

What is TACT?

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- The Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) program is a high-visibility traffic enforcement program.
- It uses communication, enforcement, evaluation activities, and high-risk corridors to reduce fatalities and injuries from unsafe driving behaviors by passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).

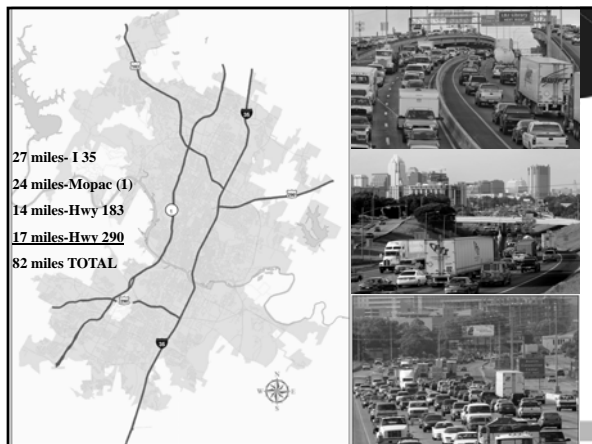
Purpose

- TACT provides a research-based safety model that can be replicated when conducting a high-visibility traffic enforcement program.
 - Washington State
 - Kentucky
 - North Carolina
 - Pennsylvania
 - Georgia
- Austin 1st city to be awarded the Grant.

Challenges to Grant Preparation

Must Haves:

- Project Manager
 - Staffing-Coordinator
 - Grant Writer
 - Fiscal Administrator
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- Austin PD has jurisdiction on the area's high speed roadways

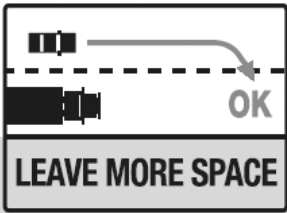


Highway Enforcement Command

- License & Weights
- Hwy Response
- DWI
- Motors
- Vehicular Homicide Investigation
- Zone Responsibilities

Mission

- The mission of the TACT program is to reduce CMV-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.



Strategy

- The TACT program combines outreach, education, and evaluation with targeted enforcement activities to raise awareness among passenger vehicle and CMV drivers about safe driving behaviors.
- Unsafe driving behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

Strategy

- Tailgating,
- Failing to signal lane changes,
- Unsafe lane changes,
- Failing to yield the right of way,
- Speeding, and
- Aggressive driving (a combination of two or more behaviors).

Education And Advertising

- Professional Driver Brochures from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- “Leave More Space” handouts given to all driver contacts.
- Truck wrap to be placed on a truck from the Central Freight Truck Driving School.
- Working with Radio stations to create PSAs.

Education And Advertising

- Three partial bus wraps have been placed on Capitol Metro busses that will be driving in the enforcement corridors.
- Media Coverage – Event “Kick-Off”
- Poster, Banners & Billboards
- TACT Website:
<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/tact/index.htm>

Earned Media Credits

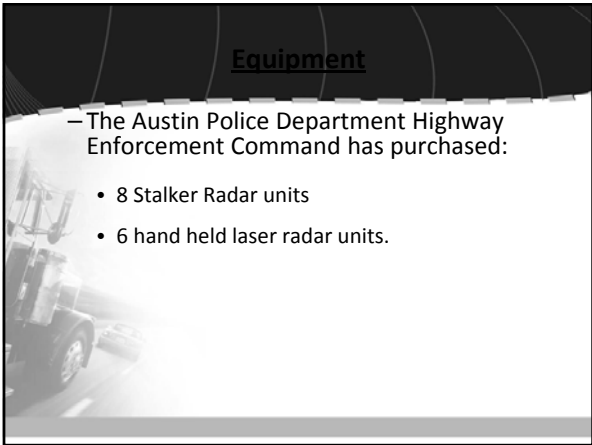
- 07-30-08 MCSAP kickoff press conference
- 10-02-08 Proclamation by City Council
- 11-24-08 1st phase news conference



Equipment

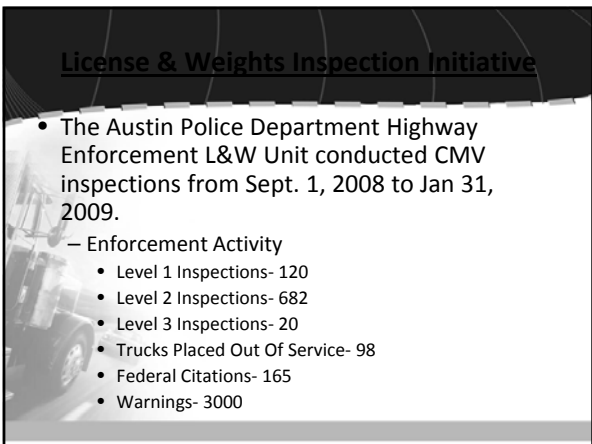
– The Austin Police Department Highway Enforcement Command has purchased:

- 8 Stalker Radar units
- 6 hand held laser radar units.



License & Weights Inspection Initiative

- The Austin Police Department Highway Enforcement L&W Unit conducted CMV inspections from Sept. 1, 2008 to Jan 31, 2009.
- Enforcement Activity
 - Level 1 Inspections- 120
 - Level 2 Inspections- 682
 - Level 3 Inspections- 20
 - Trucks Placed Out Of Service- 98
 - Federal Citations- 165
 - Warnings- 3000



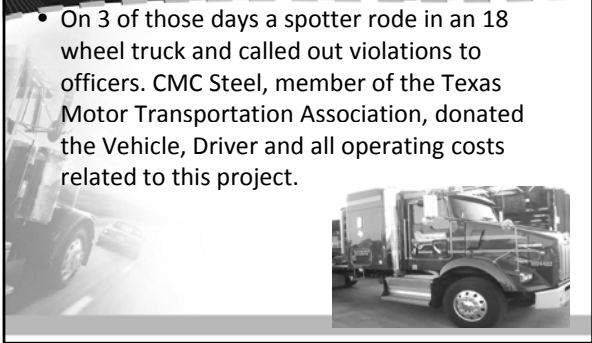
Aggressive Driving Initiative

- Aggressive Driving Initiative that ran from Oct. 6, 2008 to Jan 31, 2009.



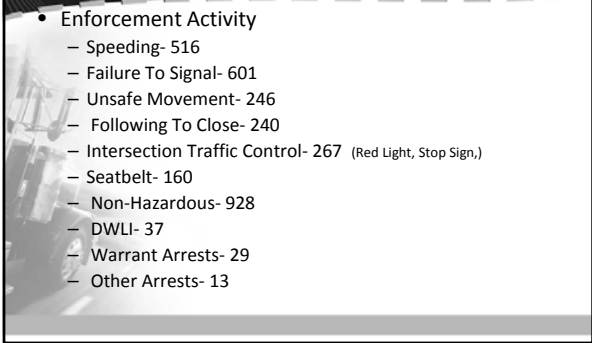
Aggressive Driving Initiative

- On 3 of those days a spotter rode in an 18 wheel truck and called out violations to officers. CMC Steel, member of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, donated the Vehicle, Driver and all operating costs related to this project.



Aggressive Driving Initiative Activity

- Enforcement Activity
 - Speeding- 516
 - Failure To Signal- 601
 - Unsafe Movement- 246
 - Following To Close- 240
 - Intersection Traffic Control- 267 (Red Light, Stop Sign,)
 - Seatbelt- 160
 - Non-Hazardous- 928
 - DWLI- 37
 - Warrant Arrests- 29
 - Other Arrests- 13



CMV Crash History IH 35 Target Area

Injury	9/06 - 1/07	9/07 - 1/08	9/08 - 1/09		% Change '07 - '08	% Change '08 - '09
Fatality	0	0	1			
Serious Injury	0	1	0			
Minor Injury	27	13	6		-52%	-54%
No Injury	41	30	17		-27%	-43%
TOTALS	98	44	24		-35%	-45%

- ### Future Plans
- Additional Enforcement Initiatives
 - Ongoing CMV Inspections
 - Education
 - 2009 -2010

Questions?

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Thanks for your time!

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