

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 MCSAP High Priority Grant.

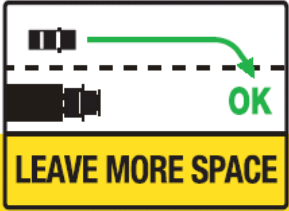


Highway Enforcement Command

- 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.



The diagram illustrates a safe driving scenario on a road. A large truck is in the left lane, and a smaller car is in the right lane. A green arrow points from the truck towards the car, indicating a safe distance. The word 'OK' is written in green next to the arrow. Below the diagram is a yellow sign with the text 'LEAVE MORE SPACE' in black capital letters.

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.

Education And Advertising

- Three partial bus wraps have been placed on Capitol Metro busses that will be driving in the enforcement corridors.
- Education brought to 3000+ High School students in 2009
- Poster, Banners & Billboards
- **TACT Website:** <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/tact/index.htm>

TACT Brochure



LEAVE MORE SPACE FOR TRUCKS

DON'T GET A TICKET
LEAVE MORE SPACE



THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT TACT PROJECT

Ticketing Aggressive Cars & Trucks

Vehicle with more than three lanes, more than the front of it, no matter which vehicle is in front. Then the rest has space to pass if a driver who uses the three vehicles were riding in passenger cars.

Vehicle with more than three lanes, more than the front of it, no matter which vehicle is in front. Then the rest has space to pass if a driver who uses the three vehicles were riding in passenger cars.

What to do to avoid getting a ticket:

- Don't cut off semi-trucks. For safety, you can't change the space to make you have an equal to non-semis.
- Don't tailgate. Leave cars, semi-trucks, and trucks with longer wheel bases a lot more space.
- If you have a truck, you have no time to react and no more space.
- Don't tailgate. Leave cars, semi-trucks, and trucks with longer wheel bases a lot more space.
- Don't tailgate. Leave cars, semi-trucks, and trucks with longer wheel bases a lot more space.
- Don't tailgate. Leave cars, semi-trucks, and trucks with longer wheel bases a lot more space.

For further information, contact the Austin Police Dept. Highway Enforcement Department at 512-475-1111.

**DON'T GET A TICKET
LEAVE MORE SPACE**



License & Weights Inspection Initiative

- The Austin Police Department Highway Enforcement L&W Unit conducted CMV inspections from October 1, 2008 to September 31, 2009.
 - Enforcement Activity
 - Level 1 Inspections- 352
 - Level 2 Inspections- 794
 - Level 3 Inspections- 20
 - Trucks Placed Out Of Service- 159
 - Federal Citations- 567
 - Warnings- 8575

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- 2925
 - Failure To Signal- 2766
 - Unsafe Movement- 1757
 - Following To Close- 866
 - Intersection Traffic Control- 1267 (Red Light, Stop Sign,)
 - Seatbelt- 670
 - Non-Hazardous- 6050
 - DWLI- 180
 - Warrant Arrests- 70
 - Other Arrests- 43

CMV Crash History 5 Target Zones

Crashes	10/07 - 9/08	10/08 - 9/09	% Change '08 - '09
Fatalities	4	5	25%
Serious Injury	6	2	-67%
Minor Injury	180	129	-28%
No Injury	231	158	-32%
TOTALS	421	294	-30%

Total Crash History 5 Target Zones

Crashes	10/07 - 9/08	10/08 - 9/09	% Change '08 - '09
Fatalities	23	25	9%
Serious Injury	36	43	19%
Minor Injury	2663	2462	-8%
No Injury	2923	2691	-8%
TOTALS	5645	5221	-8%

- ### Challenges to Grant Preparation
- Must Haves:
- Project Manager
 - Staffing-Coordinator
 - Grant Writer
 - Fiscal Administrator

Questions?

Cmdr. Stephen Baker
Stephen.Baker@ci.austin.tx.us
 512-974-5564

Thanks for your time!

BE SAFE
