

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 85,160

Permits Issued Year To Date: 60,588

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 9

Does your State offer
Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage
Of permits does your
System issue without
Your review? 32%

New Legislation:
None

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
None

Procedural Changes:

1. Not requiring pre-trip approval (trip logging) on loads that do not exceed 11' wide, 14'6" high, or 110' long. Over-weight loads, and those over these dimensions, still must trip log.

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

1. Analyzing SafetyNet data (State Patrol truck inspections) to identify OSOW permit violations; types of violation, location, severity. Will develop as a planning and training tool for permit staff and State Patrol

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)

1. MnDOT plans to develop a "one-stop CVO Web portal" designed to easily guide a user to the CMV information they seek. The intent is to provide a seamless agency-

neutral site, where information is presented in a manner that does not require the user to know which agency web site to go to for the information they are looking for; whether it is state or federal information.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

Uniformity Pursuits:

1. MnDOT and WisDOT Bridge Ratings Units have been working together in applying consistent bridge weight ratings on our border bridges and use same ratings when issuing permits.
2. Piloting a Permits/Patrol partnership focused on OSOW permit violations. Permit techs team up with weigh scale inspectors to inspect OSOW loads. Training opportunity for both Patrol and Permits staff, improve communications and consistency in enforcement of permit requirements.
3. Starting a research study (Phase 2) to identify opportunities for a unified permitting process between counties and State permitting.

Areas of Concern:

1. Permitting system needs replacement. We have been looking at other state systems as we start discussion on project scope and funding needs.
2. Notification process on construction projects. Working to address with district construction/maintenance to improve communication/coordination.

Successes:

1. Reduction in permit issuance times. >10% improved from 2015.

Other: