What caused us to create Minimum Fleet Safety Standards?

- 2005 Large Loss
- Out of State (no tort cap)
- Resulted in Fatalities
- Risk Management Advisory Committee requested a task force be formed to examine auto fleet safety on a statewide basis
Why are we updating the minimum standards?

1. Crash Frequency
2. Medical Costs
3. Property Costs
4. Insurance Rates

Crash Frequency

a) More vehicles - More Crashes

Increased traffic: the number of miles driven is at an all-time high, up 3.3% year-over-year in the first half of 2016.

~ Federal Highway Administration
Each year in Minnesota, distracted or inattentive driving is a factor in one in four crashes, resulting in at least 70 deaths and 350 serious injuries.

- MN Office of Traffic Safety

c) Skilled Drivers with clean driving records are harder to find. Employers are lowering standards.
**Medical Costs**

Medical inflation soaring 1.5 times faster than general inflation

- Bureau of Labor Statistics

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**Property Costs**

The cost of repairing minor front-end damage to a 2016 entry-level sedan was nearly twice as high as fixing the same 2014 model, largely because of the use of more sensors and other new technology.

- Liberty Mutual Study
Insurance Rates

We have good rates now. Let’s keep it that way.

Minimum Fleet Safety Standards

WHAT’S NOT CHANGING?

- MVR checks required for all drivers to evaluate their licensing status and citation history.
- All drivers must complete the “Defensive Driving” training course before they can drive. A refresher course must be completed at least every 3 years thereafter.
- High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV’s)
  - 10 or more occupants, driver must have CDL or equivalent training
  - cannot pull trailers or load the roof
  - no 15 passenger vehicles

- available on RMD’s website
USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

WHAT'S IS CHANGING?

Not allowed while driving:
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's)
- Pocket PC's
- Mp3 players and iPods
- Laptop Computers
- Video Players

Allowed while driving:
- Navigation System if programmed before trip, not during
- Phones* hands-free vs. ban
- No email, internet, or texting

TRAILER TOWING

All Agencies will:
- Have a Trailer Towing section in their policy
- Provide training to employees that need to tow
- Equip all vehicles with labels
- Limit towing to approved cargo, vehicles, hitch, etc.
CRASH REVIEW BOARD
All Agencies will create one

WHAT’S IS CHANGING?

Responsibilities Include:
- Determining the cause of the crash.
- Was the crash preventable?
- Was there a mechanical problem?
- Was the employee adequately trained and supervised?
- Were agency policies and procedures followed?
- Take action to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please Remember:
- Review/Update your current policy
- These are minimum standards
- RMD is here to help!

THANK YOU!!