

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



LARGE VEHICLE AND BUS TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Date: ONGOING March-July 2017

Time: 4 Hours

Location: Tribal Communities in Arizona

At the invitation of the tribe, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC) will coordinate a Large Vehicle and Bus Traffic Enforcement training with the tribe. ITCA TEC will deliver the 4-hour instruction on how to safely conduct traffic enforcement involving large vehicles and busses to law enforcement.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration “developed the training to provide law enforcement officers, who have a duty and responsibility to enforce traffic laws with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively conduct large truck and bus vehicle stops after observing an illegal and /or unsafe driving behavior.”

The following topics will be emphasized through presentations and videos:

1. Observe—Identify traffic violations associated with large truck and bus crashes
2. Consider—Identify safety considerations that apply before, during and after a vehicle stop
3. Detect—Identify potential indicators of serious vehicle defects or criminal activity
4. Review—Identify the documentation required for processing a large truck or bus vehicle stop
5. Report—Identify the appropriate boxes to check when completing a citation for a large truck or bus

BACKGROUND

According to two analyses of truck tractor crashes during 1997-2006, and 2007-2015, performed by the ITCA TEC, the rates for both **fatal and injury** truck tractor crashes have been higher on tribal lands than statewide in Arizona.

The number of commercial vehicles traveling through Arizona is expected to increase.

Therefore, ITCA TEC is supporting tribes to increase awareness of truck tractor crashes on tribal lands and improve the knowledge and skills of law enforcement to safely conduct vehicle stops.

Vision for the Tribal Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Prevention Project

The elimination of all unintentional MVC injuries and fatalities among American Indians, on and off tribal lands, by addressing environmental, behavioral, and political factors that influence these events.

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