

ITS Commercial Vehicle Programs within the State of Indiana

The predominant ITS Commercial Vehicle programs in the State of Indiana fall under the umbrella program known as the Commercial Vehicle Information Systems Networks (CVISN). The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is promoting this program. The basic goals of CVISN are to standardize and share information between those government agencies that are responsible for the administration and enforcement of Commercial Vehicle regulations in this country. Indiana is well underway with the deployment of this program.



The CVISN program essentially contains three major initiatives:

- 1) An Electronic Screening component that enables enforcement officers to check vehicles for compliance with credential, safety and fuel tax regulations regardless of the inspected vehicle's home state.
- 2) An Electronic Credential Administration component that provides effective strategies for carriers to get their equipment registered and their fuel tax records established. This system provides a common database for registrations and fuel tax apportionment for Interstate regulations. The system also provides effective procedures for carriers to acquire necessary permits and Indiana licensing and other intrastate regulations.
- 3) A Safety Information and Safety Exchange Network component that links Indiana to the other states in the nation and enables the storage and retrieval of inspection histories as well as carrier safety records. This includes a history of periods when a carrier may have been taken out of service for serious non-compliance with regulations. The system also provides "translation" tools that enable a state to submit this information to the new standardized databases using data acquired from existing local databases without the need to make major changes to the local systems. This component of the CVISN system also includes a very sophisticated process for scheduling on-site compliance reviews to target those carriers who are most likely to have serious safety, taxing or credential problems.

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