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NDAA Awarded Grant to Continue Fight to Reduce Traffic Fatalities and Human Trafficking on Nation's Roadways

ARLINGTON, VA – The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is pleased to announce its National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) has been awarded a FY21 grant through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program – Implementation Grant Program for High Priority/Emerging Issues. With this award, the NTLC will continue its mission to improve the quality of justice in traffic safety adjudications by increasing the awareness of highway safety issues, specifically focusing on the critical importance of enforcing Commercial Driver's License regulations and supporting the implementation of the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) CDL Program.

As part of this, the NTLC will increase awareness of the DOT's single license requirement referred to as the "One Driver-One License-One Record" concept, which stipulates that each driver has only one driving record and one licensing document. The NTLC will continue this education through technical assistance and other legal resources in collaboration with FMCSA, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs) and law enforcement partners in order to save lives on our roadways.

CDL holders have specialized training and exacting standards that must be adhered to in order to maintain safe and legal operation on our Nation's roadways, including licensure requirements. The NTLC has developed numerous education materials to assist these partners in understanding and utilizing the CDL regulations that impact safe operation and licensure. Recently, NTLC created a new training module titled, "Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses", which is designed to educate the field on the Federal "No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act" (NHTRA) signed into law on January 1, 2018. This legislation disqualifies an individual from operating a commercial vehicle if used in the commission of a human trafficking felony.

On the award notification, NTLC's Director Joanne Thomka stated, "We are excited to continue our efforts with FMCSA to hold CDL operators accountable for their actions and behavior behind the wheel. The security and safety of all road users depends on it."

To learn more about NDAA's National Traffic Law Center and our efforts to improve traffic safety and save lives on our roadways, visit <https://ndaa.org/programs/ntlc/>.

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