

7455.1300 PRETRIP COORDINATION MEETING.

Subpart 1. **Meeting requirements generally.** A pretrip planning and coordination meeting must be conducted as follows:

A. The meeting must be held before load movement. The meeting may be held at the roadside when the required parties come together to organize the trip.

B. The required parties include the drivers carrying or pulling the oversize loads, the pilot escort vehicle drivers, law enforcement officers (if assigned), department personnel (if involved), and public utilities company representatives (if involved).

C. This meeting must include discussion and coordination on the conduct of the move.

D. The permittee or a designated representative shall conduct the meeting.

Subp. 2. **Meeting requirements for drivers.** In addition, the operator of the overdimensional vehicle or load and the pilot/escort driver shall comply with the following procedures:

A. Pilot/escort drivers shall ensure that all copies of permit and routing documentation are distributed to all appropriate individuals involved with the permitted load movement.

B. The meeting must also:

(1) coordinate the communication and signals to be used; and

(2) verify or measure the load dimensions, with permitted dimensions verified jointly by the operator of the overdimensional vehicle or load and the pilot/escort driver.

C. The pilot/escort driver shall provide proof of a valid pilot/escort driver certification and proof of insurance.

D. Drivers and operators shall also:

(1) discuss aspects of the move, including the overdimensional vehicle or load, the route, and specific responsibilities;

(2) review the permit conditions and distribute copies of the oversize/overweight permit to each pilot/escort driver;

(3) review the permitted route with any specified highway restrictions;

(4) determine the proper position of the pilot/escort vehicles;

(5) check mandatory equipment;

(6) mount signs, adjust mirrors, and turn on lights; and

(7) check each two-way radio to ensure clear communication on a selected channel.

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