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A Weekly Safety Newsletter For Medical Transport Professionals

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Facts Employers Must Know

NETS, the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, published the following compilation of information.



1. In 2005, there were 6,159,000 police-reported motor vehicle crashes, causing 43,443 deaths and 2,699,000 injuries, an average of 17,000 crashes and 119 deaths a day.
2. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people from 3 to 33 years of age.
3. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of occupational fatalities in the U.S.
4. A typical US driver who travels 12,000 to 15,000 miles annually has a 1 in 15 chance of being in a crash. How many miles does your fleet travel?
5. The most dangerous part of the day for any employee is spent in a vehicle: time which a crash can occur every 5 seconds, property damage every 7 seconds, an injury every 10 seconds, and a fatality every 12 minutes.
6. 41% of household vehicle miles are driven to and from work (27%) and on work-related businesses (14%)
7. In 2000, crashes cost employers \$60 billion and 3 million lost workdays. Two thirds of the crashes were on-the-job (\$40 billion) and the remaining third (\$20 billion) were off-the-job crashes for employees and benefit-eligible dependents
8. Job crashes cost an employer an average of \$16,500 when nobody gets hurt. A non-fatal injury averages \$73,750 and a fatality averages \$504,408.
9. It is estimated that 90% of crashes are caused by human error, a result of human behavior. Past behavior is predictive of future behavior. An analysis of past driving behavior must be part of your employee selection process. Acceptable driving behaviors should be included in the orientation process. There must also be systems in place that monitor, document and correct driving behaviors.
10. The failure of professional Medical Transportation providers to have a strong driver safety program puts them at risk for potentially staggering financial exposure. Would you like to defend a fatality in which your driver received, a citation for unsafe driving or was charged with vehicular homicide?

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