Criteria for obtaining Oregon commercial driver license becomes much more difficult

Oregon is tightening the requirements for people who are employed to drive commercial vehicles -- both in obtaining and keeping those driving privileges.

When Congress passed the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, it set new requirements and standards for commercial motor vehicle drivers. States had to comply with these heightened safety regulations by Sept. 30, and the 2005 Oregon Legislature adopted the changes under House Bill 2107.

"With the passage of HB 2107, these changes bring Oregon into compliance with federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (MCSA) safety rules," said Valerie Schoenfeldt, DMV implementation manager. To meet the federal requirements, DMV adopted the following:

*Depending on the number of offenses, commercial drivers can be suspended for one to five years, or even life. These offenses include being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; having a blood alcohol content of 0.04 or greater while operating a commercial motor vehicle; or refusing to take an alcohol test as required under implied consent laws.

*New traffic violations that may result in commercial driver/license (CDL) suspensions include operating a commercial motor vehicle without appropriate driving privileges or operating a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL in the driver's possession.

*A new failure-to-appear or failure-to-comply suspension of an Oregon CDL if ordered by another state when the offense is a traffic violation that would lead to suspension if it occurred in Oregon.

*MCSA can notify DMV that a driver is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle because he or she has been determined to be an imminent hazard.

*Courts are not allowed to offer diversions to keep tickets from appearing on driving records when the person has a CDL or was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time they got the ticket.

For example, a court can no longer authorize an alcohol diversion for DUII, if the person has a CDL or was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time the offense was committed.

*Drivers must now pass school bus skills and knowledge tests to obtain a school bus endorsement.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

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Saturday, Jan. 14

*A "carload of juveniles" had been in front of his residence consuming alcohol, said a man on Draper Valley Road just after 1 a.m., and then they left, driving unsafely.

*After a "very irate and violent" Geoffrey Allen Norris, 27, contacted by phone a woman he wasn't supposed to, he was arrested on a charge of violating a restraining order (ROV) and lodged in Josephine County Jail. Also, Erica Lee Eldred, 22, was cited on a charge of interfering with police.

*Detained in the 4000 block of Happy Camp Road, Damon Lee Hubbs, 19, was cited for lack of an operator's permit; and Warren Lee Hubbs, 41, was cited on a charge of failure to tag a load of firewood.

*On Laurel Road a man said he suspected another person with whom he had fought at a bar overnight to have rammed his front gate with a vehicle, damaging it.

Sunday, Jan. 15

*Following an alcohol-fueled domestic altercation in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 1:23 a.m., a woman said that she did not need an medical attention. Charges of fourth-degree assault, three counts of fourth-degree domestic assault, interfering with a 911 call, probation violation and driving while suspended (DWS) were reported.

*While in Community Oriented Policing (COP) mode, a deputy contacted a group of young people in Downtown Cave Junction at 2:30 a.m. They were advised of the curfew, and told to get to their destination "and stay there."

*Target shooters at a gravel pit on Upper Deer Creek Road may or may not have been using their firearms safely, but a resident nearby wanted a deputy to find out.

*An address sign marking a property on Lakeshore Drive was removed, a man reported.

*Subsequent to a physical altercation on W. River Street at 4 p.m. in which some people allegedly ripped a door off a car in order to get to a person inside, Brandon Joseph Griffin, 27, was served a warrant charging PV (harassment). And he was cited to appear.

*Joshua Jason Bowers, 31, was arrested on a charge of ROV and lodged in county jail.

Monday, Jan. 16

*In the 7000 block of Caves Hwy. a man said that another person continues to divert water from Sucker Creek onto his property, causing damage. The complainant said he would again contact Oregon State Police.

*At the site of a Dec. 13 structure fire on Caves Avenue, a man in a red-flannel shirt was said to be hanging around, apparently trying to gain access to what remains of the residence.

*Taken sometime the night before, a blue-and-white Ford pickup truck with 1/4 tank of fuel was reported stolen at 9 a.m.

*Contacted while parked at a church on Caves Hwy. a man eating lunch was ascertained to be causing no problem.

*Phoning from McMullen Creek Road, a young man said that he had stashed a motorcycle in bushes near Lake Selmac after someone yelled at him for riding it. When he returned for the bike, he said, it was gone. However, when asked to whom the motorcycle belonged, he said, "Never mind, I don't want to make a report."

*When he left a residence on White Schoolhouse Road where he had lived and worked for three years, a man took a miniature bull that he understood had been given him as partial payment. The woman complaining that her bull had been stolen did not believe this to be the case. Both parties were advised to seek legal options through the civil process.

*Continuing problems with tenants on Taurus Lane culminated in reported theft of items including a digital camera, electric drill, and police scanner a man said.

*Attempting to phone a relative in Nevada, she said, a woman on Norman Road accidentally dialed 911 at 10:43 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

*Completely blocking Reeves Creek Road at 12:11 a.m., a "really, really big tree" presented a big problem. County public works was notified and was on scene by 2:15 a.m. to clear the way.

*Phoning from California, a mother was concerned about the welfare of her 35-year-old daughter and her three children, who, when last heard from, said they were staying in O'Brien, were cold, lacked money and were having problems. The information was noted for patrol.

*Ryan James Dutton, 32, was served a warrant charging parole violation and failure to comply on an original charge of menacing after turning himself in to a deputy at the Illinois Valley Substation.

*Telephone service workers on Naue Way apparently caused a 911 hang-up call at 11 a.m.

*Kati Marie Johnston, 19, was served a Coos County warrant charging first-degree theft and lodged in Josephine County Jail.

*A woman in the process of evicting her ex-boyfriend was cornered by him after he broke into her home on S. Kerby Avenue, a neighbor reported. The woman was advised of her options, and was to seek a restraining order.

*Approximately $225 damage was reported at a home under construction on E. River Street where wiring was cut and removed.

*A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 400 block of N. Sawyer Avenue.

*On Holland Loop a soon-to-be evicted tenant complained that her landlord had removed a circuit breaker, cutting power to the residence. The property owner was apparently unaware that this was illegal.

*Animal Control was notified of a dog left in a broken-down and abandoned vehicle parked two days at Caves Christian Fellowship in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Accidentally shifted into gear, a driverless vehicle with three passengers struck the Sportsman Tavern at 5:45 p.m.

*Overheard fighting about possession of a handgun in the Taco Bell drive-through, the three teen-aged occupants of a red Toyota 4-Runner were last seen headed south on Redwood Hwy. toward the California border, a restaurant employee said at 6:30 p.m.

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2	WTBS	(5:15) Movie: ★★★ "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal.			Movie: ★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Action) Mel Gibson. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner.					Movie: ★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney.				Movie: ★★★ "Bad Boys" (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.				Movie: ★★★ "Rush Hour" (1998) Jackie Chan. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case.				Movie: ★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001) Detectives battle a Hong Kong gangster and his henchmen.			
3	FOXFAM	Paid Program	Amazing Facts	Digimon-Digital	X-Men	Spider-Man	Dragon Booster	Get Ed	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.H.	700 Club Special Programming											
4	FOX	Fox News Sunday With Chris Wallace		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Raceline	Steel Dreams	Movie: "A Thousand Acres" (1997) An aging farmer's new will divides his three daughters.				Movie: ★ "Shadow Conspiracy" (1997, Suspense) Charlie Sheen, Donald Sutherland.				Paid Program	Paid Program	Kojak "Wall Street Gunslinger"		Malcolm-Mid.	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	The War at Home
5	KOBI	Mercury	Hawthorne	Today (In Stereo)		Meet the Press		Tutenstein	Time Warp Trio	Bull Riding: Express PBR Classic. Oklahoma City. (In Stereo)				Arena Football: Regional Coverage -- Rattlers at Avengers or Rush at Crush or Storm at Soul						Hawthorne	Mercury	Da Vinci's Inquest		Chris Matthews	NBC News
6	ESPN	Sports-Center	Outside the Lines	Sports Reporters	SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)		PBA Bowling: Hewitt Tax Service Classic. Trussville, Ala. (Live)			Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live)		Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live)		Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live)		Where Are They Now? 1985 Chicago Bears		Sports-Center		NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons. Palace of Auburn Hills. (In Stereo Live)			
7	KSYS	Angelina Ballerina	Jakers!-Winks	George Shrinks	Thomas & Friends	Mustard Pancakes	Dragon-flyTV	Alaska: Silence & Solitude (In Stereo)			Visions of Germany: Along the Rhine (In Stereo)			American Experience President John Adams often sought the advice of his wife, Abigail. (N)				McLaugh-lin Group	Religion-Ethics	BBC World	European Journal	Boomers!-Life	Real Simple	Oregon Art Beat	Field Guide
8	TBN	Jentezen Franklin	Dr. David Jeremiah	Kenneth Hagin Jr.	Pastor Ed Young Sr.	The Coral Ridge Hour		Love Worth Finding		Bishop Evans	It Is Written	Bayless Conley	Paula White	The King Is Coming	Bishop P.	Cornerstone		Rod Parsley	Gregory Dickow	Bishop T.D. Jakes	Joyce Meyer	Michael Youssef	Jack Hayford	Joel Osteen	Taking Authority
9	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Robert Schuller: Hour of Power		Paid Program	Paid Program	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Movie: ★★½ "Falling Down" (1993) A laid-off defense worker is pushed to the breaking point.				Movie: ★★ "Empty Cradle" (1993) A nurse attempts to pass off a stolen baby as her own.				Movie: "Wicked Minds" (2002) Angie Everhart. A young man's affair leads to his father's murder.				Movie: ★½ "Down Will Come Baby" (1999)	
10	KTVL	Paid Program	American Latino TV	CBS News Sunday Morning (In Stereo)			Face the Nation	700 Club Telethon (Live)		College Basketball: Indiana at Minnesota. (Live)				PGA Golf: Buick Invitational -- Final Round. La Jolla, Calif. (Live)							Paid Program	700 Club Telethon (Live)			
11	NICK	Chalk-Zone	Teenage Robot	Rugrats	Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	Oddpar-ents	Cats-cratch	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Last Air	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone	Dad-Rock Star	Cats-cratch	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV
13	KDRV	Rebecca's Garden	Paid Program	The Coral Ridge Hour		Believer's Voice	Van Impe Pres	Good Morning America		NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Cleveland Cavaliers. Quicken Loans Arena. (Live)				NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Houston Rockets. Toyota Center. (Live)						TBA	Hispanics Today	Maximum Exposure		Ernie Kent	Oregon Basket
15	USA	Coach	Coach	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	PGA Tour Sunday		Movie: "In Hell" (2003) Inmates at a Russian prison fight for their warden's amusement.				Monk "Mr. Monk and the Captain's Marriage"		Movie: ★★½ "The Fast and the Furious" (2001, Action) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.				Movie: ★½ "Out for a Kill" (2003, Action) An archaeologist battles Chinese drug smugglers.				Movie: ★½ "Belly of the Beast" (2003)	
17	A&E	Paid Program	Paid Program	Murder, She Wrote		Breakfast With the Arts Phantom of the Opera.				24 "Day 2: 1:00 - 2:00PM" (In Stereo)		24 "Day 2:00 - 3:00PM" (In Stereo)		World Trade Center: Rise and Fall of an American Icon				Hand of Fate: I Missed Flight 93		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Conf. Rollergirl	Find & Design	Sell This House!	Sell This House!
18	HBO	(4:40) Movie:		Movie: ★★½ "Career Opportunities" (1991) 'PG-13'		Inside the NFL (In Stereo)		Real Sports		Movie: ★★ "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'PG-13'		Movie: ★★★ "The Terminal" (2004) A European living in an airport befriends a stewardess.				Movie: ★★ "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'				Movie: "The Addams Family" (1991) A lawyer passes an impostor off as long-lost Uncle Fester.				"Addams Family"	
19	SHOW2	(5:15) Movie: ★★ "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius" (2004)			Movie: ★★ "Who's Harry Crumb?" (1989, Comedy) John Candy.			Movie: "The Big Squeeze" (1996) An angry wife plots to get her share of her mate's cash.				Movie: ★★ "Niagara Niagara" (1997, Drama) Robin Tunney.				Movie: ★★★ "Mermaids" (1990) A teen deals with her first love and an unconventional mom.		Movie: ★★ "Beyond Borders" (2003, Drama) A woman joins a doctor's humanitarian efforts.				Movie: ★★★ "Music From Another Room" (1998) Jude Law.	
21	SHOW	(4:35) Movie: ★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993)		Movie: ★★ "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (2004)			Movie: ★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984) iTV. Ghost fighters battle ghouls in a Manhattan high-rise.				"The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down a Mountain"			Movie: ★★½ "Revenge of the Pink Panther" (1978) Peter Sellers. iTV.				Movie: ★★½ "Life With Mikey" (1993, Comedy) Michael J. Fox.				Movie: ★★ "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (2004, Adventure) Frankie Muniz.				Movie: ★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984)	
22	MAX	(5:00) Movie:		Movie: ★★½ "The Mark of Zorro" (1974, Adventure) Frank Langella.		Movie: ★★½ "Whiteboys" (1999, Comedy) Danny Hoch. 'R'			Movie: ★★ "Fat Albert" (2004, Comedy) Kenan Thompson. 'PG'			Movie: ★½ "Seed of Chucky" (2004, Horror) Jennifer Tilly. 'R'		Movie: ★★½ "Wisegirls" (2002, Crime Drama) Mira Sorvino. 'R'				MAX on Set		Movie: ★★½ "The Edge" (1997) A plane crash strands two rivals in the Alaskan wilderness. 'R'			Movie: ★★ "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004) Jamie Foxx. 'PG-13'		
29	ESPCL	NFL's Great.		NFL's Greatest Game			NFL's Greatest Game Denver Broncos win AFC title.		NFL's Greatest Game Denver Broncos vs. Cleveland Browns.			NFL's Greatest Game Oilers and Bills battle.		NFL's Greatest Game Cowboys and 49ers battle.				NFL's Greatest Game			NFL's Greatest Game Jan. 3, 1999.			Movie: "American Flyers" (1985, Drama)	
30	TRAV	Great Hotels	Passport to Europe	Home Search	Vacation Home	Australia Revealed		Vacation Home	Vacation Home	Flight Attend.	Flight Attend.	Top Ten Bahamas		Bizarre Foods: Asia		Strand-Peters	Strand-Peters	Tribal Life		Tribal Life Land diving.		Tribal Life		Tribal Life	
34	AMC	(5:00) Movie: ★★ "The 300 Spartans" (1962) Richard Egan.			Movie: ★★★ "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne, David Janssen. A cynical anti-war newsman is assigned to a career soldier. 'G'					Movies 101		Sun. Shootout		Movie: ★★★ "Say Anything..." (1989) A high-school graduate yearns for a lovely valedictorian.				Movie: "Dazed and Confused" (1993) Richard Linklater's portrait of aimless '70s-era teens. 'R'			Movie: ★★★ "White Men Can't Jump" (1992) Wesley Snipes. Two basketball hustlers form an unlikely partnership.			
35	TNT	Most Dramatic Police Chases		Movie: ★★★ "Good Morning, Vietnam" (1987, Comedy) Robin Williams. Airman Adrian Cronauer, DJ in 1965 Saigon.					Movie: ★★★ "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington. Submarine officers clash over orders to launch their nukes.					Movie: ★★½ "Legends of the Fall" (1994, Drama) Brad Pitt. The forces of love and war slowly destroy a Montana family.				Movie: ★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.						Movie: ★★★½ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama)	
38	DISN	The Wiggles	Bear in House	The Koala Brothers	Higgly-town	Little Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	W.I.T.C.H. "It Begins"	The Buzz on Maggie	American Drgn	American Drgn	American Drgn	American Drgn	American Drgn	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven
39	SCIFI	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: ★ "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" (2000, Horror) Kim Director, Jeffrey Donovan.				Movie: "Phantom Force" (2004) Soldiers protect humans from the supernatural.				Movie: "The Frighteners" (1996) A psychic hustler encounters a genuine supernatural threat.				Movie: "Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000, Drama) Rudolf Martin.				Movie: "Pumpkinhead II: Blood Wings"	
45	DISC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Seasonal Seas"		Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Coral Seas"		Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Tidal Seas"		Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Coasts"		MythBusters		MythBusters "Confederate Rocket"		Engineering the Impossible Technological advances.				China's Man-Made Marvels	
46	ANPL	The Really Wild Show	Breed All About It	K-9 to 5	Backyard Habitat	The Planet's Funniest Animals		Amazing Animal Videos		The Jeff Corwin Experience		Animal Cops Houston "Survivors"		T-Rex Tyrannosaurus rex.		Walking With Dinosaurs		Buggin' With Ruud "Battlefield Bug" (N)		Chasing Nature "Archerfish"		Animal Precinct "Behind the Badge"		Trail Mix Musical artists and horses. (N)	
47	COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mad TV (In Stereo)	Mad TV (In Stereo)		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
48	CRT	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		Movie: "Bad to the Bone" (1997, Drama) Kristy Swanson, David Chokachi, Jeremy London.				Movie: "Sharon's Secret" (1995) A catatonic teen may be the only clue to a double murder.			