



Fatigue Management Program Template

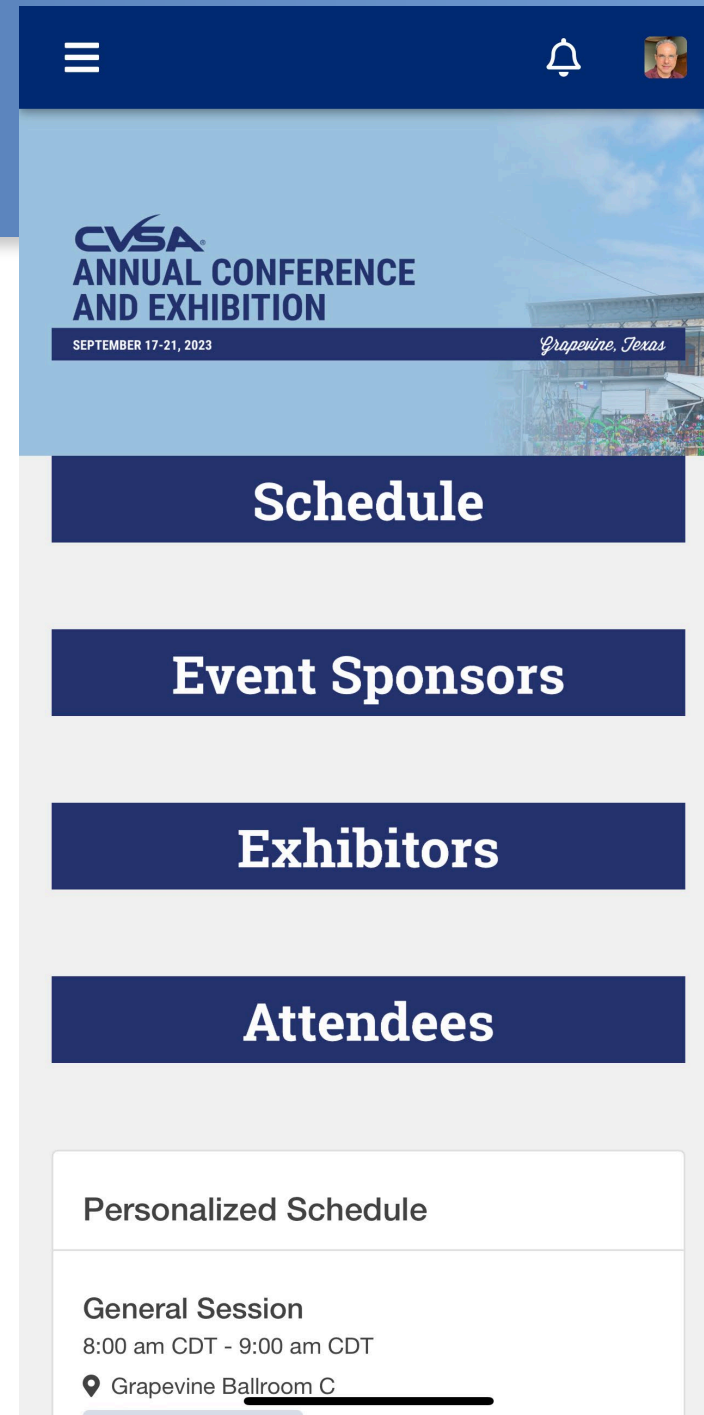
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1. NTSB Investigation of Fatigue Crash
2. NAFMP
3. FMP Template
 1. Terms of Reference
 2. Safety Culture
 - 15 min Break -----
 3. Fatigue Risk Management System
 4. Timeline
4. Next Steps
5. Questions & Contact

NTSB Crash Investigation



At-rest position of the truck-tractor and Chevrolet. (Source: AZDPS with annotations by the NTSB.) Alt-text : On-scene, postcrash photo of the severely collision-damaged and burned-out remnants of the truck-tractor and the Chevrolet, seen from the right-side.



Multivehicle Collision Involving a Milk Tank Combination Vehicle and Stopped Traffic Queue

Phoenix, Arizona
June 9, 2021

NTSB Crash Cause Determination



- We determined that the probable cause of this multivehicle crash was the truck driver's failure to respond to the fully conspicuous traffic queue, likely as the result of fatigue
- Contributing to the crash was the carrier's
 - **Poor oversight of its drivers**
 - **Lack of fatigue management program**
 - **Failure to enforce its own policies, such as those regarding on-duty hours**
- All a consequence of its inadequate **safety culture**



- Lower Fatigue Related Crashes
- Lower Legal Liability Exposure
- Cost Reduction
 - Driver retention
 - Medical costs
 - Maintenance
- Labor force
 - Safer
 - More productive
 - Healthier & happier

FMP Template



- Microsoft Form
- Navigate with form controls
- Don't use browser controls
- Save PDF at the end
- Edit form with MS Account



FMP Model Rubric



1. Terms of reference	10%
a. Policy	
b. Responsibilities	
c. Documentation process	
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2. Safety Culture	40%
a. Education - 10%	
b. Training - 10%	
c. Ongoing communication - 20%	
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3. Fatigue Risk Management System	40%
a. Operation - 2%	
b. Predictive, Proactive, & Reactive Controls - 20%	
c. Risk Assessment - 5%	
d. Measures and countermeasures - 5%	
e. Evaluation - 8%	
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4. Timeline	10%
a. Introduction	
b. Training	
c. Evaluation	
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5. Total	100%

Terms of Reference

- a. Policy
- b. Responsibilities
- c. Documentation

Assemble Steering Committee



- Responsible for development, oversight and support
- All levels of the organization, especially drivers
- Varying levels of experience
- Representative of the organization's general population
- Sample terms and responsibilities
 - Implementation Manual, Appendix B, Page 153

[Inset Company Name] Terms of Reference: FMP Steering Committee



Purpose

The Fatigue Management Program Steering Committee (FMPSC) is responsible for coordinating all fatigue management activities at [inset company name]. This includes responsibility for gathering, analyzing, and reporting on data that facilitates the assessment of fatigue among commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The FMPSC is also responsible for ensuring that the FMP meets the safety objectives defined in the FMP Policy, that HOS requirements are met, and that the FMP facilitates the management of safety risks in general.

Terms of Reference

The FMPSC is directly responsible to the VP of Safety and reports through the Department of Safety. Its membership includes at least one representative of each of the following groups: management, dispatch, and drivers.

The tasks of the FMPSC are to:

- Develop, implement, and monitor processes for identification of fatigue hazards;
- Ensure that comprehensive risk assessment is undertaken for fatigue hazards;
- Develop, implement, and monitor measures and countermeasures to manage identified fatigue hazards;
- Develop, implement, and monitor effectiveness of FMP performance metrics;
- Be responsible for the design, analysis, and reporting of studies that measure driver fatigue, when such studies are needed for the identification of hazards, or for monitoring the effectiveness of controls and mitigations;
- Ensure that all relevant personnel receive appropriate FMP education and training, and that training records are kept as part of the FMP documentation;
- Develop and maintain strategies for effective communication with all parties;
- Ensure drivers and other relevant personnel receive responses to their fatigue reports;
- Communicate fatigue risks and the performance of the FMP to top management;
- Develop and maintain FMP documentation;
- Ensure that it has adequate access to scientific and medical expertise as needed, and that it documents recommendation made by these specialist advisors and the corresponding actions taken;
- Keeps informed of scientific and operational advances in fatigue risk management principles and practices; and
- Manage effectively and be accountable for FMP resources.

The FMPSC will meet monthly. Minutes will be taken during meetings and distributed within 10 working days after each meeting. The FMPSC will present an annual budget request in [designated part of the financial cycle] and an annual report of all expenditures.

- FMP Steering Committee with input from drivers
- Needs to address
 - All elements
 - Scope: as hazards are identified, add or remove applied operations
 - Shared responsibility and accountability between management, drivers, dispatchers and others
 - Safety objectives: specific, motivational, attainable, relevant and trackable
 - Clearly written and signed by executive accountable
 - Clearly communicated in the organization
 - Management commitment to fatigue reporting and continuous improvement
 - Regular evaluation of FMP
 - Sample policy, Implementation Manual, Appendix C, Pages 155-157

[Insert Company Name] Fatigue Management Program Policy

As a commitment to the continuous improvement of safety, [insert company name] has a Fatigue Management Program (FMP) to management fatigue-related risks.

This FMP applies to all operations in [insert company name]. The FMP manual describes the processes used for identifying fatigue hazards, assessing the associated risks, and developing, implementing, and monitoring controls and mitigations.

Under this policy:

Management is responsible for:

- Providing adequate resources for the FMP;
- Providing adequate staffing levels to minimize fatigue risk;
- Providing drivers with adequate opportunities for recovery sleep between duties;
- Creating an environment that promotes open and honest reporting of fatigue-related hazards and incidents;
- Providing fatigue management training to drivers, dispatch, and other FMP support staff;
- Demonstrating active involvement in and understanding of the FMP;
- Ensuring that the fatigue risks within their area(s) of responsibility are management appropriately;
- Regularly consulting with drivers regarding the effectiveness of the FMP; and
- Demonstrating continuous improvement and providing an annual review of the FMP.

Drivers are responsible for:

- Making appropriate use of rest periods (between shifts and periods of duty) to obtain sleep;
- Participating in fatigue management training and education;
- Reporting fatigue-related hazards and incidents as described in the FMP manual;
- Complying with the FMP Policy;
- Informing their manager or supervisor immediately prior to or during work if:
 - They know or suspect they or another driver are suffering from unacceptable levels of fatigue; or
 - They have any doubt about their or another driver's capability to accomplish their duties.

Fatigue Management must be considered a core value of our business as it provides a significant opportunity to improve the safety and efficiency of our operation and to maximize the well being of our staff.

Policy authorized by:

(Signed) _____

[Insert title of accountable Executive]

Date: _____

[Insert Company Name] Fatigue Management Program Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirements for managing driver fatigue in [Insert Company Name]. It is intended that this policy will reduce the risk of fatigue-related injuries and incidents in the workplace.

Scope and coverage

This policy applies to all employees, especially those whose work involves shift work, extended hours, and on-call arrangement.

Policy statement

[Insert Company Name] is committed to providing and maintaining safe systems of work for all its employees, including those drivers whose work involves shift work, extended hours, or on-call arrangements.

Fatigue is a mental or physical exhaustion that prevents a person from functioning normally and can impair safe work performance.

Fatigue can be caused by both work and non-work related factors. Non-work related factors include family responsibilities, social activities, health issues (such as sleep disorders), study commitments, and sporting commitments. Work factors include shift work, especially night shifts, working unusual shifts, and working extended hours.

While not all people respond to fatigue in the same way, fatigue can cause reduced concentration, impaired coordination, compromised judgment, and slower reaction times; ultimately increasing the risk of incidents and injuries.

Responsibilities

Managers and drivers have a responsibility to ensure that fatigue does not impact the safety, health, and well-being of themselves and others.

Under this policy:

Management is responsible for:

- Applying risk management in consultation with staff, especially in consultation with drivers;
- Ensuring systems of work that minimize the risk of fatigue, for example: reasonable rosters, reasonable overtime practices, and adequate opportunities for recuperation between shifts;
- Providing opportunities for drivers to obtain adequate rest from work;
- Monitoring workloads, work patterns, dispatch practices, and roster arrangements to ensure drivers are not placed at risk from fatigue;

- Consulting with drivers when introducing shift work or new roster systems; and
- Providing information, instruction, and training about fatigue risks to health, safety, and well-being of drivers.

Drivers are responsible for:

- Participating in risk management processes;
- Using time off from work to recuperate in order to be fit and able for the next shift;
- Participating in education and training in order to gain an understanding of fatigue;
- Avoiding behaviors and practices that contribute to the development of fatigue, and which could place themselves and others at risk; and
- Recognizing signs of fatigue that could place health, safety, and well-being of themselves and others at risk and reporting this to their manager or supervisor.

Policy authorized by:

(Signed) _____
[Insert title of accountable Executive]

Date: _____

Define Roles & Responsibilities



- Management
 - Ensuring implementation, adequate resources & adequate staffing
 - Provide drivers with adequate opportunities to recover from sleep debt
 - Creating a safety culture that supports honest reports of fatigue
 - Providing FMP education and training to all relevant employees
 - Ensuring fatigue hazards are managed or monitored
 - Regularly communicating effectiveness of FMP with drivers
 - Providing commitment to continuous FMP improvement
- Drivers
 - Choosing behaviors that reduce fatigue risk
 - Appropriately using available opportunities for rest/sleep
 - Reporting instances of fatigue or when adequate rest could not be obtained
 - Attending and participating in FMP education and training
 - Communicating with management when known or suspected that they or another driver is suffering from dangerous levels of fatigue

Develop Documentation Process



- Policies & objectives
- Processes and procedures
- Each party's accountability, responsibility and authority
- Education and training program description, requirements and attendance records
- Data, findings and recommendations, FRMS

Safety Culture

- a. Education
- b. Training
- c. Ongoing communication

What Is a Safety Culture



- Shared behavior pattern and beliefs related to safety
- Safety is a value
- Safety is a part of company's identity
- Shared responsibility for safety
- Commitment to helping others perform safely

Safety Culture vs Crashes



- Crashes are usually the result of risky behavior
- Drivers' behaviors are influenced by environmental & personal factors
- Positive safety cultures attempt to change factors that occur before and after the occurrence of risky behavior
- Positive safety culture is necessary prior to implementing an FMP

Top Management “Buy In”



- Employees often follow authority or top management and look to them for guidance in times of change
- Champion the FMP through face-to-face interactions
- Avoid lip service
- Attend and participate in all meetings concerning the FMP
- Emphasize the benefits of the FMP and beliefs in its success
- Provide positive feedback, praise, and recognition for all employees involved in the FMP
- Be actively involved in the development of the FMP

Build Trust



- Involve employees from all levels of the organization in the development of the FMP
- Seek specific feedback about the FMP
- Actively listen to all concerns
- Provide opportunities for choice in the FMP development process among employees
- Consider CMV driver fatigue management a value and not a priority
- You should be expected to follow the FMP

Management Education and Training



- Critical for you to fully understand the concept behind the FMP before developing the FMP
- Organizational culture change requires all employees to understand the basic principles behind change
- Management needs education & training in the best practices related to the FMP in order to champion the FMP

Develop Accountability



- Strive towards self-directed responsibility and accountability
- Recognize and acknowledge involvement in the FMP
- Hold employees accountable for things in their control
- Develop SMART (Specific, Motivational, Achievable, Relevant, Trackable) goals
- Feedback on progression toward goal accomplishment
- “Fact-find” not “fault-find”
- Focus on process measures instead of outcome measures

Develop Policies for Recognition



- Specific behaviors
- Participation in FMP development, implementation, and evaluation
- Policies for recognition & rewards should be well defined & easily understood
- Achievable, but motivating
- Develop policies for both group and individual recognition
- Group recognition should not be contingent on an individual's failure(s)

Support the FMP



- Need to show continued support for the FMP
- Formal and informal communication to gather feedback regarding the FMP
- Follow through with pre-defined rules for reward and recognition
- Visibility and participation in all meetings related to the FMP
- Actively listen to all feedback and address issues with the steering committee
- Post weekly/monthly charts tracking progress of the FMP

Awareness, Education, and Kick-Off



- All employees must be aware of and educated on the purpose, policies, and procedures involved in the FMP
- Awareness and education help to reduce resistance to the FMP
- Holding a kick-off meeting(s) helps show your support and “buy-in” for the FMP
- Ensure all employees fully understand the reason behind the FMP and how it works

- eLearning & PowerPoint
 - Motor carrier executives and managers
 - Module 1 (Intro), 2 (Safety Culture), 7 (Sleep Disorders), 10 (Technologies)
 - Motor carrier trainers
 - Module 5 (Train-the-Trainer)
 - Motor carrier dispatchers and driver managers
 - Module 9 (Scheduling)
 - Freight Shippers, Receivers, Brokers
 - Module 6 (Role of shippers & receivers on driver safety)
 - Drivers
 - Module 3 (Driver Ed), 8 (Sleep Disorders) & 9 (Scheduling)
 - Driver Families
 - Module 4 (Family Ed)

Reminders, Please

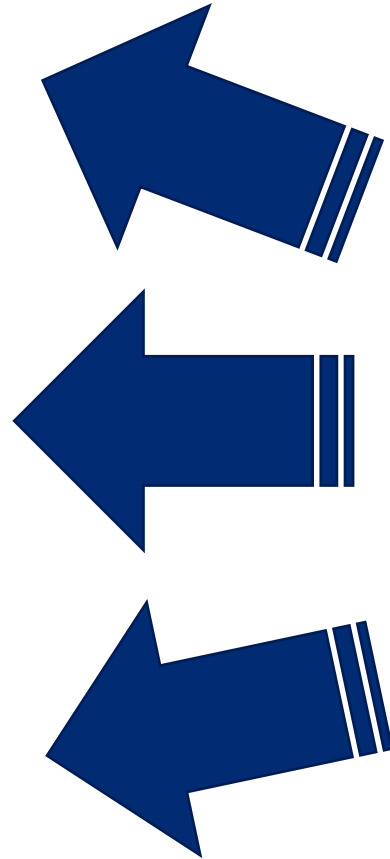


- Not medical professional
- Consult your medical provider before following any lifestyle recommendations or if you feel any discomfort
- You are responsible for any consequences of following any recommendations provided
- Be aware and try to eliminate the stigma associated sometimes with sleeping, metabolic diseases, substance abuse and mental health
- Do not allow any recommendations cause you to worry or become obsessed with a toxic wellness culture

Wellness Affects All Body Systems



- Messaging
 - Nervous
 - Endocrine
 - Immune
 - Reproductive
- Plumbing
 - Respiratory
 - Cardiovascular
 - Digestive
 - Urinary
- Support
 - Skeletal
 - Muscular
 - Integumentary



- Sleep
- Positive Relationships
- Positive Behaviors
- Nutrition
- Exercise

What will kill you faster?



- No Sleep
- No breathing
- Starvation
- Dehydration

Importance of Sleep: Biology



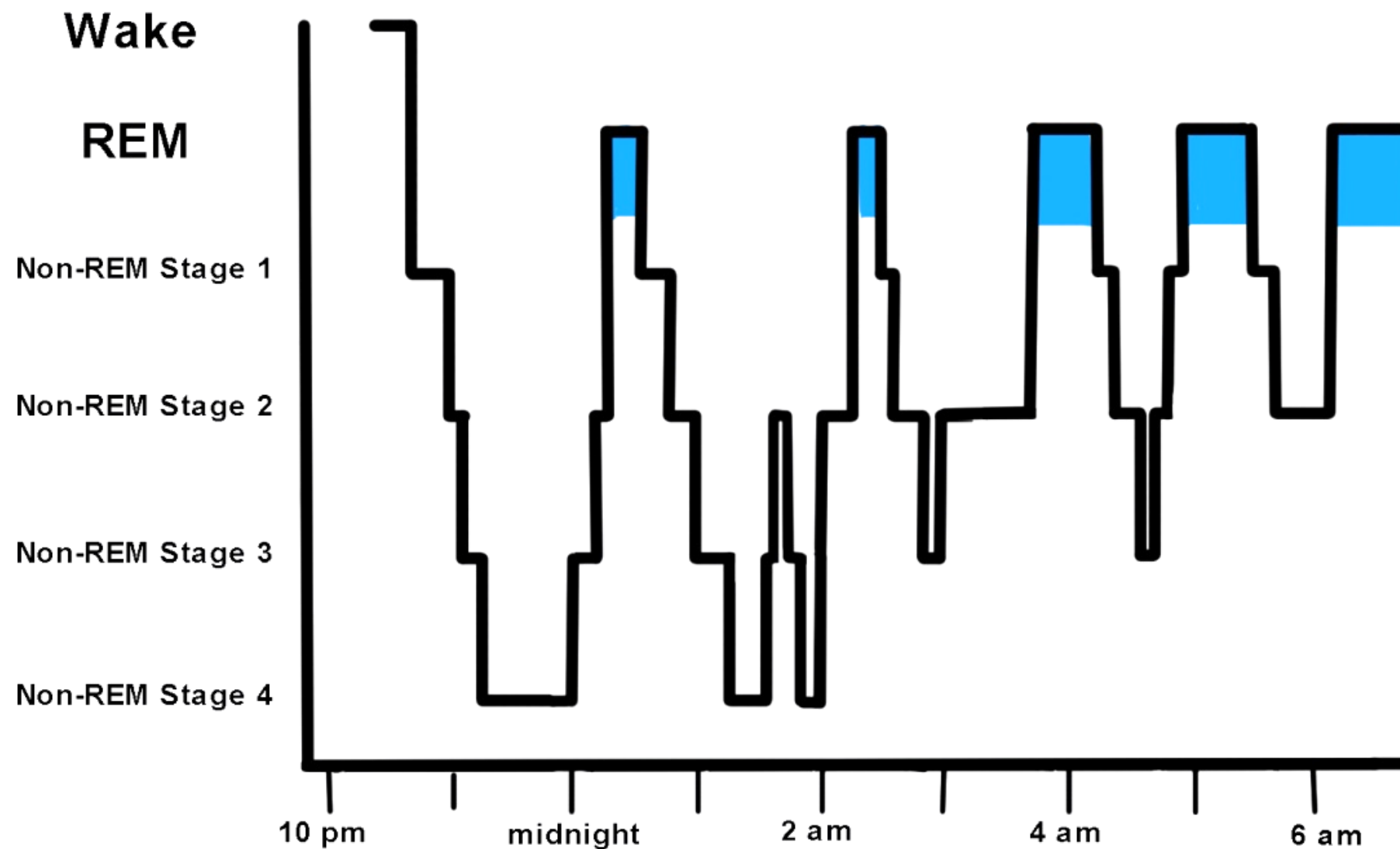
Sleep Functions

- Energy recharge
- Cellular restoration
- Brain function
- Emotional wellbeing
- Metabolism maintenance
- Immunity enhancement
- Heart health

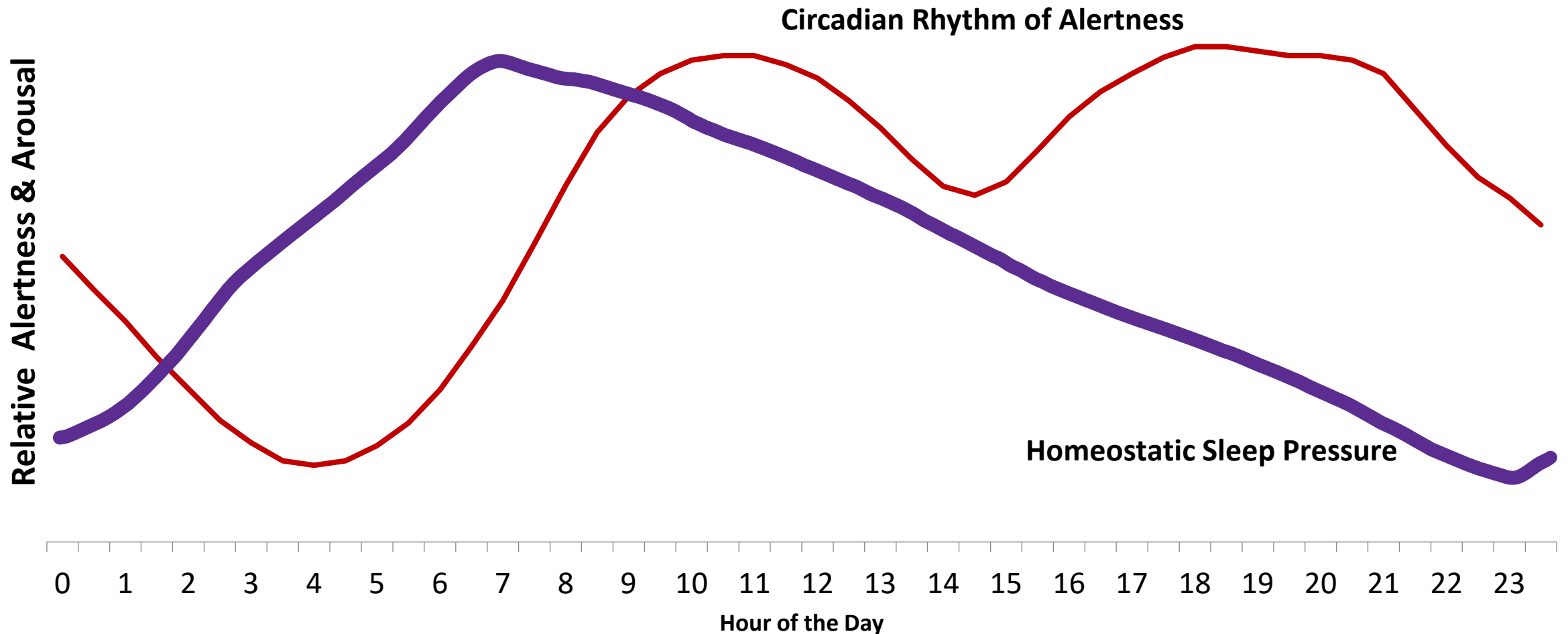
Sleep Deprivation Effects

- Metabolic disorder
 - Increased appetite
 - Obesity
 - Increased diabetes risk
 - Increased blood pressure
 - Increased risk of heart disease
- Reduced immune system functioning
- Gastrointestinal problems
- Disrupts relationships
 - Irritability
 - Infertility
- Worsens psychiatric conditions
 - Alzheimer's disease, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, suicide, stroke, chronic pain
- Decreased quality of life & Increased sick days

Sleep Architecture



Sleep Drivers: The Clock & the Timer



Energy Stimulation Hygiene



- Light
- Temperature
- Sound
- Substances
 - Food
 - Caffeine
 - Alcohol
 - Nicotine
 - Amphetamines
 - Medications

Energy Release Hygiene



- Exercise
 - Early: Cardio & Strength
 - Anytime: Stretching & Breathing (Blow your nose & sleep position)
- Make bed the sleep trigger
 - Spine alignment
 - Supportive bed & pillows
- If cannot sleep and are anxious
 - Get up
 - Don't throw a party
 - Do something relaxing
- Relax
 - Land worries on paper
 - Meditate, practice yoga, pray or read something calming
 - Intimacy

What is the optimal duration of a nap?

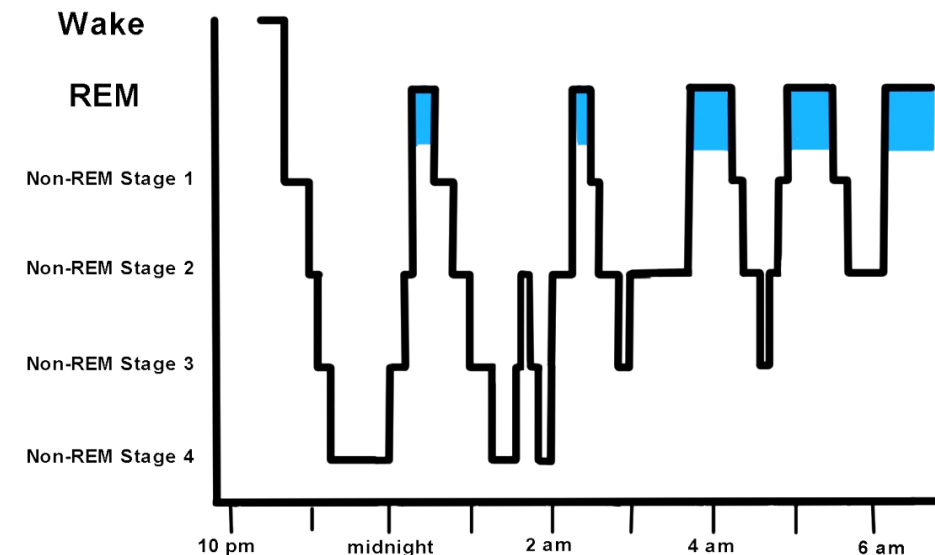


- 5 min
- 20 min
- 60 min
- 90 min
- 120 min

Naps & Sleep Inertia



- Naps
 - Best fatigue countermeasure
 - Improves alertness & performance
 - Planned naps reduced subsequent dozing by 50% & errors by 34%
 - Optimal duration 20 min / 90 min
 - Longer naps may delay onset of next main sleep
- Sleep inertia
 - Grogginess upon awakening
 - May last 20 minutes or more
 - May affect driving
 - Caffeine may help



How to Payback a Sleep Debt?



- Sleep debt
- Full night sleep
- May require several nights of full sleep
- Avoid deprivation
- Sleep until you wake up
- Make extra deposits on the weekend

December 7, 2022 – Webinar: Sleep Hygiene

What is the single most important predictor of wellbeing and longevity?



- Low cholesterol
- Not smoking
- Warm relationships
- Exercising
- Meditation
- Normal blood pressure

Relationships Affect Wellness



- Stress with isolation from family & friends
- Finding and sustaining network of family, friends & coworkers
- Keep in touch, communicate
- Value and foster each relationship
- Do fun things together
- Be positive
- Show support
- Have family take Module 4 (Family Ed)

- Headaches
- Sleep disturbances
- Difficulty concentrating
- Short temper
- Upset stomach
- Job dissatisfaction
- Low morale

Positive Behaviors



- Positive outlook and behaviors
- Balance between work and personal life
- Pursue personal interests
- Support network
- Try to improve job environment
- Get serious about relaxing
 - Relaxation breathing
 - Short walks
 - Meditation
 - Reading
 - Find method that works best for you

May 17, 2023 – Webinar: Mindfulness

The purpose of diets is to lose weight



- Yes
- No

Weight Loss Is the Wrong Goal



Where Does Body Weight Come From

- Liquids, Muscles, Bones, Subcutaneous Fat, Visceral Fat
- Weight loss is regained in 1-5 years
- May lack essential nutrients and may be harmful
- May take pleasure out of eating
- May lead to eating disorders
- Snake oil is medical quackery
- Goal is to stay healthy, enjoy food and share it with others

Obesity vs Metabolic Syndrome



- U.S. Adults (240 million)
 - 70% Non-Obese (168 million)
 - 60% Healthy (101 million)
 - 40% Metabolic Syndrome (TOFI) (67 million)
 - 30% Obese (72 million)
 - 20% Healthy (14 million)
 - 80% Metabolic Syndrome (58 million)
 - Total healthy: 115 million
 - Total Metabolic Syndrome: 125 million
- Metabolic Syndrome
 - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
 - Diabetes
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Hypertension
 - Lipid abnormalities
 - Polycystic ovarian cancer
 - Dementia

- Essential Macronutrients
 - Carbs with Fiber (veggies, fruits, whole grains)
 - Fats except artificial trans fats (fatty fish, nuts, seeds, avocado, milk products)
 - Proteins (fish, seafood, chicken, beef, pork)
 - Water
- Essential Micronutrients
 - Vitamins
 - Minerals
- Nutritious food
 - No ingredients list
 - No nutrition label
 - No health claims

- Ultra processed food
 - Lack of fiber
 - Excess sugar, salt, oils, fats and other additives
 - Engineered to taste good
 - Cheap & convenient
 - Aggressively marketed
 - Addictive
- Liquid candy
 - Soda
 - Juice
 - Any caloric drink
- Toxic to the liver
 - Excess sugar
 - Excess protein
 - Drugs

10 Types of Snacks for the Road



1. Unsweetened drinks: Water, sparkling water with lime/lemon, coffee, tea, herbal infusions
2. Any seeds: Pumpkin, sunflower, cacao nibs, flax, chia, hemp
3. Any nuts: Almonds, walnuts, pecans, cashews, pistachios
4. Any veggies: Romaine hearts, celery, carrots, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers
5. Any fruits: Berries, apples, oranges, clementines, bananas, plums, pears, pineapple
6. Spreads: Guacamole, hummus, plain yogurt/Greek, plain nut butters, cheese, pesto
7. Not so smooth smoothies (keep the fiber): Made with any of those above
8. Any protein: Boiled eggs, rotisserie chicken, ribs, lamb/steak skewers, sashimi, fish fillet
9. Beans: Pinto, black, kidney, edamame, chickpeas
10. Minimally processed cereals: Steel cut oatmeal, barley, bulgur, brown rice, plain popcorn

Sample Food Choices on the Road



- Breakfast
 - Eggs any style with veggies instead of fries, veggie omelet
 - Fruit with nuts, plain yogurt, or cheese
 - Drop at least one side of the bread on egg sandwich
 - Avoid cereals
- Lunch & Dinner
 - Any protein with cooked veggies
 - Any protein with uncooked veggies (salads, bare burger/sandwich loaded w/veggies)
 - Order steak or ribs with collard greens, spinach or other veggies
 - Drop ultra processed sides: fries, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese and other
 - Have the burrito bowl without the tortilla
 - Make fruits your go to dessert alone or with nuts, plain yogurt, or cheese
- Don't feel guilty when deviating into wrong lane, just don't stay there

I drink caffeinated drinks all day and sleep just fine



- Fact
- Myth

- Alerting effects:
 - Begin in ~20 minutes
 - Peak in 60-90 minutes
 - Can last for hours
- Caffeine content in coffee varies widely
- Tea has about ½ the caffeine of coffee
- Large individual differences in the time required to metabolize caffeine
- Drink in small sips to “nurse” the cup over a longer period
- Like any stimulant, caffeine makes sleep more difficult
- Generally, avoid caffeine within 6-8 hours of main sleep period
- Effects vary - some people are even more sensitive
- Reduce caffeine intake
- Increase time between last dose & bedtime

To unwind and sleep better, it helps to take a night cap



- Fact
- Myth

- Not permitted in CMVs
- Some drivers may use alcohol as a sleep aid at home
- Alcohol may make you sleepy, but it actually *disrupts* sleep:
 - Disrupts REM and deep sleep
 - Causes “rebound” awakening after a few hours
- Disruptive effects increase with age
- Performance impairment effects greater when you are also sleepy
- Alcohol makes OSA worse

Smoking & Tobacco Use



- Leading preventable cause of disease, death, and disability
- ~20% of Americans smoke, but nearly **half** of CMV drivers do
- Causes lung cancer, COPD and other lung diseases, heart disease, and many other medical conditions
- >\$1,000 per year in medical costs for each smoker
- Reduces oxygen flow to the brain; worsens OSA
- Strategy: **QUIT!!!**
 - See your doctor
 - Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW
 - Click www.smokefree.gov or
 - Click www.hc-sc.gc.ca

Amphetamines



- Illegal or available only with a prescription
- Too strong for general use
- Increase activity level but do not improve performance reliably
- Increase heart rate and metabolism, sometimes dangerously
- Often you “crash” several hours after use

Sleeping Pills



- Hypnotics = drugs used to induce sleep
- Some also used to treat anxiety and stress disorders
- General categories:
 - Non-prescription Over-The-Counter (OTC); e.g., Tylenol PM, Benadryl
 - Prescription:
 - Benzodiazepines (e.g., Halcion, Restoril)
 - Nonbenzodiazepines (e.g., Ambien, Lunesta)
- No sleeping pill provides 100% natural sleep
- Most have side effects
- Most are habit-forming
- Some cause withdrawal symptoms
- Must allow full time for drug to leave your body before driving

Based on what I learned today, I should stop taking sleeping pills immediately



- Yes
- No

- Common side effects:
 - Drowsiness
 - Other fatigue
 - Insomnia
- Accordingly, many prescriptions specify when the drug should be taken (e.g., at bedtime)
- Follow dosage instructions carefully
- Safety regulations restrict driver on-road use of medications with stated fatigue side effects

Exercising right before going to sleep is not recommended...



- Always true
- Depends on exercise type
- Always false

1. Cardiopulmonary
 - Enhances alertness
 - Promotes better sleep
 - Lowers stress
 - 10-minute walks twice or more per day
 - Work out more vigorously on weekends
 - Take exercise equipment with you on trips
 - Keep a record of your exercise
 - Set daily and weekly goals
 - Find out what you like and do it
2. Strength bearing
3. Stretching & balancing

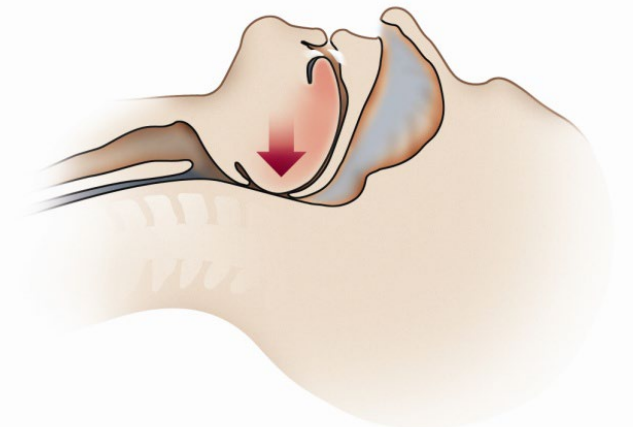
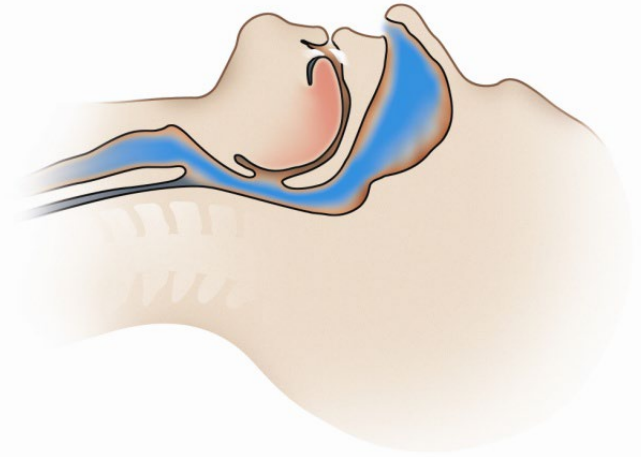
Fatigue Susceptibility



- Sleep Deprivation
 - Sleep-related behaviors
 - Sleep hygiene
- Individual Differences
 - Genetic variations
 - Health & fitness
- Medical conditions
 - Medications
 - Sleep disorders
 - Insomnia, narcolepsy, restless leg syndrome, sleepwalking, abnormal circadian rhythms, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

- **Apnea** = stoppage of breathing lasting 10+ seconds
- OSA = breathing stops repeatedly during sleep due to closures of the upper airway
- Apnea rate per hour:
 - <5 = normal
 - ≥ 5 = OSA
- OSA severity (mild, moderate, severe) based on rate
- Some people with severe OSA can have 100 per hour



OSA diagnosed and treated drivers are medically disqualified from operating a CMV



- True
- False

OSA Risk and Warning Signs



- OSA higher risk
 - Obese individuals, male, 40+ years old, large neck size, recessed chin, small jaw, large overbite, family history
- OSA warning signs
 - Reduced performance, loud and irregular snoring especially with gasping, high blood pressure, diabetes

Module 8: Driver Sleep Disorders Management (Module 7 for Motor Carriers)

- May 4, 2022 Webinar:
A Motor Carrier's Guide to Establishing a Sleep Disorders Management Program

Vigilance Spectrum



- **Delta brain waves:** Deep sleep. 1 to 4 Hertz
- **Theta brain waves:** Sleeping or daydreaming when awake. 4 to 8 Hertz
- **Alpha brain waves:** Awake and calm. 8 to 12 Hertz
- **Beta brain waves:** Awake, alert, busy, and focused. 12 to 38 Hertz
 - **Low beta waves:** Thinking. 12 to 15 Hertz
 - **Beta waves:** Performing or focusing. 15 to 22 Hertz
 - **High beta waves:** Excited or anxious. 22 to 38 Hertz
- **Gamma brain waves:** Highly alert and conscious. 30 to 80 Hertz

Alertness Has Supply & Demand



- Supply Factors

- Internal individual susceptibility: circadian rhythm, amount of sleep, time of day, time awake, stimulants, other drugs, health, genes, mood

- Demand Factors

- Task related: Time on task, task complexity, task monotony
- Environmental: Road conditions, weather, stress (heat, noise, vibration), vehicle design, social interaction, other stimulation

Fatigue Crash Characteristics



- Usually single-vehicle
- Road departure
- Driver alone
- Often on monotonous roads
- Most in early morning, between 2-7 am
- Usually, serious crashes

CMV Driving Worsens Fatigue



- Tight schedule to get enough sleep
- Extended work hours + commuting
- Changing work schedules
- Work/sleep periods conflict with circadian rhythm
- Limited time for rest & naps
- Unfamiliar & uncomfortable sleep locations
- Sleep disruptions
- Difficulty finding nutritious food on the road
- Limited opportunities for exercise
- Personal, work and environmental stressors

Drivers can tell when they are fatigued...

- Always, based on their perception
- When trained to recognize it
- Rarely; that's why it's a problem

Objective Signs of Fatigue



- Eyelid drop or loss of focus
- Yawning
- Wandering, scattered or disjointed thoughts, dreamlike visions
- Head movements, gentle swaying, jerking
- Reduced field-of-view (AKA: tunnel vision, highway hypnosis, white line fever)
- Fidgeting, shifting positions, adjusting windows & HVAC
- Progressive weaving, crossing rumble strip, drift and jerk steering
- Delayed or incorrect responses
- Microsleeps

General Strategies



- SLEEP!!!
 - Main sleep
 - Naps
- Maintain a healthful lifestyle
 - Follow the five wellness basics
- Practice sleep hygiene
 - Try to keep a regular schedule
 - Go with your circadian rhythm – don't fight it
 - Wind down before sleep
 - Less physical activity
 - Lower lights
- Be smart about caffeine use

At-Home Strategies



- Get the best sleep possible before starting a trip or work week
- Communicate your sleep needs and get your family's support
- Bedroom should be:
 - Completely dark
 - Cool
 - Quiet
- Pre-sleep routine
- Be active but don't exhaust yourself. Take time to relax

On-the-Road Strategies



- Try to get as much sleep on the road as you get at home
- Rest breaks with **naps** are most beneficial
- Rest breaks without naps
- Moving your body
- Conversation if it is not distracting
- Exercise
- Avoid heavy meals
- Wear your safety belt

Night Driving Strategies



- Advantage of night driving: less traffic
- Disadvantages:
 - Fatigue, related to circadian rhythms
 - More drunk/reckless motorists
 - Poor visibility
- Use light and dark to “fool” your body:
 - Bright lights simulate daybreak
 - Dark simulates night and bedtime
- Use caffeine, but carefully
- Consider taking sleeper berth period/nap in pre-dawn hours
- Get more recovery sleep on weekends
- Not for everybody

Dealing with Shift/Time Zones Strategies

- Be aware of your “body clock”
- Short trips/shift changes: stick with your regular sleep schedule
- Longer changes:
 - “Pre-adjust” before change
 - Shift your pre-bed, “evening” routine
 - Use light and dark to help you adjust
 - To stay awake, be physically active and interact with others
- Getting more sleep generally makes changes easier

Team Driving Strategies



- Plan sleeper berth periods in advance to be compliant and beneficial
- When possible, take sleep periods during circadian valleys
- Avoid both caffeine and strenuous activity in hours before breaks
- Keep sleeper berth totally dark or use eyeshades
- Don't drive immediately after awakening
- Team driving is a partnership
- To sleep well, each driver must have full confidence in the other driver
- Driver should strive to be a "smooth operator"
- Agree on a game plan for sleep and rest that meets each driver's needs

Fatigue Risk Management System

- a. Operation
- b. Predictive, Proactive, & Reactive Controls
- c. Risk Assessment
- d. Measures and countermeasures
- e. Evaluation

- A safety culture is nice to have but not necessary for an effective fatigue risk management system?
 - True
 - False

“While FRMS are likely to be effective, in organizations where safety cultures are insufficiently mature and resources are less available, these systems may be challenging to implement successfully”

[How effective are Fatigue Risk Management Systems \(FRMS\)? A review](#)

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FRMS Process Steps



- Step 1: Identify operations where FRMS processes may apply
- Step 2: Identify fatigue hazards
- Step 3: Assess safety risk of fatigue hazards
- Step 4: Develop fatigue-related performance measures and countermeasures
- Step 5: Continuously evaluate the FRMS for effectiveness

Step 1: Identify Operations



- Different operations within a fleet experience varying risks of driver fatigue
- Determine whether FRMS strategies apply to entire organization or specific operations
- Identify operations that experience significant driver fatigue

Step 2: Identify fatigue hazards



- Fatigue hazards are a significant risk for fleet management operations
- Three processes for identifying fatigue hazards: predictive, proactive, and reactive
- Using all three processes can help make informed decisions based on scientific principles and data

2.a Predictive Processes



- Predictive fatigue hazard identification focuses on detecting factors that negatively impact driver alertness
- This information is used to develop driver schedules and workplace conditions that minimize the future effects of driver fatigue
- Three different ways to accomplish this: previous experience, evidence-based scheduling, and bio-mathematical models

2.b Proactive Processes



- Proactive fatigue hazard identification focuses on monitoring and analyzing reports of fatigue in the fleet operation
- Multiple data sources for fatigue identification should be used to create a more detailed and complete picture of fatigue in the operation
- Five approaches to collecting proactive fatigue hazard identification: self-reported fatigue risks, driver, dispatch, and manager fatigue questionnaires, fatigue-related driver performance reviews, review of fatigue-related CMV driving literature, and analysis of planned schedules and time worked versus actual schedules and time worked

2.c Reactive Processes



- For identifying fatigue hazards involve responding to identified fatigue-related events
- Include incident reporting, fatigue-related accident investigations, and near-miss reporting
- Triggered by fatigue reports, crashes, near-crashes, and violations
- Designed to identify how driver fatigue may have contributed to incidents
- Goals are to identify how fatigue may have been mitigated and prevent future occurrences

Step 3: Assess Safety Risk of Fatigue Hazards



- There are two aspects of risk assessments: measuring the likelihood of the fatigue hazard and evaluating the severity of possible outcomes from it
- A dual assessment helps in prioritizing measures to control or mitigate identified fatigue hazards

3.a Define Risk Probability



Category	Meaning	Value
Frequent	Likely to occur many times (has occurred many times)	5
Occasional	Likely to occur sometimes (has occurred infrequently)	4
Remote	Unlikely to occur but possible (has occurred rarely)	3
Improbable	Very unlikely to occur (not known to have occurred)	2
Extremely Improbable	Almost inconceivable the event will occur	1

3.b Define Fatigue Risk Severity

Category	Meaning	Value
Catastrophic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple deaths• Equipment destroyed	A
Hazardous	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A large reduction in safety margins, physical distress, or a workload such that drivers cannot be relied upon to perform their tasks accurately or completely• Serious injury• Major equipment damage	B
Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A significant reduction in safety margins or a reduction in the ability of drivers to cope with adverse operating conditions as a result of increased workload or as a result of conditions impairing efficiency• Serious incident• Injury to persons	C
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nuisance• Operating limitations• Use of emergency procedures• Minor incident	D
Negligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No significant consequences	E

3.c Fatigue Risk Assessment Matrix



Risk Probability		Risk Severity				
		Catastrophic A	Hazardous B	Major C	Minor D	Negligible E
Frequent	5	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E
Occasional	4	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E
Remote	3	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E
Improbable	2	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E
Extremely Improbable	1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E

Adapted from the International Civil Aviation Organization

3.d Risk Tolerability Matrix



Fatigue Risk	Assessment Risk Index	Suggested Criteria
Intolerable Region	5A, 5B, 5C, 4A, 4B, 3A	Unacceptable under the existing circumstances.
Tolerable Region	5D, 5E, 4C, 4D, 4E, 3B, 3C, 3D, 2A, 2B, 2C	Acceptable based on risk mitigation. May require management decision.
Acceptable Region	3E, 2D, 2E, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E	Acceptable.

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Step 4: Develop Fatigue-Related Performance Measures and Countermeasures



- Once it has been determined that a fatigue hazard requires action, appropriate controls and mitigation strategies should be selected and implemented
- It is critical to communicate these controls and mitigation strategies to relevant personnel to ensure they understand what each hazard is and how the strategies are designed to reduce fatigue hazards

Sample Controls and Mitigation Strategies

- Scheduling tools/practices: NAFMP Module 9
- Cooperation with shippers, receivers and brokers: NAFMP Module 6 & webinar recording
- Protocols for napping/resting: NAFMP Module 3
- Sleep disorder prevention, screening, and treatment: NAFMP Modules 7 & 8 and webinar recording
- Fatigue management technologies: NAFMP Module 10 & webinar recording

Step 5: Continuously Evaluate the FRMS for Effectiveness



- Data gathered should be compared to the safety performance objectives of the FMP
- Gradual decreases of fatigue should provide insight into the effectiveness of the FMP
- Dramatic decreases of fatigue should not be expected immediately
- Behavioral change requires time, and patience is needed when determining the overall effectiveness of the FMP

Evaluation Determination



- If mitigation strategies perform to an acceptable standard, they should become part of the normal monitoring and evaluation of the FMP
- However, if the selected mitigation strategies do not perform to an acceptable standard, FRMS processes should be reviewed and revised and/or new approaches should be considered

Can't Manage What Can't Be Measured



- To know if interventions are changing behavior, measure and track what needs to be changed
- Measuring behaviors allows them to be monitored and reviewed
- Operationally define behaviors so they can be tracked
- Measurement can be focused on the specific behavior (**process measures**) or the result of the behavior (**outcome measures**)

- Measures that focus on the occurrence of specific behaviors
- Process measures have been found to increase the occurrence of safe behaviors in transportation
- Process measures specific to the FMP
 - Follow policies and procedures
 - Policies and procedures implemented correctly
 - Information on the FMP has been conveyed
 - Subjective perceptions and opinions of the FMP

Outcome Measures



- Sleep duration
- Sleep quality
- Alertness
- Job satisfaction
- Injuries
- Violations
- Crashes
- Sick leave days

Timeline

- a. Introduction
- b. Education & Training
- c. Evaluation

Develop Implementation Timeline



- FMP Steering Committee monitors activities to follow timeline
- Timely implementation helps driver buy-in
- Timeline should be developed and adhered to
- Ensure control measures and mitigation strategies are established
- Actions promptly taken to mitigate fatigue hazards
- Commitment of management

Introduction & Awareness



- All employees need to be informed
- Communications should consider employees needs
 - Reading levels
 - Difficulty reading English
 - Differences between daytime & nighttime shift workers
 - Long-haul versus short-haul drivers
- Communication methods based on fleet needs
 - Website, email or other electronic communications
 - Newsletters, bulletins, fliers
 - Seminars, one-on-one and group meetings
- Kickoff by Steering Committee
 - Ensure all employees know the principles, policies and procedures
 - Awareness of why the FMP is important to reduce fatigue and promote wellness
 - Kickoff celebration or meeting held at the onset of the FMP implementation
 - Support and participation will develop trust in the FMP

Education & Training



- Core component
- All relevant personnel
- Foundation of knowledge and skills
- Fatigue basics
- Role responsibilities
- Fatigue controls and effective mitigation strategies

Provide Ongoing Communication



- Management
 - Maintain formal & informal communication channels
 - Remain active in fatigue related discussions
 - Actively listen and address all FMP-related feedback
 - Attendance at fatigue-related meetings to demonstrate FMP commitment
 - Change or align policies and procedures
 - Recognize and acknowledge drivers' efforts
 - Provide and receive feedback with/from drivers
 - Encourage correct fatigue management behaviors
- Face-to-face meetings
 - Messages clearly stated, timely, and based on credible evidence
 - Opportunity to hear criticism directly from drivers & address their concerns
 - Opportunity to privately provide drivers with corrective feedback outside group
 - Opportunity to praise and recognize drivers actively involved
 - Opportunity for drivers to observe enthusiasm of management and reinforce FMP as a value

- FMP should be reviewed when
 - Operational changes
 - Staffing patterns or scheduling changes
 - Fatigue indicators suggest hazards are not being reduced or eliminated
 - New technologies, tasks or equipment is added
- FMP Review
 - Controls and countermeasures working as intended?
 - Implemented as expected?
 - New fatigue hazards developed?
 - Compare occurrence of fatigue related crashes, near-crashes, injuries, violations and other related data before FMP implementation

- Continued measurement is critical
- Measurement helps gauge the impact of the FMP and employee acceptance
- Use predefined measures developed by the steering committee
- Use both quantitative and qualitative measures

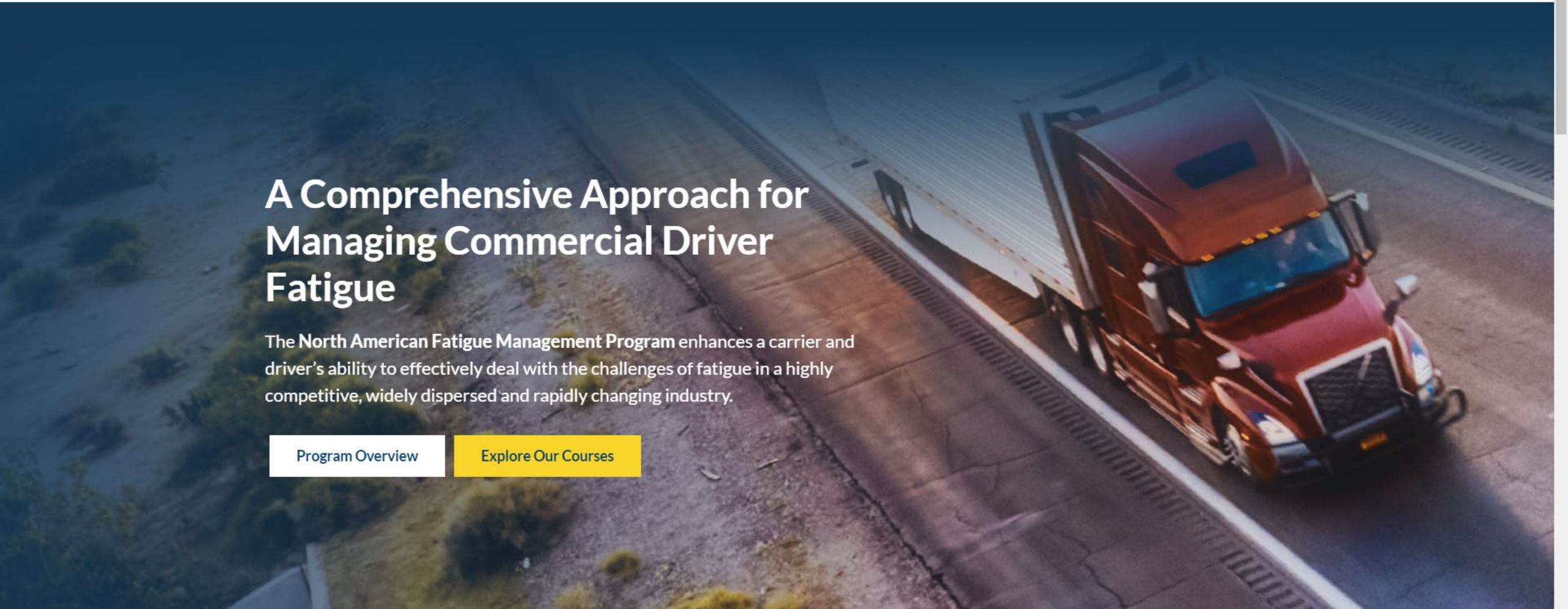
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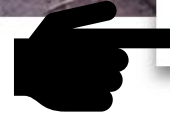
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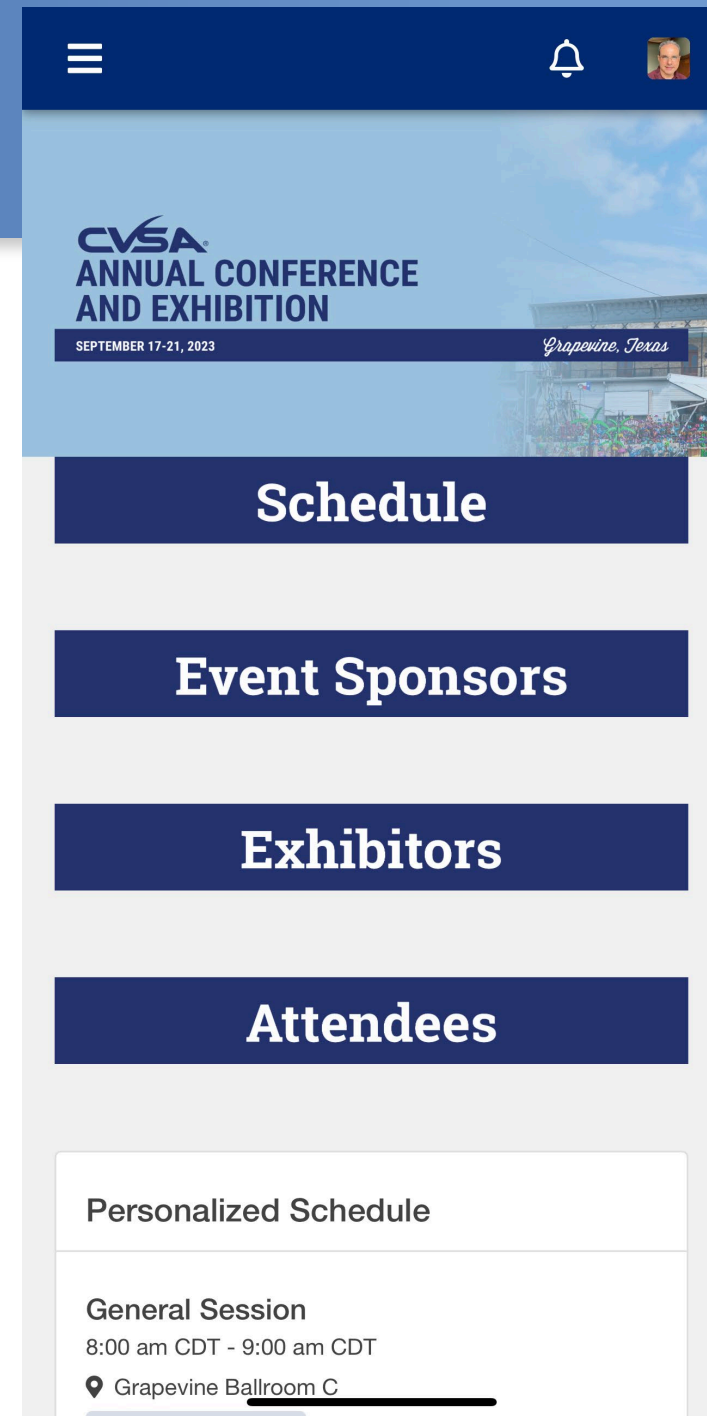


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