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Mock truck crash provides unique experience for transportation professionals

Duluth, Georgia, April 28, 2011 – On April 21, the Georgia Motor Trucking Association, The McCart Group, and Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP presented a one-day seminar at the Cobb Galleria about preventing and defending a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) accident case.

Nearly 100 people attended to learn how to protect their company through compliance, accident prevention, accident investigation, and proper legal representation. Attendees represented nearly 50 motor carriers, as well as insurance carriers.

Michael Nischan, a safety consultant with The McCart Group, opened the session by speaking on the importance of a Fleet Management Program, Driver Qualification, Fleet Maintenance, and Hours of Service.

A mock truck crash scene and investigation followed, utilizing a truck and driver provided by Con-way Freight and a damaged passenger car delivered by Marietta Wrecker. The mock crash investigation was conducted by members of the Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT); the Georgia Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD); and the Cobb County Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) unit.

After lunch, guest speaker Heath Stewart, an accident reconstruction expert with Impact Collision Analysis LLC, explained what is involved in investigating a CMV accident.

Matt Stone, a partner with Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP, summarized the details of defending a CMV accident case. A mock trial cross-examination was conducted, involving the driver and company official. This insightful and well-received event concluded with an in-depth question and answer session.

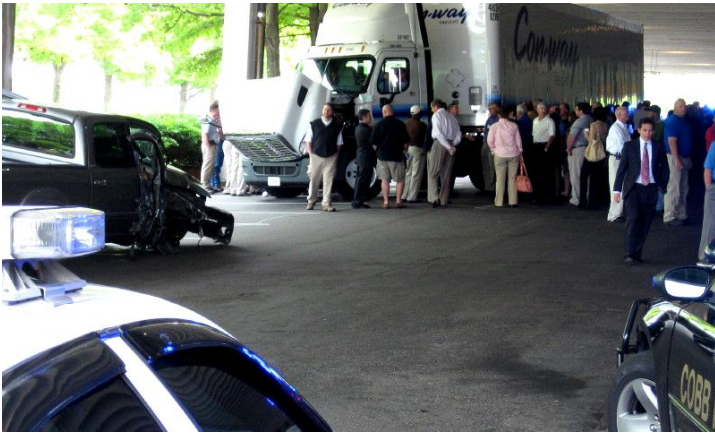
Although the seminar was provided at no charge, the GMTA Foundation accepted tax deductible donations on behalf of the family of Georgia State Patrol Trooper Chad LeCroy, who was killed in the line of duty on December 27, 2010 after a traffic stop and chase in metro Atlanta. By the end of the seminar, charitable donations exceeded \$3,000.

Donations are still being accepted until mid-May. If you are interested in donating, contact Guy Young, Vice-President of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association, at 770.444.9771. All funds raised for this event will be given to the LeCroy Family Foundation.

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Mock crash scene exercise begins



Emergency response by Georgia State Patrol, Cobb County STEP, and MCCD



Attendees listen and learn during mock crash scenario



Cobb County STEP officer explains roadway evidence



MCCD officer explains Level One inspection process



MCCD officer explains driver interview process