



# Assignment Report Motor Carrier Safety

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1. Investigator(s): Alan Dickson 2. Assignment No.: 114027

3. Current Date: 4/11/14 4. Date of Activity: 4/10/2014

5. Carrier Name: Dave's Party Bus LLC

6. Permit: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.: 1974332 12. MC No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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
- Did staff complete the following:
  - ◆ Inspect all vehicles between three and nine months?  Yes  No
  - Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 5 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Conduct a SI/SA between three and nine months?  Yes  No  SI  SA

16.  **New Entrant- HHG**

- 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
- Did staff complete the following:
  - ◆ Inspect all vehicles between three and eighteen months?  Yes  No
  - Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 5 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Conduct a SI/SA between three and eighteen months?  Yes  No  SI  SA
  - ◆ Conduct technical assistance within three months?  Yes  No

17.  **CSA Investigation**

- Full Investigation
- Focused Investigation
- Basic is for:**  Passenger Carrier  HHG Carrier  Solid Waste Carrier
- Basic Threshold Percentile is;**
  - Unsafe Driving \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - Fatigued Driving (HOS) \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - Crash \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - Driver Fitness \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - Drug/Alcohol \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - Vehicle Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ %

18.  **Individual Safety Plan Only:**

What activity did staff complete for this safety complaint?

- Attach a copy of the Individual Carrier Safety Plan.
- Safety Investigation
- Technical assistance
- Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Unannounced terminal visit
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

19.  **Safety Investigation:**

**Safety Audit:**

- SI Rating:  Satisfactory  Unsatisfactory  Conditional
- SA Rating:  Pass  Fail
- Number of vehicles operated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of drivers operated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Total miles for prior year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recordable accidents for prior year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Accident Ratio: \_\_\_\_\_

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								1			
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
Comment:			

**24. Relevant Carrier History:**

This carrier operated under charter certificate CH-63796 until 2011. Owner David Lee ceased operations due to economic hardship and has recently filed charter application TE-132138.

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**25. Findings:**

Inspected at the 15-passenger van on April 10, 2014 at the carrier's principal place of business of 23104 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, WA. The vehicle checked free of defects and a CVSA safety sticker was issued. I provided the safety manual "your guide" and reviewed the requirements with owner David Lee. The vehicle examination report has been uploaded to the MCMIS data FMCSA site via Aspen inspection.

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**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:** I checked the carrier's available records for evidence of operations since his shut down in 2011. I determined it was apparent the company had not been operating. I checked maintenance records and noted one recent repair bill for R & R of fuel system computer modulator that included towing bills and totaled over \$1,000. Mr. Lee stated he had made an unladen trial run with the van after he had reinstated his insurance coverage in late March 2014, and the vehicle had become disabled necessitating the tow and repairs. The vehicle was thoroughly inspected and checked ready for operations during this repair period. He also stated he would have his repair facility perform the vehicle's annual inspection at the first scheduled maintenance.

The driver/vehicle examination report has been uploaded to the MCMIS database via Aspen.  
Forward to licensing services for certificate processing.

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Investigator's Signature: Alan Dickson

Initial Review By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer's Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Final Review By: D Pratt Date: 4/14/14

Reviewer's Recommendation: Close & file.

OK to issue authority.

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Date Closed: 4/14/14 By: Lo Martin

Company Name: Dave's Party Bus

Assignment #: 114027

Staff Assigned: Dickson