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Investigating the Safety of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operation by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Drivers

In a recently published report, researchers found that, with proper training, DHH drivers do not present higher safety risks than their non-DHH counterparts. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration notes that the report summarizes findings from existing literature and interviews with audiologists, experts in deaf culture, and driving school personnel.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/research-and-analysis/investigating-safety-commercial-motor-vehicle-operation-deaf-and-hard-hearing>



Member Highlight: Dr. Scott Everson

Dr. Scott Everson, AOCOPM Trustee and Director of the Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, recently joined the U.S. Department of Energy as the Chief Medical Officer. He is a board certified occupational and environmental medicine physician with over 20 years of experience in delivering high-quality care to patients as well as leading organizations in recognizing, managing, and preventing work-related injury and illness. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in October, and he most recently served as the Chief of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for the U.S. Air and Space Forces.

<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/chief-medical-officer>



2024 Midyear Educational Conference Now Online

The 2024 Midyear Educational Conference is now available on demand at AOA Online Learning: <https://aoaonlinelearning.osteopathic.org/mod/page/view.php?id=8221>

AOCOPM Member [Discount Code](#) is in the Member Center.



2025 General Membership Business Meeting

The Annual Membership Business Meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, 2025, 7 PM Central Time. AOCOPM Members, will receive a Zoom invitation via email. It will also be posted in the website [calendar](#), but you must be logged in to see it.



DO Day Call for Speakers and Presentations

The AOA seeks seasoned osteopathic physicians and student advocates to speak and present virtually at DO Day on Capitol Hill 2025! If you want to present a topic virtually on DO Day, let us know by applying today! DO Day attendees can participate in person or join the virtual conference to earn CME, build leadership skills, and represent the voice of your profession.

Be sure to save the date for DO Day 2025:

March 22 - 23, 2025 | Virtual Conference

March 26 - 27, 2025 | In-Person Congressional Meetings

Additional Information & Deadlines:

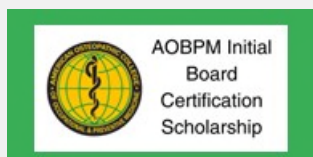
The application cycle will close in early Jan. 2025. If chosen, speakers will be asked to record their presentation via Zoom, or another platform of their choice, to be submitted to the AOA by Feb. 21, 2025. The content may qualify for CME and will be reviewed by the AOA CME team. Recordings should be approximately one hour long of educational advocacy content, which will "live" on the DO Day virtual platform and available for DO Day registrants to enjoy. Additional information about CME and logistics will be provided if you are selected.

[Submit a Proposal](#)



OMED24 on Demand, Last Chance

Experience OMED On-Demand with access to all programming, including 200+ hours of CME from 20 specialties. [Register and access the complete OMED24 program via the virtual platform through Dec. 31.](#) Members may access the PROMO CODE to receive \$100 off the price by logging into the [Member Center](#).



Board Scholarships Available

AOCOPM is offering full scholarships for initial AOBPM certification exams!

Learn more: <https://www.aocopm.org/aobpm-scholarship>



Join Us in St. Petersburg, Florida Next April

Mark your calendar and get your travel plans ready to go to sunny St. Petersburg, Florida. Please note that we will have Florida required CME offered for those who choose not to attend the Occupational Medicine Grand Rounds on Thursday.

[Midyear Educational Conference](#), April 10-12, 2025

OPAM Workshop: [Basic Course in Occupational Medicine](#), Part II, April 12-13, 2025

Florida Topics offered on Thursday, April 10, 2025 (one-day registration is available)

[Register for the 2025 Midyear and/or BCII](#)



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