



THE IFTA NEWS

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TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **4th Quarter 2007**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is December 3 at midnight.

	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
MA				.2450	.2450	.2450						
NV	.2300		.2300						.2300			

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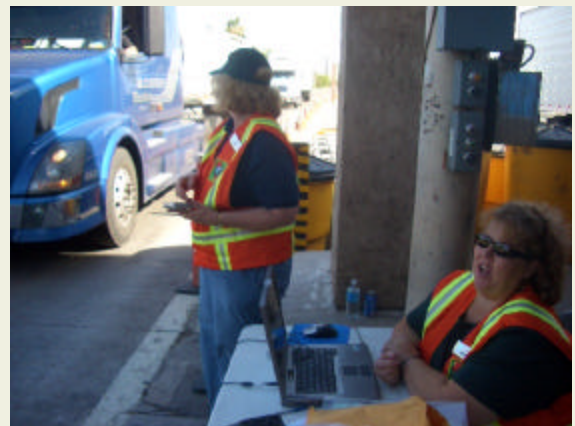
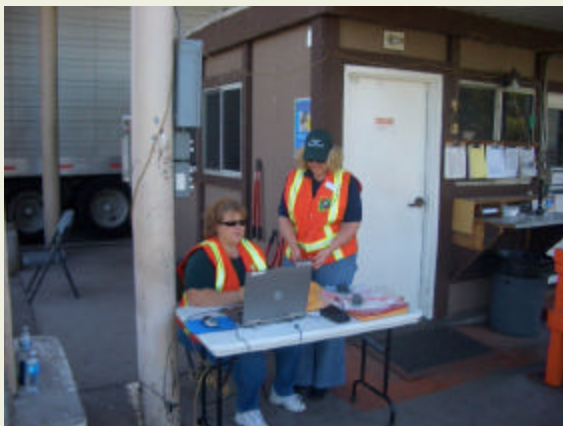
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California BOE Roadside Enforcement

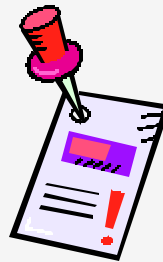
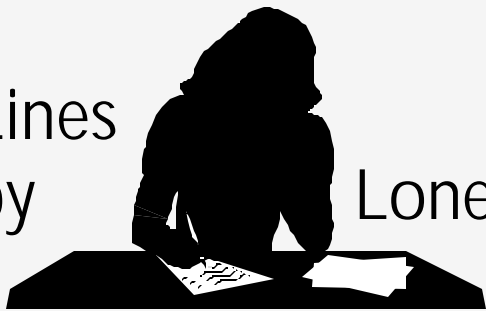
The California IFTA staff conducted a roadside enforcement activity in Blythe (I-10 @ the California/Arizona border) October 16 through 18, 2007. The activity ran for 72 consecutive hours. Staff used information from California records as well as the IFTA Clearinghouse to bring 151 trucks into compliance with the IFTA. California law allows staff to collect amounts due from the carriers before they proceed. More than \$62,000 in taxes, interest, penalties and trip permit fees were collected. The tax and interest is shared with other jurisdictions through the transmittal process. Unfortunately, four carriers were not able to comply and their trucks were impounded.

California staff had assistance from IFTA, Inc. Executive Director Lonette Turner and Program Director Debbie Meise. Both Lonette and Debbie pitched in to check serial numbers on California IFTA decals. Their efforts contributed to bringing 30 carriers into compliance and the collection of over \$16,000!

At Lonette's suggestion, California staff will be working with Jason DeGraf to develop a download that California can install on its roadside enforcement laptops so staff can check decal numbers from any jurisdiction that uploads the decal information to the Clearinghouse. With the quick click of a few keys on the laptop, staff will be able to determine if the carrier has a valid IFTA license from the base jurisdiction. Carriers found not to be in compliance will be issued a penalty, sold a trip permit, and the base jurisdiction will be notified.



Lines
by Lonette



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees met in Chandler, Arizona on October 25 and 26. All Board and IFTA, Inc. staff members were present. Also attending were Sheila Rowen (TN), Board-member elect, and Mahlon Gragen (ATC Leasing), vice-chair of the Industry Advisory Committee. Garry Hinkley (ME), president, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

The Board approved the minutes from the 2Q07 Board meeting, actions conducted by e-mail during 2Q and 3Q07, conference calls. Those minutes will be posted to the IFTA, Inc. website soon.

The Board reviewed issues that arose at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting. Those issues included excess decal issuance, voting provisions and scheduling the Annual Business Meeting earlier in the week rather than Friday and Saturday. After reviewing the issues the Board determined that no Board action was necessary regarding excess decal issuance. The Board thought this issue was more appropriate for the Audit Committee. Regarding the voting provisions, rather than propose amendments to the Bylaws that would allow votes to be based on the number of jurisdictions present at a meeting rather than the total number of jurisdictions, the Board members will work with the member jurisdictions to discuss attendance and/or proxies prior to each Annual Business Meeting. IFTA, Inc. will attempt to schedule future Annual Business Meetings for mid week.

Jason DeGraf (IFTA, Inc.) and Mr. Hinkley provided an update regarding the Clearinghouse and the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is reviewing another draft of the funds netting calendar. It is also reviewing the IFTA Governing Documents to determine whether proposed amendments should be made to provide for the funds netting process. IFTA, Inc. is working with NLETS to determine standards for providing revoked license and other demographic data to roadside enforcement personnel.

Scott Bryer (NH), Board Liaison to the Audit Committee provided the report regarding its activities. The Committee continues its planning for the 2008 IFTA/IRP Combined Audit Workshop.

Debora Meise (IFTA, Inc.) reported on the Combined IFTA/IRP Review Project. She reported that all approved test reviews had been completed and the committee is awaiting comments from the review of Oregon, completed in September. Once those comments are received, a final report on the test reviews will be presented to the Board at its 1Q08 meeting.

Rena Hussey (VA), Board Liaison to the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) provided the Committee's report. Carmen Martorana (NY), had recently been approved by the Board as a member of the PCRC. At this meeting, the Board approved Donna Thursby (FL), as a representative from the Southeast Region. The PCRC is working on a committee term schedule to be able to better track committee membership and terms. The committee has also revised its new member guide to include instructions on using the secure PCRC message board through the IFTA, Inc. website. They can now use the guide not only for new members but for current members. The Board will encourage other committees to do the same.

Kim Craig (ON), Board Liaison to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) reported that the committee is seeking membership from the Western and Southeast Regions to replace Board member elect Edgar Roberts (NV) and Ms. Rowen. Ms. Craig also reported that the DRC had completed its mock review process by issuing findings in each of the mock cases. The DRC found the mock review process to be very helpful.

Mr. Gragen reported on the activities of the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC). He reviewed the meeting that the IAC held in conjunction with the 2007 Annual Business Meeting. The Committee will continue to review its Charter and provide suggestions to the Board for revisions. Mr. Gragen reported also that so long as a closed session is part of the Audit Workshop agenda, the Board will hear from the industry on that issue. He reported that industry representatives are participating on the agenda at the upcoming 2008 Audit Workshop.

Scott Greenawalt (OK), Board Liaison to the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC), provided that committee's report. The APC recommended and the Board approved Pamela Marshall (KY) as a Southeast Region representative on the committee. The APC continues to work on its Best Practices Guide. The Board will review another draft at its 2Q08 meeting. The APC will also continue its review of the Annual Report as well as the exemption database found on the IFTA, Inc. website.

Julian Fitzgerald (NC), Board Liaison to the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC), reported on that committee's activities. He reported that the LEC thought the Managers/Law Enforcement Workshop was very successful. The LEC plans to meet in March or April of 2008 to begin its planning efforts for the 2008 Workshop as well as other activities. Mr. Fitzgerald presented a draft of the LEC's best practices manual. After the Board's review, he and the other committee liaisons will offer specific suggestions to the LEC for the manual.

Mr. Bryer reported on behalf of the Attorneys Section Steering Committee (ASSC). The Board approved the committee's recommendation of Jay Befort (KS) as chair and Jack Frehafer (PA) as vice chair. At the request of the Board, Mr. Bryer will ask if the ASSC would be interested in reviewing ballot proposals for the sponsors to determine whether the proposed language accurately reflects the stated intent of the ballots. The ASSC had asked for additional time to review its Charter to offer suggested changes. The Board will follow up with the committee regarding this issue.

Mr. Bryer also presented a report on behalf of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC). Mr. Bryer was assisted by Mrs. Meise. They reported that the ITAC had named two subcommittees. One of those, Roadside Enforcement, was working with IFTA, Inc. and NLETS in developing a mechanism to provide license status information to the roadside. The Board approved Elizabeth Devlin (NY) as chair of the ITAC. The Board also approved Heather Davis (NC) and Anthony Hatcher (MD) as members of the committee.

Ms. Craig reported on the activities of the Alternative Fuels Committee (AFC). The AFC completed a survey and reported the results at the Annual Business Meeting. The committee also made a presentation at the Managers/Law Enforcement Seminar. The AFC has developed subcommittees to review the IFTA Governing Documents for potential ballots and to look into the possibility of an alternative fuels database.

Kirk Davenport (TX), gave a report regarding the NAFTA Fuel Tax and Registration Working Group and the opening of the US/Mexico Border. He reported that the Mexican carrier demonstration project continues while Congress determines whether it will prohibit funds to be expended for that purpose.

The Board approved the IFTA decal specifications for 2009. Those specifications will be posted on the secure pages of the IFTA, Inc. website.

Mrs. Meise reviewed the status of the 2007 Ballot proposals, both full track and short track.

The Board then reviewed outstanding items from the Strategic Plan. The Plan will be updated with date and action item status changes.

The Board then reviewed the service measures that are presented annual by the IFTA, Inc. staff. The Board reviews measures concerning the required budget reserves, ballot voting and commenting, meeting attendance, use of the website and clearinghouse, and program compliance issues. For next year, the Board also added a measure to review committee travel.

Lonette Turner (IFTA, Inc.) reviewed the succession plans for the position of the Executive Director required by the Strategic Plan. The plans (immediate and planned succession) had been reviewed by the Board and suggested changes were offered. The changes will be made and sent to the Board prior to the 1Q08 Board meeting. It is anticipated that the plans will be finalized and approved at that meeting.

Ms. Turner also provided the financial report. IFTA, Inc. remains financially strong.

The Board and IFTA, Inc. staff recognized Garry Hinkley (ME) and Kirk Davenport (TX) for their years of service on the Board.

CALIFORNIA BOE ROADSIDE ENFORCEMENT



I wanted to take just a moment to thank Ed King and Doug Shepherd for inviting Debbie and me to participate in California's IFTA enforcement activities in Blythe in October. We often hear concerns from the enforcement community regarding roadside enforcement. Working with the BOE personnel gave us the opportunity to see why those concerns exist.

We started by observing the enforcement activities. The BOE personnel would walk up to the vehicles as they were driving by (some of them not too slowly). The California decal number was read and entered into a database downloaded from the California system. Based on the decal number, it was determined whether the IFTA license was revoked, whether returns were due or whether there was an outstanding accounts receivable due from the carrier. If there was a "hit", the BOE representative approached the vehicle, asked the driver for paperwork and instructed the driver to move the vehicle to another location so that the account could be reviewed more closely. In order to do this, the representative had to cross the lane of traffic coming through the Ag facility.

After observing for a while, Debbie and I began assisting by reading the decal numbers off of the vehicles and entering them into the system. The number of trucks coming through this facility was overwhelming during the 2-day period we were there.

Clearly, there are many safety concerns associated with roadside enforcement regardless of whether it is done at a border crossing (such as in Blythe) or by enforcement officers at a road side. Participating in this enforcement activity also underscored the need for the electronic transmission of information to roadside. It is very encouraging that the Law Enforcement Committee and the Information Technology Advisory Committee are working toward establishing the electronic transmission of information through NLETS to assist those law enforcement personnel that have access to that system.

We also understand the need for additional information to be provided to agencies, such as the BOE, that conduct roadside enforcement activities but are not law enforcement personnel. IFTA, Inc. will continue to work with those jurisdictions now participating in the Clearinghouse to provide additional information as needed.

Thanks to the BOE personnel for being so patient with us and for giving us the opportunity to be part of an IFTA enforcement team.

2008 Jurisdiction Review Dates

Alabama
March 12-14, 2008

Arkansas
January 15-17, 2008

Florida
February 26-28, 2008

Georgia
October 7-9, 2008

Kentucky
August 12-14, 2008

Louisiana
July 21-23, 2008

Mississippi
July 14-16, 2008

North Carolina
June 3-5, 2008

South Carolina
April 29-May 1, 2008

Tennessee
April 8-10, 2008

Virginia
May 20-22, 2008

West Virginia
October 28-30, 2008

Team Member Announcements next month!

IFTA, Inc. 2008 Holiday Schedule (offices closed)

January 1

New Year's Day



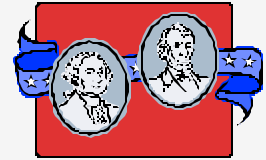
January 21

MLK Day



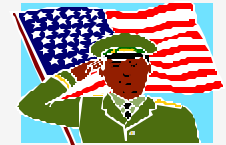
February 18

President's Day



May 26

Memorial Day



July 4

Independence Day



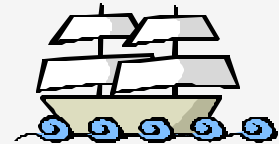
September 1

Labor Day



October 13

Columbus Day



November 11

Veterans Day



November 27-28

Thanksgiving



December 25-26

Christmas Holiday



2008 Canadian National Holidays (offices closed on these dates)

January 1 New Year's Day



March 21 Good Friday



March 24 Easter Monday



May 19 Victoria Day



July 1 Canada Day



August 4 Civic Holiday



September 1 Labour Day



October 13 Thanksgiving Day



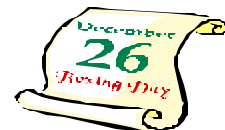
November 11 Remembrance Day



December 25 Christmas



December 26 Boxing Day





UPCOMING MEETINGS

2008

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
January 4-7, 2008
Tempe, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 17-18, 2008
Chandler, Arizona

IRP Board of Directors Meeting
January 24-25, 2008
Amelia Island, Florida

IRP Managers/Supervisors Workshop
March 28-30, 2008
Birmingham, Alabama

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 17-18, 2008
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting
April 18-19, 2008
Tempe, Arizona

AAMVA Board of Directors Meeting
May 2-3, 2008
Arlington, Virginia

IRP Board of Directors Meeting
May 5-6, 2008
Arlington, VA

CCMTA Annual Meeting
May 18-22, 2008
St. Johns, Newfoundland/Labrador

FTA Annual Meeting
June 8-11, 2008
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AAMVA Region II Conference
June 8-12, 2008
Hilton Head Island, So Carolina

FTA Southern Region Motor Fuel Meeting
June 22-24, 2008
Sheperdstown, West Virginia

SEATA
July 13-16, 2008
Williamsburg, Virginia

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 18-19, 2008
New Orleans, Louisiana

AAMVA Region I Conference
July 24-29, 2008
Quebec, Quebec

MSATA
August 17-19, 2008
Madison, Wisconsin

WSATA
September 14-17, 2007
Whitefish, Montana

IFTA Managers Workshop/
Law Enforcement Seminar
September 17-19, 2008
Mesa, Arizona

NESTOA
September 21-24, 2008
Newport, Rhode Island

IRP Annual Meeting
October 2-6, 2008
Kansas City, Missouri

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 23-24, 2008
Chandler, Arizona

2009

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
January 4-8, 2009
Tempe, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 22-23, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 23-24, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 16-17, 2009
Manchester, New Hampshire

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 22-23, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

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