

Colorado Information Analysis Center Officer Safety Bulletin

(U//LES) Water Tankers Possibly Hauling Flammable Materials

(U//LES) The Colorado State Patrol Motor Carrier Section has obtained information that tanker trucks designed to haul water in Northern Colorado may instead be hauling flammable liquids in an unauthorized manner.

(U//LES) The information is that an unknown number of water tanker companies could be hauling this liquid in tankers or tank trucks that are not permitted by Federal Law. (49 CFR 173.33(a)1/180.405)

(U//LES) Due to the potential for flammable liquids being carried by these vehicles; please use caution on any crash involving tankers or tank trucks designed to haul water. Advise your fire department and Hazardous Materials Team responsible for that area of the potential for flammable liquids being carried.

(U//LES) Hazardous Materials Technicians have the ability to test leaking liquid from vehicles for flammability. If the Colorado State Patrol has Designated Emergency Response Authority for your area CSP HAZMAT Technicians will respond and test the materials in the tanker. These unconfirmed reports are for information only and should not be used to initiate investigations and or traffic stops on these commercial motor vehicles. It also can not be confirmed or denied if this practice is only happening in Northern Colorado.





(U//LES) Responding officers should avoid contact and not allow smoking or ignition sources near crashes involving these types of vehicles if possible.

(U//LES) The CIAC is requesting that any agency in Colorado that responds to a situation as described above, please contact the CIAC and forward all appropriate reports.

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