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CARGO THEFT HITS RECORD HIGHS IN 2010

According to its Annual Report on U.S. Cargo Theft 2010 published this week by FreightWatch International, a logistics security solutions firm for Fortune 500 companies, cargo theft while in transit rose by 4.1% to record levels in 2010, with an average of 75 cargo theft incidents occurring per month reported throughout the transport industry. The sector most heavily hit by cargo theft is the food and beverage industry which accounted for 21% of total theft activity. The average loss per incident was valued at approximately \$125,000. The electronics sector was second highest, accounting for 19% of all cargo theft at an average loss of \$512,000 per incident. Of the 899 cargo theft incidents recorded for the year, the majority of loads were stolen while left unattended. The full report provides an analysis of U.S. cargo theft including theft rates per state, the most common locations for thefts and the highest risk areas. It is available for download by going to: http://www.freightwatchintl.com/?q=webfm_send/34.

DIESEL FUEL PRICES JUMP SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST WEEK

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a significant jump in on-highway diesel fuel prices with the cost per gallon rising .074¢, from \$3.333 per gallon a week ago to \$3.407 today. This puts the average cost per gallon at .537¢ higher than one year ago. The New England region is the highest in the nation at \$3.560 per gallon. The lowest prices in the country are in the Gulf Coast region with a price per gallon of \$3.366. California leads all states with the highest cost per gallon at \$3.562.

CSA SAFETY MEASUREMENT SYSTEM WEBSITE UPDATES

The Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) program has updated the Safety Measurement System (SMS) website. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is encouraging commercial motor vehicle (CMV) carriers to log onto the SMS regularly. Logging onto SMS allows motor carriers the ability to view their crash and safety indications and assigned rating percentiles. Information not available to the public, such as driver names and other carrier-specific details can be a valuable tool for you in helping to keep your operation updated and in compliance. To log on to the updated SMS website, go to: <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/sms>.