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DLCA Partners With Highway Safety And U.S. Dept. Of Transportation In Effort To Curb Motor Vehicle Accidents

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The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) and the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) recently concluded a series of meetings to discuss future policy development with members of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DLCA has announced.

The dialogue confirmed that a close partnership will better equip the territory, by raising standards in commercial motor vehicle transport as it affects consumer protection and general compliance, according to the release.

FMCSA was established within the Department of Transportation on January 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (49 U.S.C. 113). Formerly a part of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's primary mission is to prevent commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries.

Activities of the administration contribute to ensuring safety in motor carrier operations through strong enforcement of safety regulations; targeting high-risk carriers and commercial motor vehicle drivers; improving safety information systems and commercial motor vehicle technologies; strengthening commercial motor vehicle equipment and operating standards; and increasing safety awareness.

To accomplish these activities, the administration works with federal, state, and local enforcement agencies, the motor carrier industry, labor and safety interest groups, and others. Some special activities and programs offered by the FMCSA are:

- Commercial Drivers' Licenses
- Data and Analysis
- Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement
- Research and Technology
- Safety Assistance

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Feature Image: A Rav 4 overturned during an accident at the Sion Farm stoplights in January, 2015. (Credit: Ernice Gilbert, VIC)