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Attention Drivers!!!

The SFMTA is aware that some taxi companies are leasing taxis for periods up to 24 hours. We understand that this practice is appealing to drivers because it allows flexibility in their work schedule which in turn enables taxi companies to compete for drivers. However, some drivers are abusing this practice by driving excessive hours. **Please note it is against State and Federal laws to operate a commercial vehicle continuously for more than 10 hours.**

Exceeding the 10 hour limit may cause drivers to experience fatigue or appear under the influence, putting themselves and their passengers at risk.

The SFMTA will begin auditing electronic trip data of drivers who are suspected of driving excessive hours. All drivers must be logged in to the in-taxi equipment when beginning a shift.

Failure to log in to the in-taxi equipment is a violation of 1108(e)(13) and will result in a citation for \$164.

Taxi Investigators from the SFMTA and SFO will be inspecting taxis in the City and at SFO in order to ensure that drivers are logged into the taxi equipment.

If you are aware of or suspect a taxi driver who is driving excessive hours please feel free to contact Taxi Investigator Eric Richholt at **415-701-5497**. You may remain anonymous when speaking to him.

Please remember that as San Francisco taxi drivers you are ambassadors to the City and it is your duty to DRIVE SAFE!!