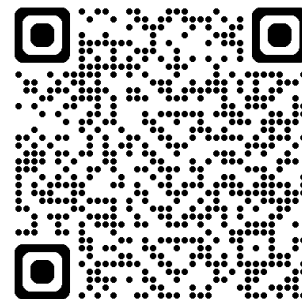




# Schedules That Kill Profits: The Silent Costs of Driver Fatigue

New Jersey Motor Truck Association  
Safety Council Meeting  
May 20, 2026

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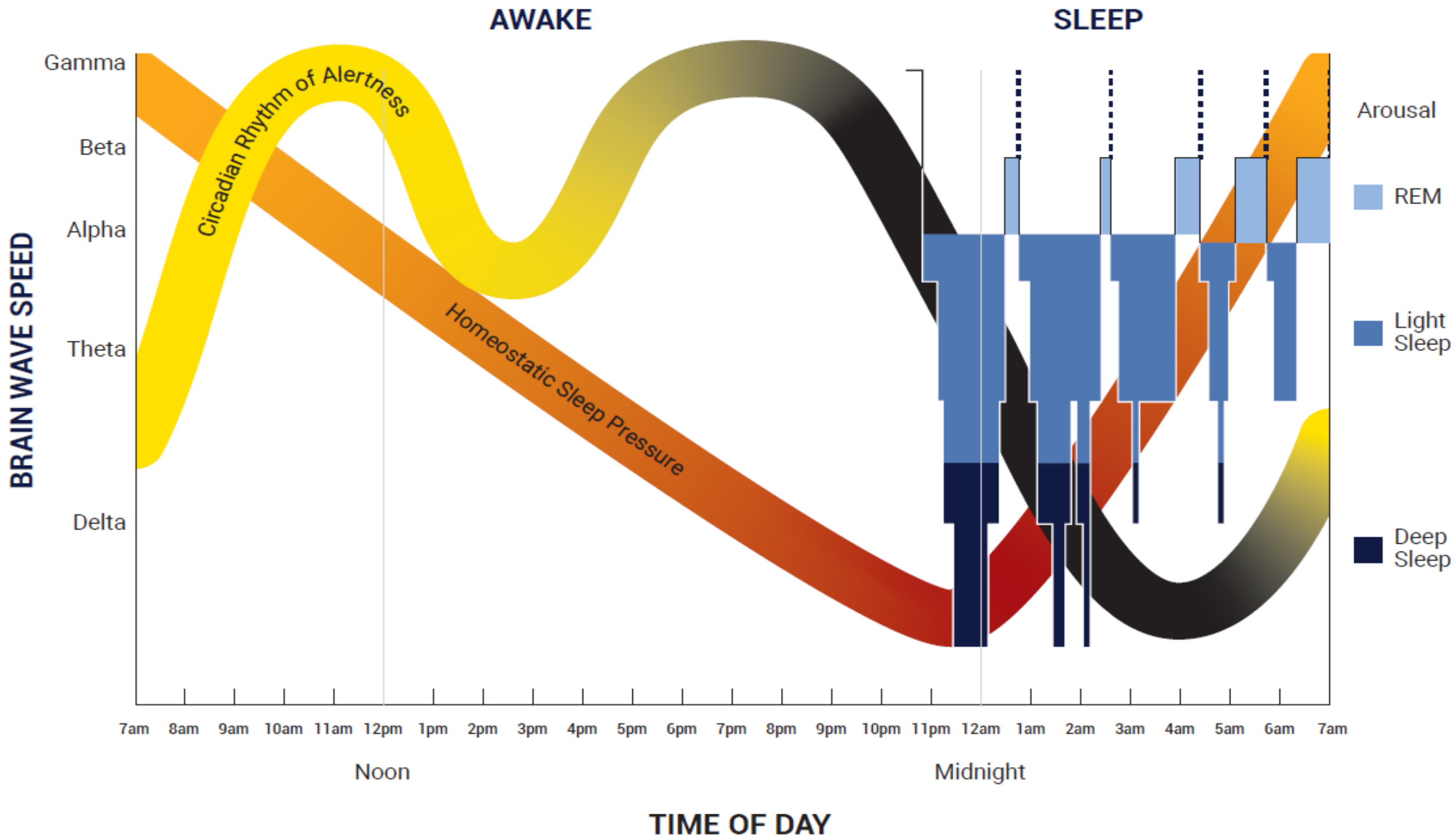


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# Sleep Biochemistry

## **What will kill you faster?**

- No Sleep
- No breathing
- Starvation
- Dehydration



- At 1:48 a.m. July 12 2023, a motorcoach carrying 21 people veered off Interstate 70 near Highland, Illinois, colliding with three parked combination vehicles
- Three passengers died
- The driver and 11 other passengers sustained injuries of varying severity

Source: NTSB

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/HWY23MH015.aspx>



Mack  
combination unit

Kenworth  
combination unit

Prevost  
motorcoach

Freightliner  
combination unit

◀ Direction of travel

Source: NTSB



# Schedule

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Source: NTSB

Legend

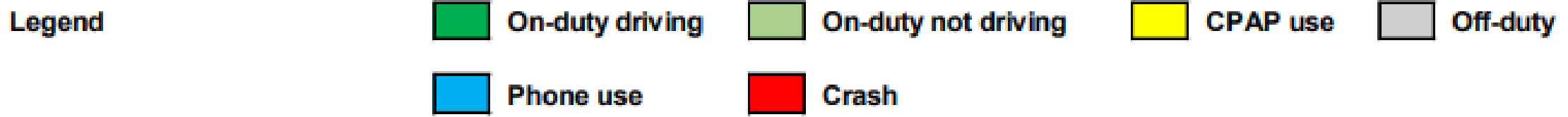
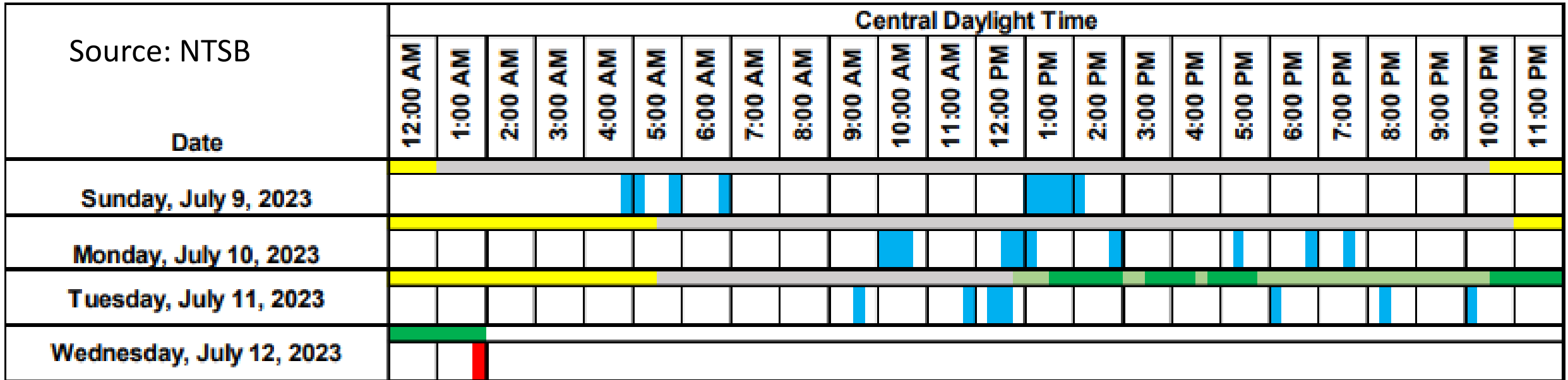
On-duty



Day off



# Schedule



- At 6:17 a.m. June 11 2023, a truck-tractor with a tank trailer carrying 8,500 gallons of gasoline crashed while exiting northbound I-95 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- The driver lost control on a curved exit ramp, causing the truck to overturn and strike a concrete barrier
- The resulting fire destroyed the truck, caused the collapse of northbound I-95 lanes and fatally injured the truck driver

Source: NTSB

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/HWY23FH014.aspx>



Cottman Avenue exit ramp



# Schedule



Source: NTSB

## Eastern Daylight Time

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Thursday, June 8, 2023

Friday, June 9, 2023

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Legend



- At 6 a.m. Jan. 28 2023, a bus and a box truck collided head-on on New York State Route 37 in Louisville, New York
- The truck crossed the centerline striking the bus, which was transporting workers to a construction site
- This crash resulted in six fatalities, two serious injuries and five minor injuries among the bus passengers, along with minor injuries to the bus driver and serious injuries to the truck driver

Source: NTSB

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/HWY23FH005.aspx>



Source: NTSB

# Schedule



Source: NTSB

Eastern Time

AM PM

Date

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Wednesday, January 25

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Crash

Legend

Off-duty On-duty Phone use Delivery stops

- At 1:36 a.m. Dec. 16 2022, a truck-tractor with a semitrailer crashed into the rear of a slower-moving bus on Interstate 64 near Williamsburg, Virginia
- The truck, traveling between 65 and 70 mph with cruise control, did not brake before impact, while the bus was moving at 20 to 25 mph
- The collision resulted in the deaths of three bus occupants, serious injuries to nine bus occupants and the truck driver, and minor injuries to 11 bus occupants

Source: NTSB

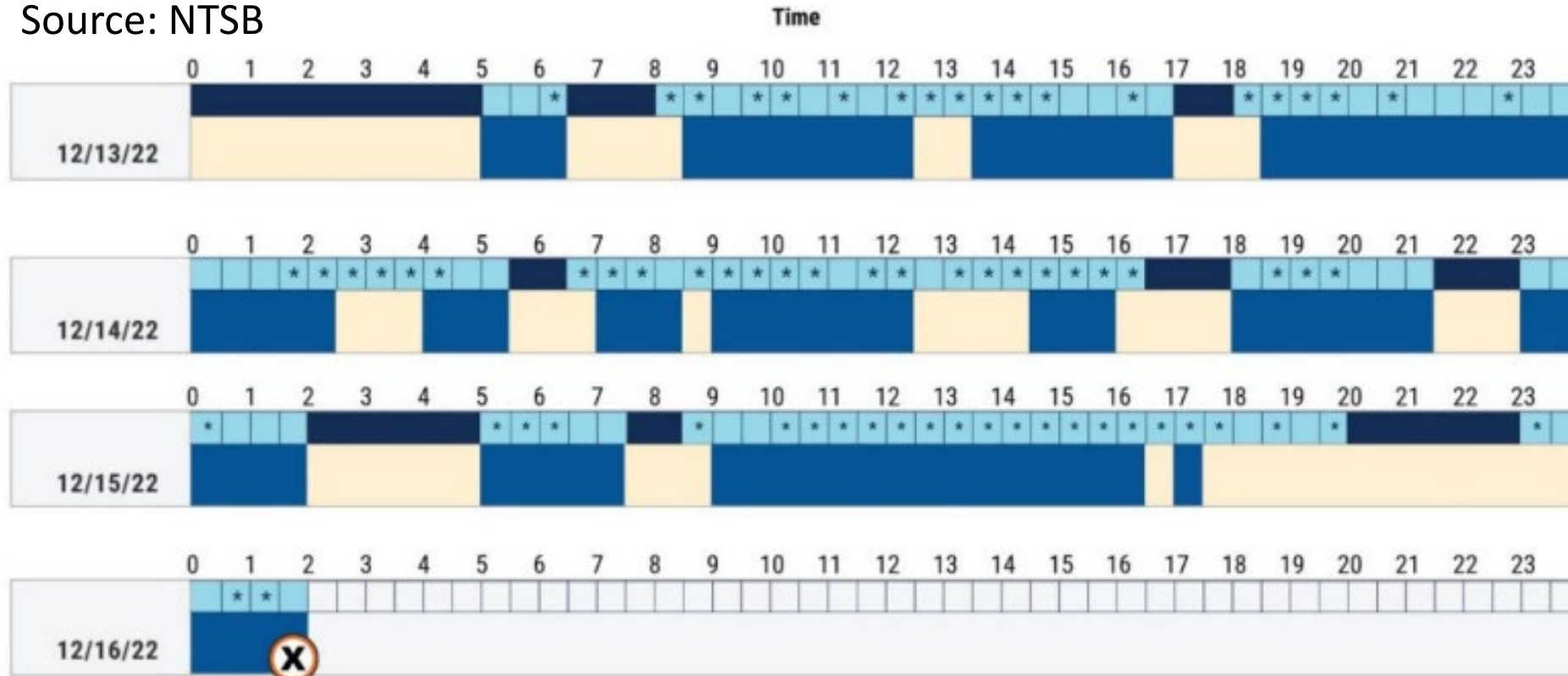
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Source: NTSB

# Schedule

Source: NTSB



Key

- \* = cell activity in period
- Dark Blue = driver activity
- Light Blue = awake
- Yellow = sleeper berth
- Black = sleep opportunity
- Circled X = CRASH

Source: NTSB

- At 10:07 p.m. June 9 2021, a truck-tractor with a tank trailer crashed into a queue of stopped passenger vehicles on SR-202 in Phoenix, Arizona
- Traveling at 62-64 mph without slowing or steering, the truck initiated a chain-reaction collision involving seven other vehicles
- The crash resulted in four fatalities and 11 injuries among passenger vehicle occupants, with the truck-tractor and one car consumed by fire

Source: NTSB

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/HWY21MH008.aspx>

52nd St  
Van Buren St  
EXIT ONLY



Source: NTSB



Source: NTSB



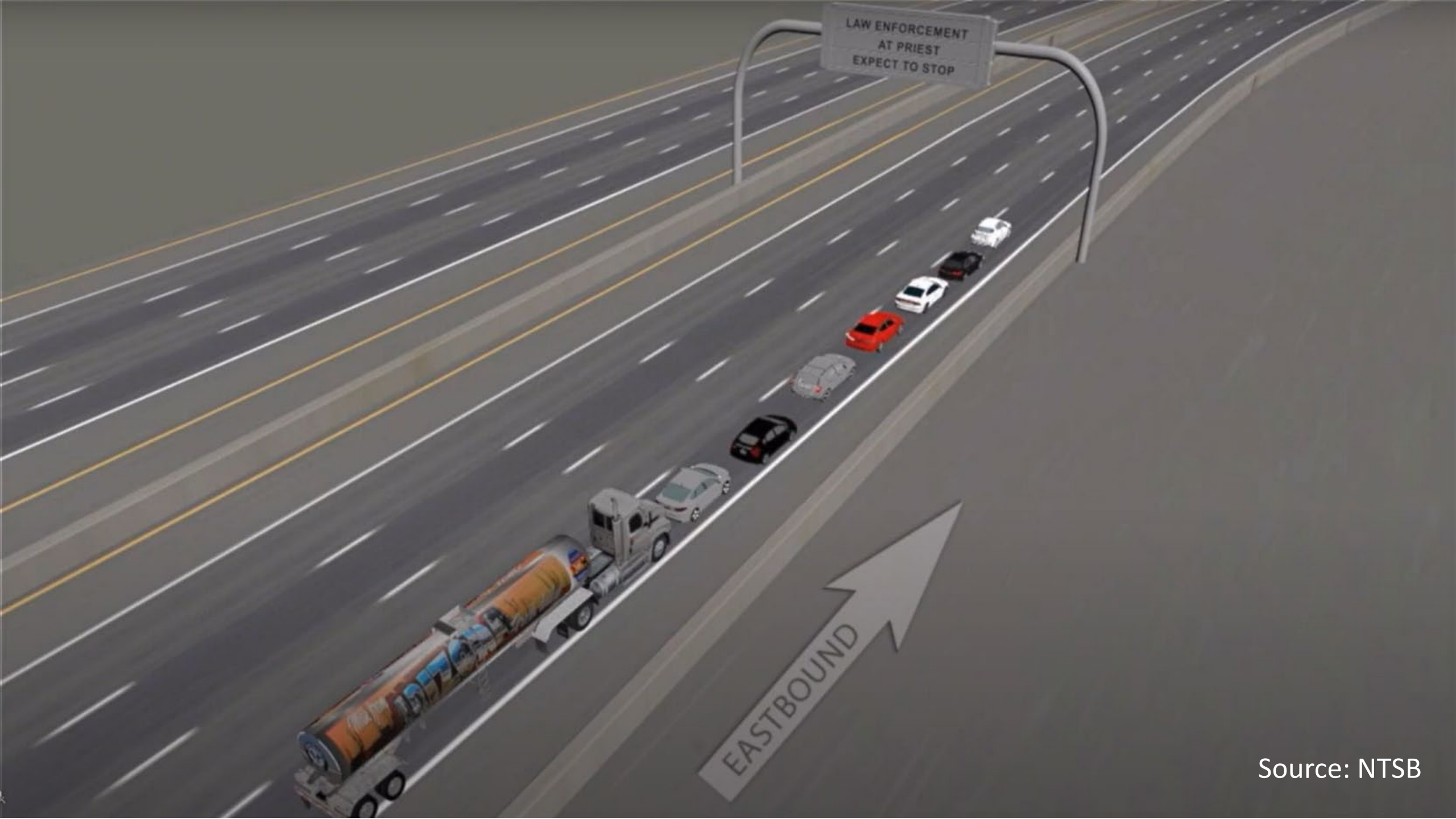
Source: NTSB



TIME -0.25

62 MPH 100 km/h

Source: NTSB



LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AT PRIEST  
EXPECT TO STOP

EASTBOUND



Ford

Dodge

Toyota

Lexus

Mercedes

Nissan

Tank trailer

Truck tractor

Chevrolet

EASTBOUND

**Fatally injured: 4 persons**  
**Hospitalized: 11 persons**

Source: NTSB



Source: NTSB

# Schedule



Source: NTSB

## Mountain Standard Time

Date

12:00 a.m. 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00 p.m. 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 11:00

Sunday, June 6

Monday, June 7

Tuesday, June 8

Wednesday, June 9

Legend:



On-duty



Off-duty  
(Sleep Opportunity)



Off-duty  
(Not Sleeping)



Commute



Phone use  
outside on-duty times



Crash



- At 6:45 a.m. June 12 2020, a truck-tractor with a semitrailer struck the end of a slowed and stopped traffic queue on Interstate 39 near Arlington, Wisconsin, which had formed due to prior collisions
- This initiated an eight-vehicle crash that resulted in four fatalities and three serious injuries

Source: NTSB

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/HWY20FH006.aspx>

Peterbilt  
truck-tractor

Mack truck

Freightliner  
truck-tractor

VW sedan

Kia SUV



Source: NTSB

# Characteristics of Fatigue

**Alertness and fatigue are like an on/off switch,  
you are either awake or asleep**

- True
- False

# Alertness 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 consciousness. 30 to 80 Hertz

## **The only cause of fatigue is insufficient sleep**

- True
- False

# 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

## **In truck/bus crash statistics, driver fatigue is...**

- The number 1 cause
- Not a significant cause
- Underrepresented

# Crash Causation: 87% Driver Related



- **Non-Performance:** Driver fell asleep, was disabled by heart attack or seizure or physically impaired for another reason
- **Recognition:** The driver was inattentive, distracted by something inside or outside the vehicle or failed to observe the situation adequately for some other reason
- **Decision:** Driver was driving too fast for conditions, misjudged the speed of other vehicles or followed other vehicles too closely
- **Performance:** Driver panicked, overcompensated or exercised poor directional control

# Crash Causation Associated Factors



- 14% Inadequate Surveillance
- 13% Fatigue
- 10% Felt Under Work Pressure From Carrier
- 9% Inattention
- 8% External Distraction
- **54% Total: Crashes where diminished vigilance was involved**

[FMCSA Large Truck Crash Causation Study](#)

- The Safety Board believes that the incidence of driver fatigue is underrepresented in FARS in general and in FARS specifically with regard to CMV drivers
- Research has suggested that CMV driver fatigue is a contributing factor in 30 to 40 percent of all CMV crashes

NTSB Report: Factors That Affect Fatigue In Heavy Truck Accidents

- [Volume 1: Analysis](#)
- [Volume 2: Case Summaries](#)

# 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

Why manage fatigue?

# Fiduciary Duty for Lifetime Earnings and Profits



- Lower Fatigue Related Crashes
- Lower Legal Liability Exposure
- Cost Reduction
  - Driver retention
  - Medical costs
  - Maintenance
- Labor force
  - Safer
  - More productive
  - Healthier & happier
- Articles
  - Nailing the Top Ten Industry Issues through Fatigue Management
    - [Part One](#)
    - [Part Two](#)

Fatigue is a physiological state that forces the brain to prioritize survival over demanding cognitive functions



# Fatigue Management Program

# Fatigue Management Program (FMP)



## ➤ Safety Culture

- 1) Education
- 2) Training
- 3) Continuous communications – Including partnerships

## ➤ Fatigue Risk Management System

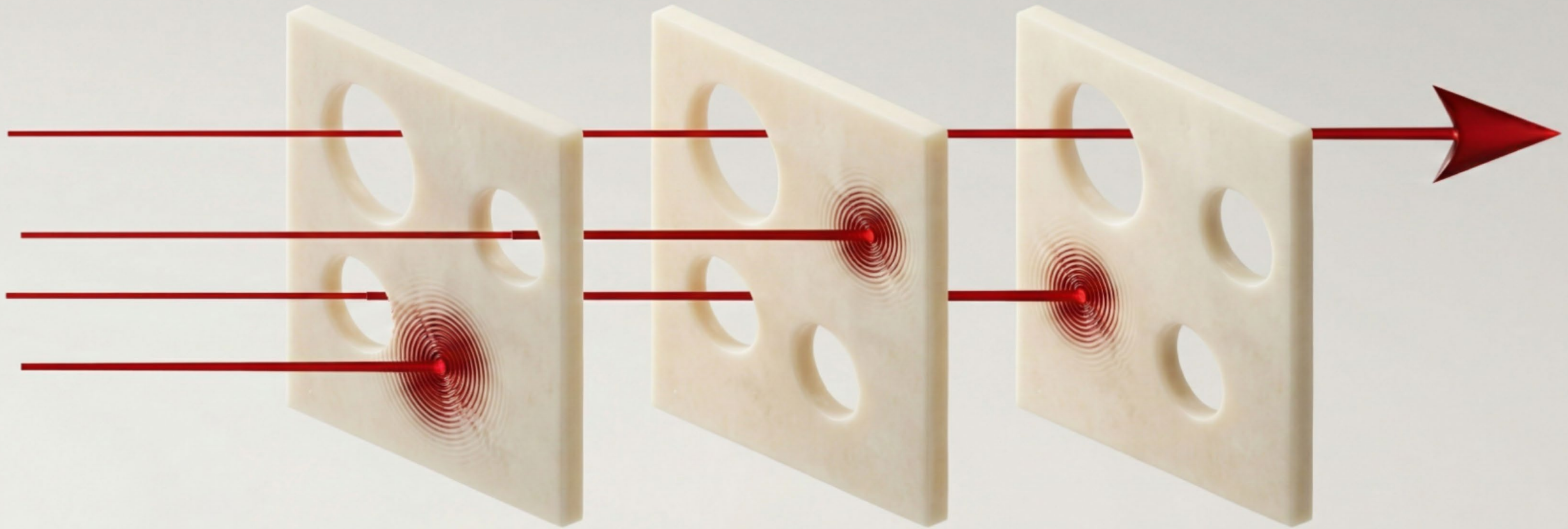
- 1) Operations
- 2) Identify risks with processes and controls
  - Predictive, proactive, reactive
  - Sound scheduling, sleep disorders management program, fatigue detection technologies
- 3) Risk assessment
- 4) Measures and countermeasures
- 5) Evaluation

[FMP Template](#)

[Module 2: Safety Culture and Management Practices](#)

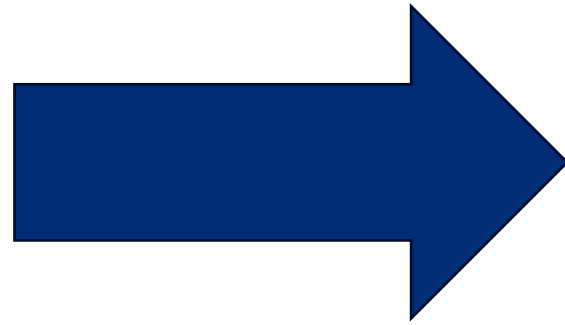
[Implementation Manual](#)

# The Swiss Cheese Model



# Swiss Cheese Layer: Safety Culture

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Attitudes



- ✓ Behavior Change
- ✓ Elimination of Stigmas

# Education & Training Courses



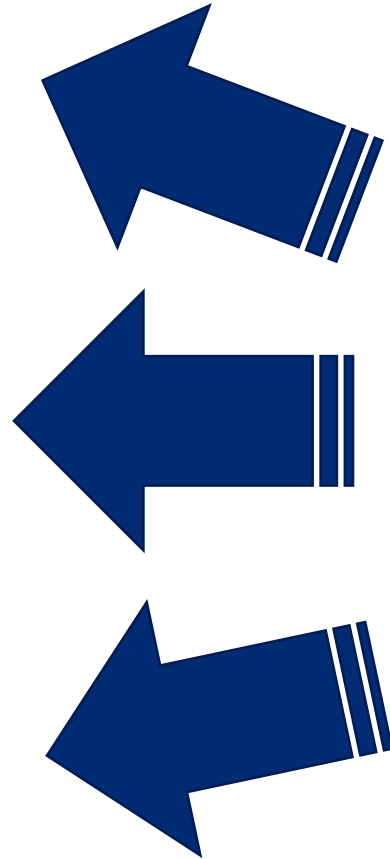
## eLearning Platform & PowerPoint Downloads

- 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)

# Wellness Affects All Body Systems



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



- Sleep Hygiene ([Webinar](#))
- Positive Relationships ([Webinar](#))
- Mindfulness ([Webinar](#))
- Nutrition ([Webinar](#))
- Exercise ([Webinar](#))

# 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

# Fatigue Management Strategies



- General
- At home
- On the road
- Night driving
- Changing time zones
- Team driving

[Module 3: Driver Education](#)

# More on Safety Culture



- [Webinar: Safety Culture: Transforming Fatigue Management from a Liability into a Competitive Advantage](#)
- [Article: Don't Stay in the Expensive Blind Spot of Stigmas](#)
- [Module 2: Safety Culture and Management Practices](#)

# Swiss Cheese Layer: Sound Scheduling and Routing Practices

# Scheduling Practices



- Sound scheduling and routing
- Time of day, recent sleep, continuous hours awake, cumulative sleep debt
- Shared responsibility mitigating driver fatigue in work schedules
- Regular schedules
- Forward vs backward scheduling
- Consider travel time to employment location
- Consider rests and naps during work shift
- Maximum of 16 hrs. per day or less
- Maximize benefits of scheduling tools
- Develop customized strategies for managing fatigue

[Webinar: The Scheduling Puzzle: Sleep Science and Driver Fatigue](#)

[Module 9: Driver Scheduling and Tools](#)

# Swiss Cheese Layer: Fatigue Detection Technologies

# Fatigue Management Technologies Types

1. Scheduling & Trip Planning
2. Fitness for Duty Testing
3. Performance Monitoring
4. Driver Monitoring

# More on Fatigue Detection Technology

- [Webinar: The Alertness Toolkit – A Motor Carrier’s Guide to Fatigue Management Technologies](#)
- [Solution Series Webinars](#)
- [Module 10: Fatigue Monitoring and Management Technologies](#)

# Technology Catalog Sources



- 2024 Good-Practice Guidance - To support industry uptake of rapidly emerging Fatigue and Distraction Detection Technologies (FDDT)
  - [By Australia's National Heavy Vehicle Regulator \(NHVR\)](#)
- 2020 Review of Commercially Available Devices to Detect Fatigue and Distraction in Drivers
  - [By Institute for Road Safety Research in the Hague, Netherlands](#)
- 2019 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Fatigue Detection Technology Catalog and Review
  - [By National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence](#)

# Swiss Cheese Layer: Sleep Disorder Management

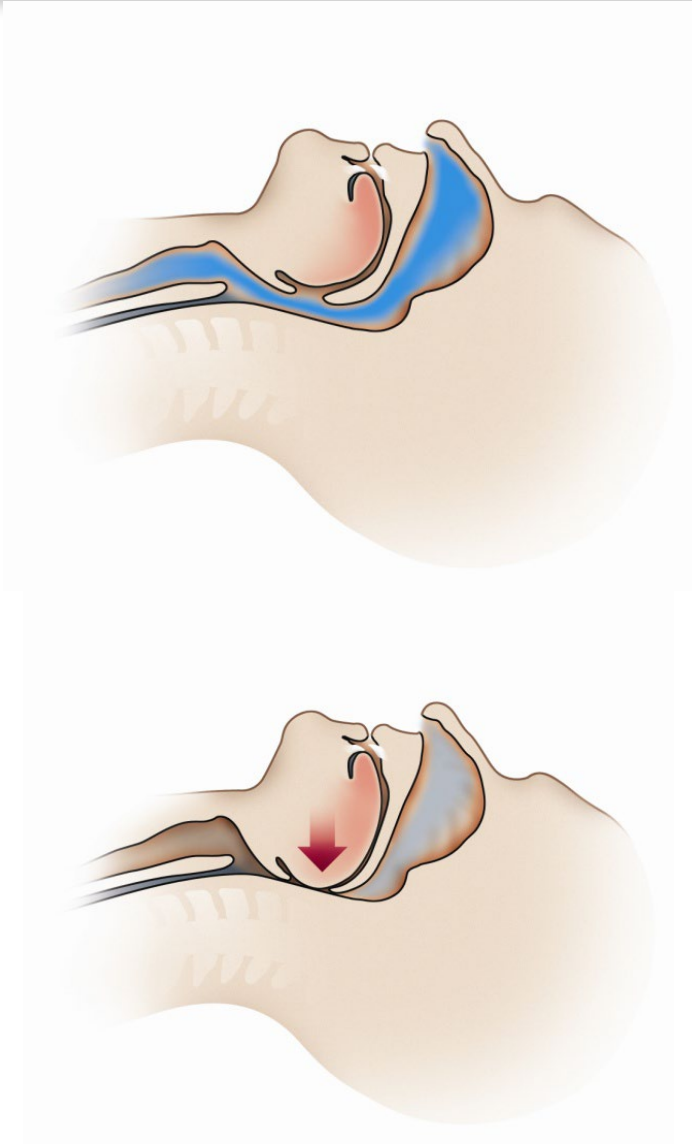
# Fatigue Susceptibility



- 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
  - $\geq 5$  = OSA
- OSA severity (mild, moderate, severe) based on rate
- Some people with severe OSA can have 100 per hour



1. Education
2. Screening
3. Testing
4. Treatment
5. Monitoring

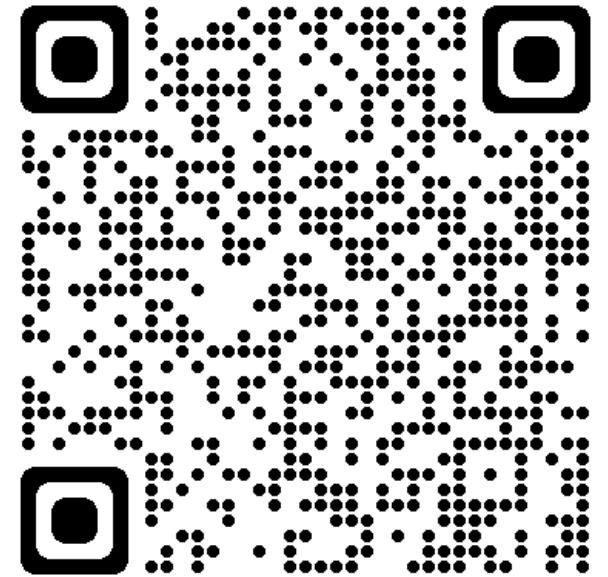
# More on Sleep Disorders Management

- [Webinar: Guide to Establishing a Sleep Disorders Management Program](#)
- [Module 7: Motor Carrier Sleep Disorders Management](#)
- [Module 8: Driver Sleep Disorders Management](#)

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# NAFMP Website Free Resources



- Tools
  - FMP Template
  - Implementation Manual
  - ROI Calculator
- Courses
  - eLearning Platform
  - PowerPoints with and without audio
  - For carrier's executives, safety managers, dispatchers, instructors, drivers, driver's families, shippers & receivers
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The American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association and nine other major medical associations [issued updated guidelines](#) for managing cardiovascular risk. In our two-part webinar series, this webinar will examine the leading causes of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver mortality, key biomarkers for assessing risk and the latest clinical therapies. Join us on June 10 for part two, which focuses on lifestyle levers to optimize these health markers, specifically VO2 max. This webinar is part of the North American Fatigue Management Program's (NAFMP) ongoing series on commercial driver fatigue.

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