



# BI-STATE NEWS

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## President's Message

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NJ Assemblyman Bob Auth and Assemblyman Jamel Holley showed their support for the Port Community.

Each year, our Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon provides a unique opportunity to recognize the dedicated service that exists in all facets of the intermodal industry. On September 17th, we gathered once again to honor a diverse group of hard-working members of the transportation community, each a valuable contributor to the port's success. (For a recap and photos from our event, see pages 2-3.

The generosity and strong attendance from our Port Community speaks volumes about the commitment to positive progress and growth that we all share. In the year ahead, let us pledge to continue working together towards our common goal: the continued success of the Port of NY & NJ.

—Jeff Bader, President  
 Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers

## DOL Revises Regulations Despite Strong Opposition

The Department of Labor announced that, effective September 17, 2018, it will no longer use the 20-factor test for determining an exemption to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) for an independent contractor, despite strong opposition expressed by the Bi-State, its members, and other stakeholders at the Port of NY & NJ.

The Bi-State is actively working on solutions to mitigate the potentially-negative impacts of this change for our industry, and will provide additional information to our members via email. Please contact our Executive Director Dick Jones at [dj@thebistate.com](mailto:dj@thebistate.com) if you wish to be added to his distribution list.

## CVSA Releases Results of Operation Safe Driver Week

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) recently announced the results of Operation Safe Driver Week, held July 15-21, 2018. Officers issued 57,405 citations and 87,907 warnings to drivers throughout the week. This safe driving enforcement and awareness campaign aims to call attention to driver behaviors, the main cause of crashes, and combat those behaviors through heightened traffic safety enforcement and educational outreach. 2018 Commercial Vehicle Results: a total of 42,144 CMV contacts were made, with 10,709 citations and 29,908 warnings issued. The top five citations issued to CMV drivers:

- State/Local Laws – 6,008 citations
- Speeding – 1,908 citations
- Failing to use a seat belt while operating a CMV – 1,169 citations
- Failure to obey a traffic control device – 754 citations
- Using a handheld phone – 262 citations



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## 2018 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers held its annual Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon on September 17 at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ. Over 200 Bi-State members and transportation industry representatives were on hand to support our organization. This year's recipients:

The **2018 Malcom McLean Award** was given to **FMCSA Administrator Raymond P. Martinez**, in recognition of his strong leadership and career-long dedication to maximizing safety on our roadways.

**District 20 Assemblywoman Annette Quijano** received the **2018 Chairman's Award**, for her ongoing support of the intermodal trucking industry and service to the community.



Administrator Martinez accepting the McLean Award



Assemblywoman Quijano accepting the Chairman's Award

The **William F. Fallon Memorial Award** was presented to **Maher Terminals**, chosen as the Most Outstanding On-Pier Intermodal Terminal in the Port of New York & New Jersey.

The **Port Community Partnership Award** was given to **Global Container Terminal-Bayonne** in recognition of their outstanding communication and collaboration with the port community over the past year.

For the third year in a row, the Award for **Best Overall Chassis Provider in the Port of New York & New Jersey** was presented to **TRAC Intermodal, Inc.** The **Chairman's Service Award** was given to **Keith Lovetro**,

recently retired CEO of TRAC Intermodal, recognizing his 38-year career in the transportation industry.

The **Dick Jones Award for Outstanding Assistance and Customer Service** was awarded to: **Giovanni Antonuccio** of APM Terminals, **Toni Simonetti** of Maher Terminals, **Mike Verney** of Global Container Terminals-Bayonne; **Carlo Sixon** of Global Container Terminals-NY; **Jim Bowe** of **TRAC Intermodal**, and **Melissa Poole** of Port Newark Container Terminal. *For more photos, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BiStateMC/>*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2019 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon**  
**Monday, September 9, 2019**



### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2018 GOLD SPONSORS





# 2018 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon



## FMCSA Extends Comment Period on Hours of Service: Deadline Oct. 10th

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended the public comment period on revising four specific areas of current hours-of-service (HOS) regulations, which limit the operating hours of commercial truck drivers. **Comments will be accepted until October 10, 2018.**

The four specific areas under consideration for revision are:

- Expanding the current 100 air-mile "short-haul" exemption from 12 hours on-duty to 14 hours on-duty, in order to be consistent with the rules for long-haul truck drivers;
- Extending the current 14-hour on-duty limitation by up to two hours when a truck driver encounters adverse driving conditions;
- Revising the current mandatory 30-minute break for truck drivers after 8-hours of continuous driving; and
- Reinstating the option for splitting up the required 10-hour off-duty rest break for drivers operating trucks that are equipped with a sleeper-berth compartment.

In addition, the ANPRM seeks public comment and relevant data on two recently submitted petitions requesting regulatory relief from HOS rules (1) pertaining to the 14-hour on-duty limitation (filed by the Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association) and (2) pertaining to the 10-hour off-duty requirement (filed by TruckerNation). **For more information on how to submit comments, [CLICK HERE](#).**

## Marquis Hosts 11th Annual Safety & Compliance Seminar

Marquis Agency Transportation Practice will host its 11th Annual Motor Carrier Safety & Compliance Seminar on Friday, October 26th from 10am-2pm at The Ramada Plaza, 160 Frontage Road in Newark.

This complimentary seminar features presentations by experts throughout the transportation industry. This year's speakers are: John Cheruka, President, Commercial Vehicle Safety & Accident Specialists; Douglas B. Marcello, Founding Partner, Marcello & Kivisto, LLC; and Chris Rotondo, Division Administrator, USDOT FMCSA. Complimentary coffee, light refreshments, and lunch will be provided for all attendees.



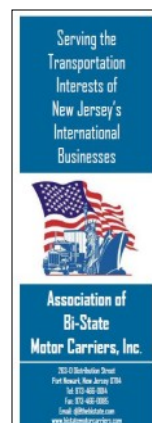
**The deadline to register is October 19th.** For more information or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Join us for our next  
**General Member Meeting**  
**Tuesday October 9th @ 1000 hours**

**NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium**  
**1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

*Not a Bi-State Member Yet?*  
Visit our [website](#) for info on the [Benefits of Membership](#) and a [Membership Application](#).

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### DATES TO REMEMBER



Oct. 4	ECHH TLD Breakfast
Oct. 9	General Member Meeting
Oct. 8	Columbus Day
Oct. 31	Halloween
Oct. 26	<a href="#">Safety &amp; Compliance Seminar</a>
Nov. 4	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 12	Veteran's Day (Observed)
Nov. 13	General Member Meeting