Many commercial vehicle drivers illegally employ radar detectors aboard commercial vehicles. Since the enactment of the Federal and State statute that makes radar detectors in commercial motor vehicles illegal, many myths and questions have arisen concerning the use of these devices. The following information is provided in an effort to clarify this issue.

**RADAR DETECTORS; USE AND/OR POSSESSION**
*(Title 49 CFR, 392.71)*

(a) No driver shall use a radar detector in a commercial motor vehicle, or operate a commercial motor vehicle that is equipped with or contains any radar detector.

(b) No motor carrier shall require or permit a driver to violate paragraph (a) of this section.

*CMV DEFINITION:* *(390.5):* Any self propelled or towed vehicle used on the public highways in commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle: (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating (GCWR), or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 or more, whichever is greater; or (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or (4) Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring the use of hazardous material warning placards.

NOTE: This statute is a State and Federal law, which allows for civil and/or criminal prosecution of the commercial vehicle driver as well as the motor carrier.