Extreme Weather Events
And Commercial Motor Vehicles in Missouri
Communication
The key to success

• Does your state and DOT have an emergency operation center (EOC)?

• Statewide calls every 4-6 hours including:
  • Maintenance
  • Traffic
  • Information System
  • General Services
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- Motor Carrier Services
- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Meridian Weather Service
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- Time is critical – Commercial Motor Vehicle drivers need to know at least 2-4 hours in advance
- Information must be accurate
- Coordination with roadside enforcement
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Must use a variety of channels:
- E-updates
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Sirius Radio
- Traveler Information Map
- Pick up the phone
- Missouri Trucking Association
- Specialized Carrier & Rigging Association
Extreme Weather

Unplanned event – tornado, hurricane, ice storm...
  • Get the lights on!

Expectation of Extreme Weather – flooding, snow...
  • Working with Commercial Motor Vehicles
Get the lights on!

- Emergency relief
- Utility companies
- Need to get CMVs to the extreme event
Identify who in your state is responsible for:

- Hours of service (HOS) (FMCSA Regulations)
- International Registration Plan (IRP) – licensing
- International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
- Oversize/Overweight Permitting

How can you contact them 24/7?
Plan Ahead

• How will you communicate directly with those providing emergency relief?

• How will your state waive the HOS (utility companies are exempt, but contractors are not), IRP, IFTA and OSOW requirements?
It’s snowing/raining... ALOT

• DOT’s need to clear the roads
• Our customers still need bread and milk at the grocery store
• We all want to go home safely to our families
Working together

• If CMVs need off the highways, where do they go and how do they get there?

• Are you communicating early enough?
Working together

Closures

• Do you have an acceptable detour that can accommodate CMVs?

• If you have to close a highway, i.e. flooding or even an accident that may last several hours, do you know who travels in that corridor?

• Did you communicate early enough?
Extreme Weather

- Plan ahead
- Communicate

Everyone goes home safely!