

The First  
Day Of  
Spring



# The Dashboard

## MARCH



Below are the latest CSA scores. 2014 is a start of a new trend for Phoenix as we work very hard to continue to lower our Hours of Service Score. The latest update has moved us from 80.9% to 79.2%. As everyone is aware we have now gone 73 days without an HOS violation. This milestone must continue as well as receiving clean roadside inspections. We are now into March and this has to be another Target Zero Month for Hours of Service violations resulting in a Target Zero 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

***“March is a Target Zero Month for HOS violations.”***

**DRIVERS TAKE THEIR MANDATORY 30 MINUTE BREAK AND KEEP LOGBOOK CURRENT!!!!**

**The latest CSA scores:**

Category	Threshold	Phoenix Goal	January	February	
Unsafe Driving	65%	30%	36.4%	41.1%	↑
Hours of Service Compliance	65%	55%	80.9%	79.2%	↓
Driver Fitness	80%	0%	56.6%	57.3%	↑
Drugs/Alcohol	80%	0%	0%	0%	Same
Vehicle Maintenance	80%	30%	16.8%	15.4%	↓
Hazardous Material Compliance	80%	30%	Inconclusive	Inconclusive	Same
Crash Indicator	65%	30%	17.9%	18.4%	↑

**Last 5 Unsafe Driving Violations**

- 2/10/2014-Ricky Willoughby, speeding 6 to 10 mph over the limit (12 CSA Points)
- 1/16/2014-Mark Whitney-using a hand held telephone while operating a CMV (30 CSA points)
- 12/19/2013—Michael Adams, following too close. (15 CSA points)
- 11/13/2013—Phillip Bryan III, speeding 6-10 mph over the speed limit (12 CSA points)
- 10/24/2013—Chad Conway, speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (21 CSA points)

**Last 5 Hours of Service Violations (NOTE: NO NEW VIOLATIONS SINCE LAST UPDATE)**

- 12/19/2013-Michael Adams, drivers record of duty status (general form/manner) (3 CSA points)
- 12/17/2013—Dwight Lynn, driving beyond 8 hour limit since the end of last off duty (21 CSA points)
- 12/13/2013—Lawrence Mellon, drivers record of duty status not current (15 CSA points)
- 12/4/2013—Rick Faucett—driving beyond 8 hour limit since the end of last off duty or sleeper period (21 CSA points)
- 12/2/2013—Todd May, drivers record of duty status not current (15 CSA points)

**Last 5 Driver Fitness Violations (\*\*Note, no new violations in this category)**

- 7/17/2013-Burce Gibson, driver not in possession of medical certificate (3 CSA points)
- 6/25/2013-Dimitre Dimitrov, driving a c CMV while CDL is suspended for safety-related or unknown reason and outside the driver's license state of issuance. (21 CSA points)
- 1/15/2013-Michael Counts, Operating a CMV without a CDL, Driver lacking physical qualifications. (28 CSA points)
- 01/15/2013-Dennis Troutman, operating a property-carrying vehicle without possessing a valid medical certificate. (2 CSA points)
- 08/11/2012-Mark Whitney, driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a safety-related or unknown reason and in the state of driver's license issuance. (10 CSA points)

**Last 5 Vehicle Maintenance Violations**

- 2/6/2014-no/discharged/unsecured fire extinguisher (6 CSA Points)
- 1/13/2014-Brakes (12 CSA points)
- 01/09/2014-missing mud flaps (3 CSA points)
- 12/5/2013-inoperative required lamps (6 CSA points)
- 11/29/2013-inoperative turn signal (24 CSA points)

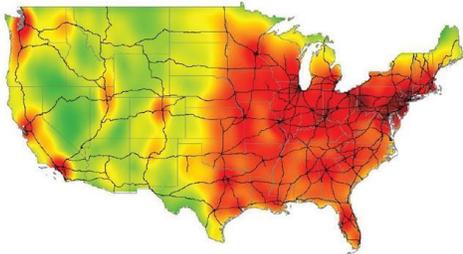
**Last 5 DOT Recordable Crashes**

- 1/25/2014-Stanley Grant-Kentucky
- 12/21/2013-Charles Moore-Ohio
- 10/17/2013-Ronnie Raglin-Indiana
- 05/01/2013-Ben Ash-Indiana
- 02/26/2013-Danny Dunn-Kentucky

***“Be Careful Out There.”***

# 2013 Cargo Thefts Tie Record High, Average Loss Falls

March 05, 2014



The number of cargo thefts in the United States last year remained the same as it was in 2013, tying the highest level on record, according to a newly released report.

The logistics security services provider, FreightWatch International, says even though the number of incidents remained steady at 951, the threat of cargo theft continues to grow in the United States due to increased organization and innovation on the part of cargo thieves. Of the total number of cargo thefts, 72.66% were full-truckload or container thefts and 6.83% were less-than-truckload losses. Deceptive pickups, which increased steadily from 2006 through 2012, reaching a record level of 62 incidents in 2012, dropped slightly in 2013 to 61 or 6.41% of incidents. Facility burglaries saw 2.84% of incidents. Incidents involving violence remained a very low portion of cargo thefts, representing just 1.26% of the total.

The average loss value per theft incident peaked in 2009 at \$554,105. Since then it has been on a steady decline. The average value per incident in 2013 was \$171,146, down 2.4% from 2012 and a new all-time low since the start of FreightWatch data collection.

The significant decrease in average loss value from 2012 to 2013 is largely due to the lack of thefts with losses topping \$1 million. 2013 saw only eight thefts over \$1 million, while there were 13 in 2012, 21 in 2011 and 30 in 2010.

Likely spurred by the release of several next-generation video game consoles, the electronics product type saw the highest average loss value per incident in 2013, at \$413,550. In a close contest for second place, alcohol/tobacco and the clothing/shoes categories came in at \$269,000 and \$286,427, respectively.

For the fourth consecutive year, food/drinks was the product type most often stolen in 2013, accounting for 27% of all cargo theft. Electronics rose from third to second place, logging 14% of thefts, while metals fell from second to tie with home/garden in third with 10% of all thefts each.

In 2013, 76% of all thefts with a known location occurred in unsecured parking areas. The most frequently targeted unsecured parking areas were truck stops with 33% of the total, public parking with 22% and roadsides at 7% of all thefts. Theft from secured parking fell from 17% of known locations in 2012 to 10% in 2013.

While cargo theft broadened in 2012, expanding to new highs in some states with normally low theft levels, 2013 saw cargo theft activity wane again in some of these states. At the same time, six of the top 10 states saw a decrease in the number of thefts over 2012. California, however, saw a sharp 13% increase in thefts from 2012 to 2013 to retain the top spot with 28.77% of total thefts. Texas, having increased by four theft incidents, claimed the number two spot in 2013 with 123 thefts or 13.66% of national thefts. Florida dropped from second place to third in 2013 with 113 incidents, a 13.08% decrease from 2012 totals. New Jersey continued its dramatic slide from 120 thefts in 2011 to 78 in 2012 and only 69 in 2013, a 42.5% drop over two years.

More details are available on the [FreightWatch International website](#).



Stanley Bo Grant

## IN THE KNOW

How long have you been working for Phoenix Transportation? ...6 years 2 mos.  
What do you do at Phoenix Transportation?.....Driver  
What is your favorite music?.....Oldies  
What is your favorite movie?.....American Graffiti  
What is your favorite drink?.....Tea  
If possible, who would you most like to meet whether they are living or not?. ....  
.....God  
What is your favorite car?.....'57 Chevy  
What place would you dream of going to?.....Holy Lands

## Carriers Worried but FMCSA Says It's on Target for Certified Medical Examiners

Starting May 21 all driver medical exams have to be done by an examiner who is certified to the new National Registry standards.

**The requirement was set two years ago to ensure that examiners are trained, tested and certified to a national standard.**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration believes that by May 21 there will be enough examiners certified to handle the work, but trucking interests are not so sure.

"We are concerned," said Rob Abbott, vice president of safety policy at American Trucking Associations.

The agency estimates that it will need about 40,000 certified examiners once the system is fully up and running but only about 20,000 to handle the workload on May 21. That's because medical cards must be renewed every two years, so they don't all have to be done at once.

Right now the agency has about 6,000 examiners who have cleared the certification process and another 16,000 with certifications pending, said Larry Minor, associate administrator for policy and program development at the agency.

FMCSA spokesman Duane DeBruyne confirmed that the agency expects to have 20,000 certified examiners on the rolls by May 21.

"We believe that would be sufficient to handle the drivers needing an exam on that day," he said in an email.

Still, ATA is worried that the agency may be underestimating the number of drivers who will need to renew their medical cards by May 21, Abbott said.

The association also is asking about accessibility to certified examiners.

"FMCSA may get 20,000 examiners signed up in time, but that doesn't ensure that there will be examiners within a reasonable driving distance of each driver," Abbott said.

This issue has been part of the discussion since the National Registry was first proposed in 2008. In the 2012 final rule the agency acknowledged industry concerns and said that 20,000 certified examiners on May 21 would be enough to "ensure reasonably convenient access in all but the most remote areas."

Lack of access might affect only a small number of drivers, given that drivers often are near populated areas where certified examiners can be found, the agency said.

**The agency maintains a map on its Registry website that drivers can use to find nearby certified examiners.**

Abbott said ATA supports the certification program and has offered to help the agency promote examiner training and certification, particularly in areas where coverage may fall short. And the association is pleased that the agency is monitoring the certification process.

"However, if in mid-April it appears an adequate number of examiners will not be certified to participate, we will encourage the agency to delay launch," Abbott said.



Steve Maynard

## IN THE KNOW

How long have you been working for Phoenix Transportation?.....1 year  
What do you do at Phoenix Transportation?.....OTR Van  
What is your favorite music?.....Country  
What is your favorite movie?.....Days of Thunder  
What is your favorite drink?.....Iced Tea  
If possible, who would you most like to meet whether they are living or not?...  
.....My mother  
What is your favorite car?.....'69 Chevy Chevelle  
What place would you dream of going to?.....Bahamas

# March Birthdays

David McIntosh	02
Joseph Barkley	06
John Creech	06
Allen Martin	08
Debbie Farrow	13
Sandy Wiese	18
Kevin Robbins	26
Joe Turner	26
Steven Lail	27
Lloyd Ewell	28
Steven Merritt	29
Jessie Saylor	29
Fred Brock	30
Kenneth Hale	31
Kevin Warren	31



## 2014 Safety Meeting Schedule

Safety Meetings for 2014 will be conducted once a month starting in February. All meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every month in the orientation room. Because there is limited seating in the orientation room there will be a sign up sheet on the orientation door prior to each month's meeting. Everybody should call or check the Friday before the scheduled meeting prior to showing up to ensure the meeting has not been cancelled for unforeseen reasons. No meeting in March!

**The next meeting will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>**

## Monthly Health Tip

### Take a Deep Belly Breath

Do this anywhere, anytime. Push out your bellows and suck air through your nose until your lungs are full. They'll fill with nitric oxide, a chemical found in the back of your nose that opens up blood vessels. The dose of oxygen will make you feel happier and more alert.

This is a great technique for de-stressing.



## NLT John 3:16-17

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.



In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.

~ Mark Twain

Several new employees were hired during the month of February. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

- Paul Stephenson
- Rickey Jackson
- Ron Folmsbee
- William Bohart
- Kaz McKinney
- Lloyd Ewell
- Donald Priddy
- Frankie May
- Aaron Wilson
- Joseph Herrington
- Keith Tanner
- Tim Ferguson

## MARCH DAYS TRIVIA

March 7<sup>th</sup> is National Crown Roast of Pork Day

March 11<sup>th</sup> is Worship of Tools Day

March 13<sup>th</sup> is Popcorn Lover's Day

March 20<sup>th</sup> is Extraterrestrial Abductions Day

Mach 20<sup>th</sup> is National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day

March 30<sup>th</sup> is Take a Walk in the Park Day