

# Pilot/Escort Operators Certification



Reciprocity Criteria  
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# Objectives



- ❧ Certification
- ❧ Training curriculum
- ❧ Reciprocity between states
- ❧ Suggested criteria for reciprocity

# Certification



- ⌘ Not all states require training of pilot/escort operators
- ⌘ Certification card is provided to students that pass the required training course
- ⌘ Operators must display certification card when escorting loads

# Curriculum



- ✧ Pilot Escort regulations vary from state to state
- ✧ Training materials and curriculum should be general in nature
- ✧ Operators must be aware of laws in state they are traveling.



# Reciprocity Between States



- ❧ Reciprocity between states would be for training curriculum
- ❧ Reciprocity is difficult when assuming all state laws pertaining to escort operators
- ❧ Criteria for acceptance is required

# Suggested Criteria for Reciprocity



❧ Best Practices Guidelines

❧ Position for certain circumstances or locations

❧ What equipment should be carried in the vehicle

❧ Communication between team members

❧ Flagging operations limited to oversize loads

❧ Safe driving practices

❧ What to do during an emergency or accident

# WASHTO Guide



- ❧ Provides minimum requirements a state certification program
  - ❧ Minimum 8-hour class room instruction
  - ❧ Maximum 4-year certification period
  - ❧ Best Practices
  - ❧ Actions during emergency or accident
  - ❧ Vehicle Equipment
  - ❧ Safe maneuvering techniques

# Next Steps



- ✧ Establish the criteria to consider reciprocity
  - ✧ Input from states that require certification
  - ✧ Input from transport industry
  - ✧ Input from pilot/escort industry