



UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Assignment Report

Motor Carrier Safety

Upload? Yes No - Reason for Not Uploading: Intrastate

1. Investigator(s): Rick Smith 2. Assignment No.: 112134

3. Current Date: 6/25/2013 4. Date of Activity: 6/21/2013

5. Carrier Name: JJ Limousine Services Inc.

6. Permit: Pending 7. New Entrant date of authority: _____

8. MOTCAR No.: _____ 9. Carrier is: Intrastate Only
 Interstate Only
 Intra and Interstate

10. Industry Code: 232

11. USDOT No.: 2060747 12. MC No.: 000000

13. **Destination Check**

Copy of the Destination Check Safety Plan is attached.

- Number of Buses/Motor Coaches inspected: 7-15 passenger _____ 16+ passenger _____
- Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 3 _____ Level 5 _____
- Any special emphasis placed on the destination check Yes No
- Describe Special Emphasis _____
- What might we do differently to increase our success at the next destination check:

14. **Safety Complaint**

Attach a copy of the Individual Safety Complaint Plan.

- What activity did staff complete for this safety complaint:
 - Compliance review
 - Technical assistance
 - Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____
 - Unannounced terminal visit
 - Other (please explain): _____

15. **New Entrant – Charter, Auto Transportation**

- Is this carrier referred by FMCSA, operating intra and interstate: Yes No
- Is this carrier based in another state, requesting intrastate authority: Yes No
- Is this carrier based in Washington, requesting intrastate authority: Yes No

16. **New Entrant– HHG**

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|--|------------------------------|---|
| ▪ Is this carrier referred by FMCSA, operating intra and interstate: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ▪ Is this carrier based in another state, requesting intrastate authority: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ▪ Is this carrier based in Washington, requesting intrastate authority: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ▪ Did staff complete the following: | | |
| ♦ Inspect all vehicles between three and eighteen months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____ | | |
| ♦ Conduct a SI/SA between three and eighteen months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> SI <input type="checkbox"/> SA |
| ♦ Conduct technical assistance within three months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

17. **CSA Investigation**

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|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Investigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Investigation |
| Basic is for: <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> HHG Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Carrier |
| Basic Threshold Percentile is; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe Driving _____% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigued Driving (HOS) _____% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crash _____% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Fitness _____% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Alcohol _____% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Maintenance _____% |

18. **Individual Safety Plan Only:**

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| What activity did staff complete for this safety complaint? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of the Individual Carrier Safety Plan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Investigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unannounced terminal visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): _____ |

19. **Safety Investigation:**

Safety Audit:

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| ▪ SI Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional |
| ▪ SA Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail |
| ▪ Number of vehicles operated: _____ |
| ▪ Number of drivers operated: _____ |
| ▪ Total miles for prior year: _____ |
| ▪ Recordable accidents for prior year: _____ |
| ▪ Accident Ratio: <u> n/a </u> |

20. **Part B Violations:**

| Part | Violations | Part | Violations | Part | Violations |
|--------|------------|------|------------|------|------------|
| 382/40 | | 383 | | 387 | |
| 390 | | 391 | | 392 | |
| 395 | | 396 | | 397 | |
| | | | | | |

21. **Vehicle Inspection Data:**

| | MC | MB 1-15 | MB 16+ | SB 1-8 | SB 9-15 | SB 16+ | VAN 1-8 | VAN 9-15 | TRK | TT | TRA |
|--------------------|----|------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-----|----|-----|
| Inspections | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Defective Vehicles | | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| OOS Vehicles | | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Level | | 5 | | | | | | | | | |

22. **Vehicle Inspection Violations:**

| | MC | MB 1-15 | MB 16+ | SB 1-8 | SB 9-15 | SB 16+ | VAN 1-8 | VAN 9-15 | TRK | TT | TRA |
|------------------------|----|------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|-----|----|-----|
| Brakes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steering | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lights | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tires, wheels, rims | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horn | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Windshield and Wipers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mirrors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency Equip, Exits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coupling Devices | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frame | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suspension | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exhaust | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Comment: | | | | | | | | | | | |

23. **Driver Inspection Violations:**

| Medical Card | Medical Waiver | Hours of Service | Drivers License |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
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| Comment: | | | |

24. Relevant Carrier History: This carrier is requesting intrastate charter-excursion authority and has not had a prior review.

25. Findings: Two buses, a 38 passenger and 22 passenger vehicles for this carrier were offered and fully inspected. Both passed a CVSA level-5 inspection with no safety defects discovered.

This carrier in 2011 filed for authority and received a vehicle inspection. A safety presentation was provided at that time to the company owner and president Jeet Sidhu. The authority and application was later cancelled by UTC.

UTC had since that date received information this carrier was providing for-hire charter services with one of their vehicles involved in a crash. UTC contacted the carrier and advised them of the need to resubmit an authority application. Prior to a personal visit with the carrier on 6/21/2013, I was briefed by a UTC compliance investigator and received information the carrier had been using an internet web site to advertise several vehicles for-hire charter service, yet only two were currently listed in the carrier's new authority application.

I met with company President Jeet Sidhu at the carrier's terminal on 6/21/2013 and showed him the web site advertisement asking for an explanation. Mr. Sidhu said he had in the past outsourced some new business to a person he knew as Victor, but could not recall this Victor's business name. He also leased Victor some of his personal vehicles, but has recently sold these vehicles to unknown buyers. He has also stopped the practice of outsourcing after selling the vehicles showing on the web page. Two limousines are still in his offered business services, but these vehicles are only limousines with no outside advertising showing on the vehicle and holding under 8 passengers. These particular vehicles are regulated by the department of licensing and not UTC.

The vehicles Mr. Sidhu has recently sold; 7 passenger town car, 14 passenger Van, 30 passenger bus, 26 passenger bus, 26 passenger bus, 20 passenger bus, and a 20 passenger bus. He still owns a 14 passenger Lincoln town car as a limousine only. He could not provide more detailed information on each of these vehicles during my visit.

The two vehicles Mr. Sidhu offered for inspection was a 38 passenger 2007 Chevy bus and a 22 passenger 2005 Hummer Bus. Both vehicles received a level 5 CVSA inspection and passed with no defects discovered. Please inspection documents attached with this report.

Providing safety training to Mr. Sidhu, he recalled my earlier training in 2011 and was very knowledgeable and specific while reciting appropriate regulatory law as applied to his business. He currently has employed the service of Alliance One in Bellevue as his drug and alcohol consortium due to the size of his vehicle requiring CDL drivers. Although he did not have his insurance document with him at the bus inspection site a short distance from his office. He told me he had current insurance on file in the amount of \$5,000,000 CSL limit. This is the minimum amount the carrier is required to carry for a vehicle carrying more than 15 passengers.

A UTC safety manual was provided for further study and future reference.


26. Recommended Action:

- No further action.
- Notify the company in writing of the findings by providing a copy of the safety investigation, vehicle inspection report, safety audit or other similar document.
- Require the company to submit a compliance plan in response to the 15-day letter requirement.
- Recheck – Safety Investigation (Date: _____)
- Revisit to recheck a specific issue (Date: _____)
- Send the company a compliance letter. Require a response: Yes No
- Issue administrative penalties in the amount of \$ _____
- Issue a complaint.
- Stop company operations.

27. Is this carrier considered a high risk carrier as a result of this activity?

- Carrier accident ratio is higher than aggregate ratio.
- Carrier had an out-of-service ratio 25% or higher at the last vehicle inspection.
- Carrier had a defect ratio 75% or higher at the last vehicle inspection.
- Carrier received more than one conditional or unsatisfactory safety investigation rating in more than one of the last four safety investigations (or less than four if four are not completed).
- Other (please explain): _____

28. Additional Comments: Carrier is seemingly well managed with appropriately maintained vehicles to provide the passenger services as being requested. I recommend authority be issued.

Investigator's Signature: Richard Smith 

Initial Review By: _____

Reviewer's Recommendation: _____

Final Review By: D Pratt

Reviewer's Recommendation: _____

Agree with recommendations

** OK to issue authority.*

*Mike,
Copy of report to
Tina please. Betty
already has the compliance
file.*

*Thanks
DAVE*

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Date Closed:

01/25/13

By:

Mike Jackson

Company Name:

JJ Limousine

Assignment #:

113134

Staff Assigned:

Smith

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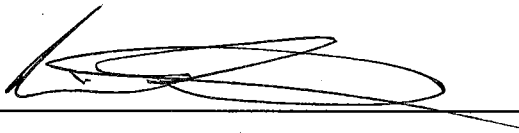
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