



Assignment Report Motor Carrier Safety

Upload? [ ] Yes [X] No - Reason For Not Uploading: New Authority Only

1. Investigator(s): Rick Smith 2. Assignment No.: 112200

3. Current Date: 12/14/12 4. Date of Activity: 12/13/12

5. Carrier Name: KJR Shuttle LLC

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

8. MOTCAR No.: 9. Carrier is: [X] Intrastate Only [ ] Interstate Only [ ] Intra and Interstate

10. Industry Code: 232

11. USDOT No.: 2292847 12. MC No.: None

13. [ ] Destination Check

Form for Destination Check with fields for safety plan, number of buses, inspection levels, and special emphasis.

14. [ ] Safety Complaint

Form for Safety Complaint with fields for individual safety plan, activity, and inspection levels.

15. [X] New Entrant - Charter, Auto Transportation

Form for New Entrant with questions about FMCSA referral, carrier location, and inspection levels.

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	1									
Defective Vehicles	0	0									
OOS Vehicles	0	0									
Level	5	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 is a newly formed company and no prior history is available for this carrier.

**25. Findings:**

This carrier owns one 47 passenger motor coach and one 22 passenger bus. The carrier's owner is Randy Ammerson, who also is owner and chief executive officer (CEO) of A & A Motorcoach in Yakima. Mr. Ammerson has hired an experienced motor coach operations manager, Keegan Bray as his Director of Operations for KJR Shuttle (KJR) to oversee this company's intrastate operation in the Wenatchee area. Journeyman motor coach and bus mechanic Vaughn Warren was hired to fill the role of chief safety manager for both A & A Motorcoach and KJR. Mr. Warren provided a tour of his maintenance facilities and office filing systems. His facility is well maintained and operated to ensure safety to passengers. Mr. Warren is also well versed in regulatory requirements for a commercial motor carrier company and a seasoned motor coach and passenger bus mechanic.

KJR does not have interstate authority, although may at a later time apply for this authority.

After inspecting KJR's two vehicles using level 5 procedures, no defects on either vehicle were discovered. Technical assistance and safety training was provided to Mr. Warren, with an extra amount of discussion time placed on medical certification requirements. Randy Ammerson and Keegan Bray were unable to attend the safety training due to other obligations. Mr. Warren will be the responsible person to ensure drivers are qualified before driving.

The UTC safety manual "Your Guide to Achieving a Satisfactory Safety Record" was provided to the carrier. The UTC and FMCSA web sites were also pointed out as information resource locations.

The carriers insurance policy was found to be valid with a CSL rating of \$5,000,000.00.

This carrier will operate as a charter transporter in and around the Wenatchee areas.

The following hand written inspection documents were used;

1. Level 5. Inspection form # 1313178. CVSA decal # 17971679. 1997 Ford Bus. Unit # 6198. VIN# 1FDLE405XVHB84259. License # A87243R. Registered to KJR Shuttle LLC. No defects discovered. Passed inspection.
2. Level 5. Inspection form # 1313177. CVSA decal # 17971678. 1981 MCI motor coach. Unit 910. VIN # 1M89CM6A4BPD358. License # 02324RP. Registered to KJR Shuttle LLC. No defects were discovered.

Hand written inspections forms were used due to ASPEN not working correctly after a recent update download from FMCSA. After this issue has been resolved, both inspections will be transferred to ASPEN for upload to WSP.

**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 am recommending this carrier for intrastate authority. Close and file.

Investigator's Signature: Richard Smith

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

Reviewer's Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Review By: DPratt Date: 12-20-12

Reviewer's Recommendation:

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**Date Closed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:**     KJR Shuttle LLC    

**Assignment #:**     112200    

**Staff Assigned:**     Rick Smith