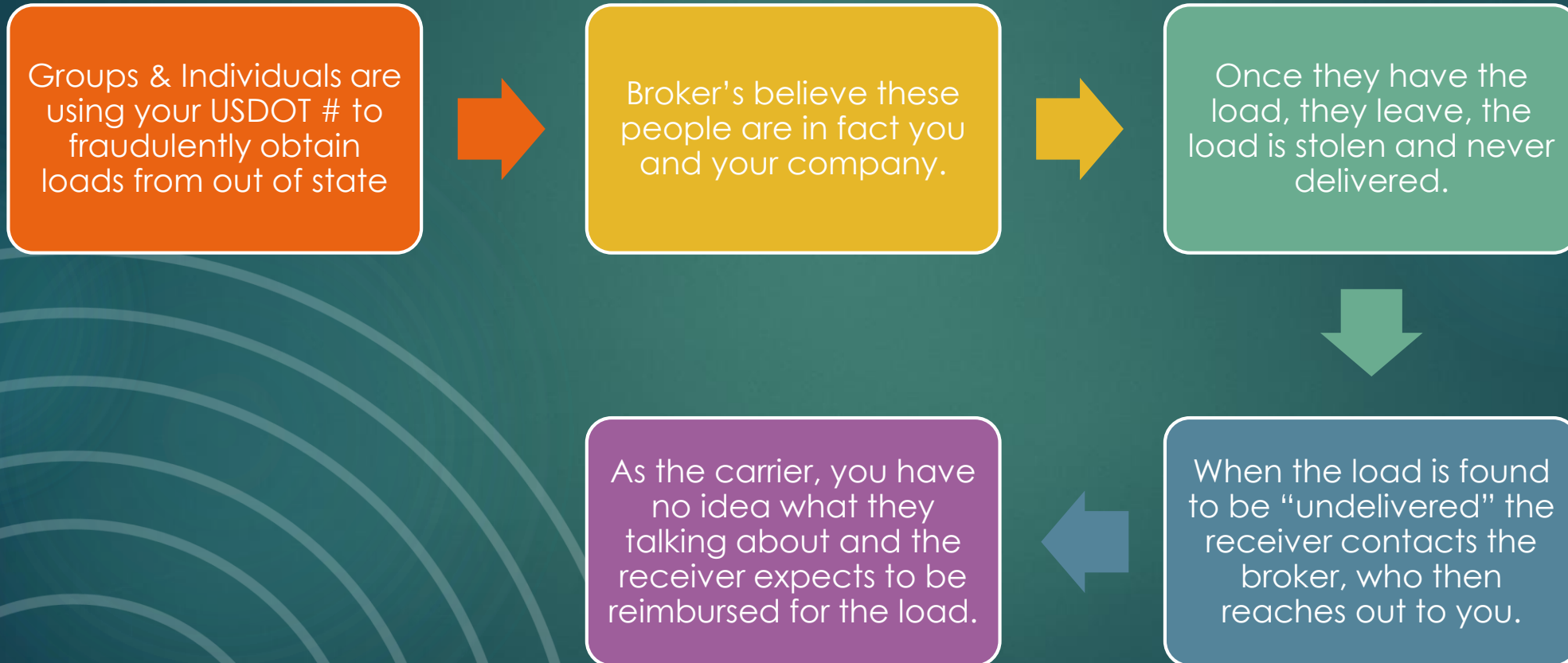
Agenda

- ▶ What's Happening?
- ▶ What to look for?
- ▶ What to do if/when it happens
- ▶ What to do to protect yourself



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What to look for?



- ▶ Changes to your information on your MCS-150
- ▶ -email address or phone number
- ▶ Sudden increase in insurance cost
- ▶ Calls/emails from new/strange brokers

What to do if/when it happens...

Contact the following:

Reach out to the FMCSA Contact Center or call (1-800-832-5660) if you are the target of these practices

You may also report the incident to the U. S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Hotline at (800) 424-9071 or online at <https://www.oig.dot.gov/hotline>

Contact Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit 207-624-8947 to file the criminal report.

Contact **MMTA** for guidance navigating the notification requirements when your DOT # has been compromised.

Make sure your company's phone number(s) displayed in FMCSA's Safety and Fitness Records System (SAFER) are visible and correct by going to <https://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov> and scrolling down to "FMCSA Searches" and clicking on "Company Snapshot".

Contact your insurance company, all companies you haul for to let them know your company's information is being fraudulently used



Protecting yourself and your company

- ▶ Check your MCS-150
- ▶ Verify emails are legit before click on links
- ▶ Don't share your PIN with anyone
- ▶ If you suspect something, don't ignore it. Call your insurance company
- ▶ Read your mail, don't assume its always junk mail.

More Questions?

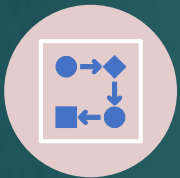
- ▶ Maine State Police
- ▶ Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit
- ▶ 207-624-8947



Prosecution?

English Speaking Provision

Enforcement of 391.11 (B)(2) as OOS went into effect 6/25/25



Evaluation process is in two phases.



1. Question and Answer



2. Understanding Road signs



75% correct to pass (3 out of 4)



Troop K Enforcement

- ▶ Since 06/25/25 Troop K has conducted 3649 inspections
- ▶ Troop K personnel have cited 391.11 (b)(2) and placed drivers out of service **28** times. (.07% of inspections)
- ▶ FFY 24 grant cycle 10/01/24 through 6/25/25 Troop K cited 391.11 (b)(2) **50** times.
- ▶ This is consistent with the previous five years of enforcement when it was not an OOS violation. (60-80) every year.

Predatory Towing Practices Work Group

- ▶ Soliciting bills from Carriers who have been excessively charged for towing services.
- ▶ Active work group developing policy for next legislative cycle
- ▶ Bruce.G.Scott@maine.gov

Questions?

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