



*Hadwick Truck Insurance, LLC*

TRUCK INSURANCE SPECIALISTS

# INSIDE COVERAGE

## WINTER 2006

### SSRS ENDS IN '06, UCRS LAUNCH DELAYED

Carriers won't pay fees into the Single State Registration System next year. Congress adjourned this month without extending it, so the system will be repealed Jan. 1, as it was scheduled to be under federal law. The new Unified Carrier Registration System will not be ready in January, but states will be able to collect fees under it once it is in place, according to information distributed by the American Trucking Associations.

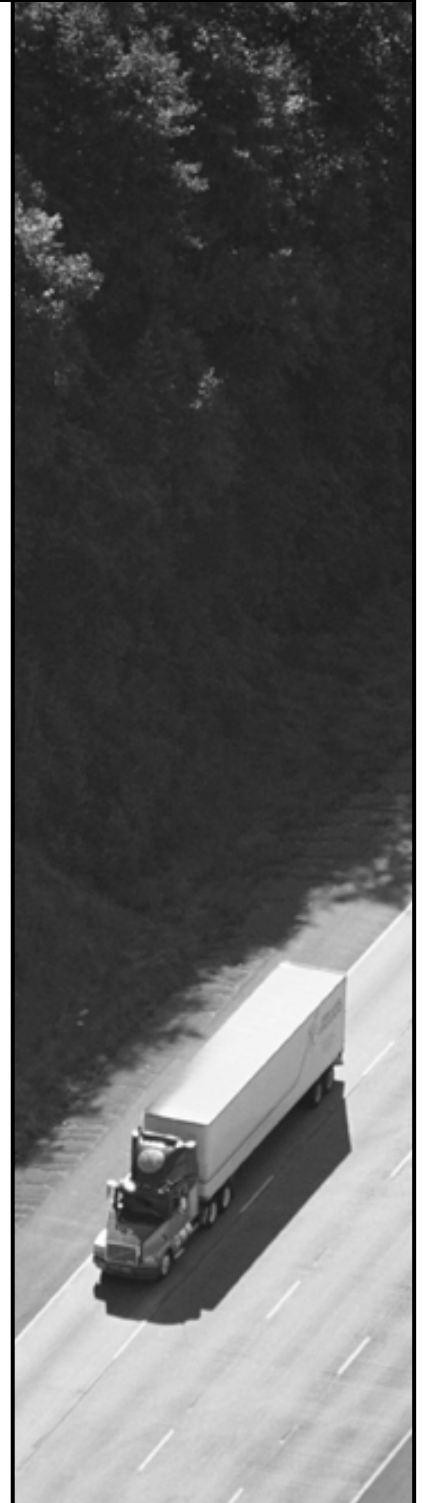
Bob Pitcher, vice president of state laws for the ATA, said many states had used SSRS money for matching funds, but some had put it into the general fund. Under the UCRS, states must use the amount gathered for highway safety or enforcement. The UCRA was established in the long-term federal highway reauthorization, passed in 2005, according to information distributed by the UCRA board.

Under SSRS, only regulated for-hire motor carriers had been covered. But the UCRA requires all motor carriers to register with the U.S. Department of Transportation including private, for-hire and exempt carriers, as well as brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies.

For motor carriers, the UCRA fees are based only on the total number of commercial motor vehicles operated.

Purely intrastate motor carriers are not subject to UCRA. However, they must pay UCRA fees if a state participating in UCRA elects to extend the requirements of UCRA to its intrastate carrier population.

Carriers, freight forwarders, leasing companies, and brokers based in Canada or Mexico that operate in U.S. interstate or international commerce are subject to the UCRA. ## Source: Jill Dunn, e-trucker.com



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### COMPANY OFFERS FREE TRAINING TO CUSTOMERS...

GREAT WEST CASUALTY CO is offering this free training in February to all Chadwick Truck Insurance customers.

#### Free Safety Seminar

February 2, 2007  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
(lunch on own)  
Red Lion Hotel  
2525 N. 20th Avenue  
Pasco WA.

#### Topics:

- Drivers Qualification Files
- Hours of Service
- Drug & Alcohol Testing Requirements
- Accident Reporting
- Maintenance Record Keeping
- VDD-to-GO Safety Program
- Negligent Training
- Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Training

#### Instructors:

- Kevin Skow, CDS, ARM, GWC Safety Manager Western Region
- Jack Morris, CDS Safety Service Representative.

**Please RSVP by  
January 16, 2007  
to: Carol Elshaug at  
(509) 452-6506  
or Ellen Cooper  
at 1-800-628-4416**

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### Value-Driven Driving To Go...

And if you are a GREAT WEST CASUALTY CO client, the company will provide you with a free self-study program to allow your drivers, dispatch and management the opportunity to develop their own safe techniques. This program is available to you on CD or DVD and includes Question and Answer program sessions. Becoming part of the process will help you and your employees better understand what is being discussed and how to apply the concepts and ideas to your own driving techniques.

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#### "SMART TRUCKER"

**There was a man driving down the road behind an 18 wheeler, at every stoplight the trucker would get out of the cab, run back and bang on the trailer door. After seeing this at several intersections in a row the motorist followed him until he pulled into a parking lot.**

**When they both had come to a stop the truck driver once again jumped out and started banging on the trailer door. The motorist went up to him and said, "I don't mean to be nosey but why do you keep banging on that door?" (continued on next page)**

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### JOHNSON SETTLES IN...



**Jacob Johnson, A.E.**

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Since **Jacob Johnson** joined the Chadwick staff in July of 2006, he's settled in quite well. Jacob has made many friends in the trucking business and he is very comfortable working with the various transportation markets. It turned out to be a great decision when he decided to move over from Conover Insurance's commercial lines division.

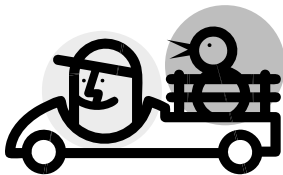
- Name: Jacob Johnson
- Title: Account Executive
- Since: July 2006
- Education: Bachelor of arts degree from WSU. Jacob attended high school in Toppenish
- Jacob is fluent in English and Spanish.

*Note: Jacob is getting married soon so any business you can send his way will be greatly appreciated. ~ Ed*

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To which the trucker replied...

"Sorry, can't talk now, I have 20 tons of canaries and a 10 ton limit, I have to keep half of them in the air all the time!"



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### LOAD SECUREMENT REMINDER—From the WSP Commercial Vehicle Division

- PREVENTING ESCAPE OF LOAD - All loads and any required covering must be secured. All vehicles loaded with dirt, sand, or gravel which do not maintain at least six (6) inches of freeboard must have a secured cover.
- Any vehicle with deposits of mud, rock, or other debris on the vehicle's body, fenders, frame, undercarriage, wheels, or tires shall be cleaned of such material before the operation of the vehicle on a paved public highway. A broom and shovel should be carried in the truck to accomplish this cleaning.
- If the load is a type of material that will be blown from the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion, then that type of load shall be covered to prevent this from occurring.
- The six (6) inches of freeboard shall be maintained, if the load is not covered, after the load has had an opportunity to settle. See RCW 46.61.655
- For additional load and product specific load information click on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Cargo Securement Rules link.



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### **PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVING**

It's that time of year when driving can be downright treacherous. While most drivers carry an emergency kit, there may be some items you haven't thought about. Check the list and make sure you are prepared in case of an emergency:

- An accident response procedure form
- Flashlights, flares or other traffic warning/ directing devices
- Spare batteries and bulbs
- Orange reflective vest
- Traffic wands
- Flash or digital camera with at least 27 pictures
- Paper and pencil/pen
- Contact information/statement cards for witnesses and/or others in the crash
- Tape measure
- Emergency phone numbers (dispatch, safety, insurance)
- Knife
- Crowbar or hammer
- Marking pencil
- First aid kit (for minor injuries: Band-Aids, gauze, disinfectant, tape, scissors, salve)

**Have a Safe & Happy New Year!**