



Limousine Safety



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Presentation Overview

- Popular v. legal definition of limousines
- CPUC's Role in limo safety
- Notable current and past investigations





Legal Definition of a Limousine

- Any sedan or SUV
- Standard or extended length
- Capacity ≤ 10 passengers including the driver
- Used for transportation of passengers for hire
- Used on a prearranged basis





Legal Definition of a Bus

- A vehicle designed, used, or maintained for carrying >10 persons (including driver)
- Used to transport persons for compensation or profit
- Other requirements in the Vehicle Code



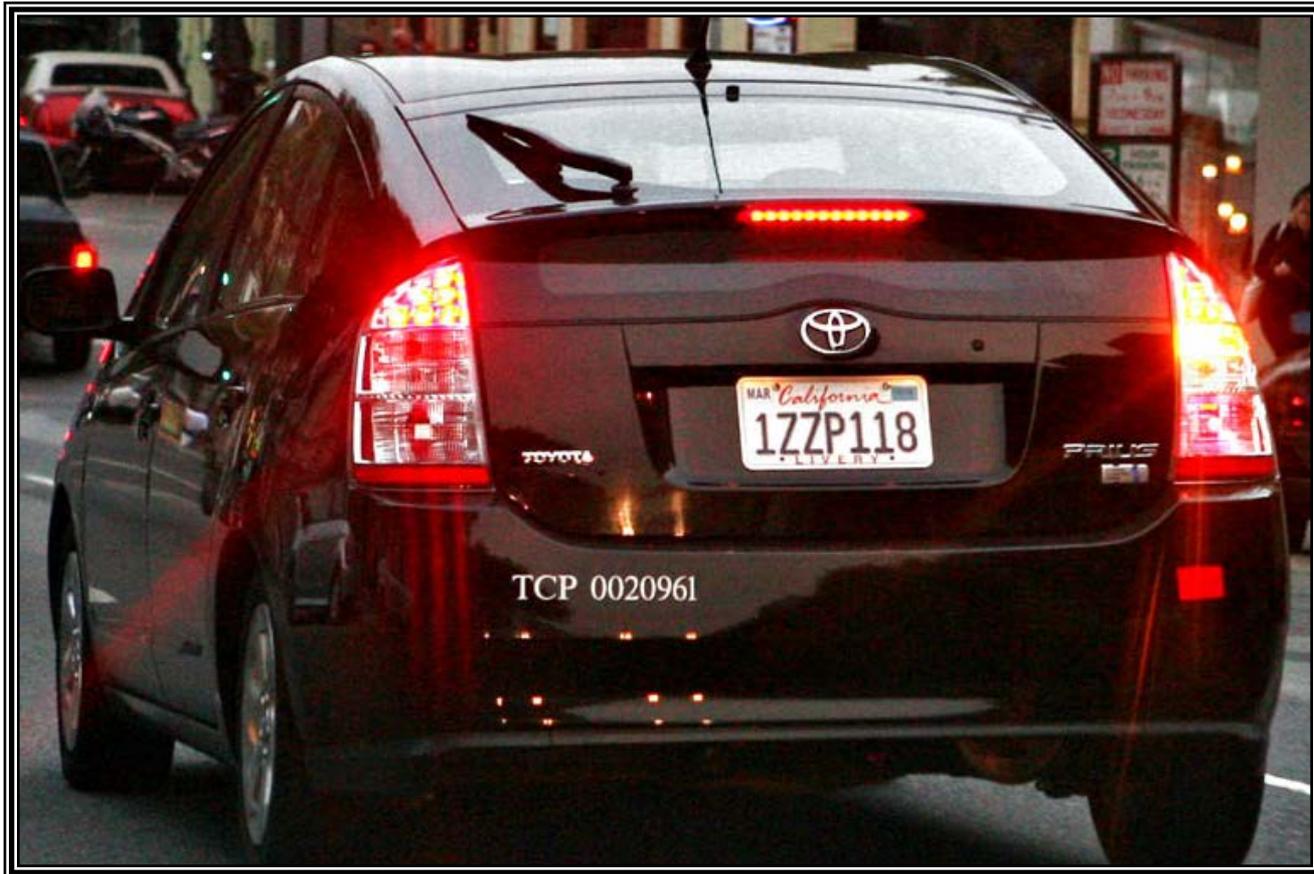


Limousine





Limousine





Limousine?



Capacity: 8 Passengers
Yes, It is a Limousine





Limousine?



Capacity: 14 Passengers
No, legally it is a Bus





Safety Compliance

- Drug and Alcohol testing
- Proper Insurance
- DMV Employer Pull Notice Program
- Inspection Records
- Driver Training





Law Enforcement Agencies

- Accident Investigation
 - Performed by the CHP or local LE agencies
 - In case of fires, local Fire Department





Current Notable Investigations

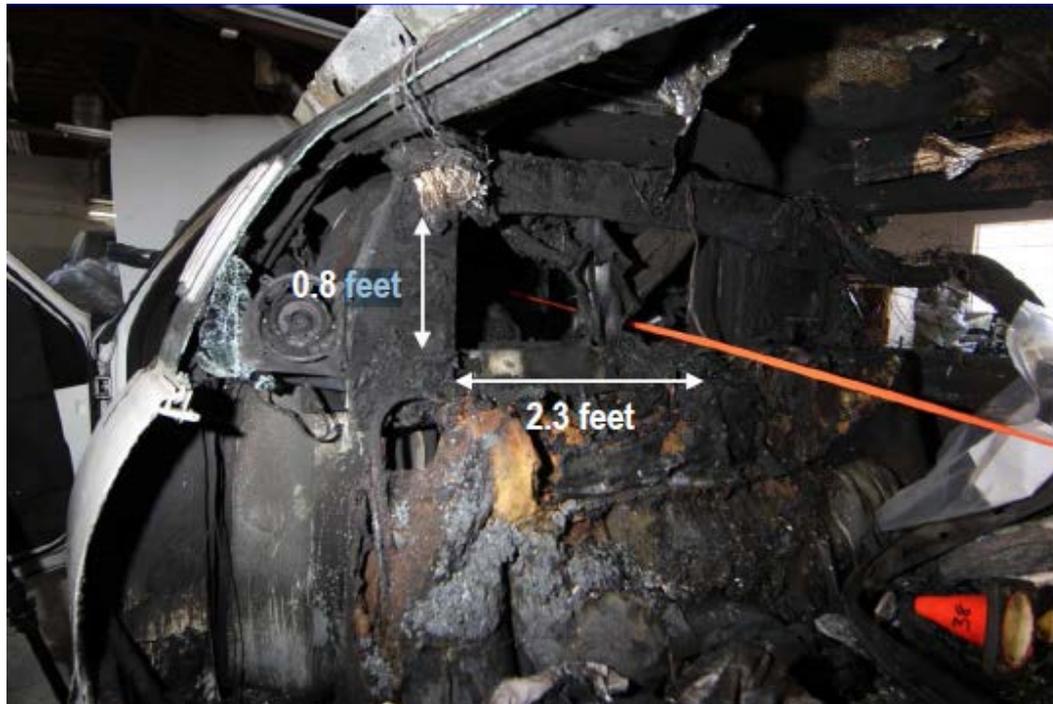
- *Limo Stop* fire on San Mateo Bridge
 - Fire caused by
 - Catastrophic or sudden failure of rear air suspension
 - Rear driveshaft made contact with floorboard
 - Friction resulted in heat/fire
 - Heat from friction ignited carpet
 - Fire resulted in deaths of five passengers





Current Notable Investigations

- *Limo Stop* fire on San Mateo Bridge
Survivors exited through a hole 9.25" by 28"





Current Notable Investigations

- *Limo Stop* fire on San Mateo Bridge
 - Not enough evidence for charges of criminal negligence
 - CPUC investigation report will be released soon





Current Notable Investigations

- Future implications for limousines:
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Safety inspections
 - Emergency exits





Past Notable Investigations

Dan Brown of *Coachman/At Your Service*

- Cited twice by CPUC staff for no insurance
- Tried by Monterey Co. DA's Office
- Pled guilty on May 29, 2013
 - Operating after revocation
 - Operating without Workers' Comp. Insurance
 - Operating without PL & PD Insurance





Past Notable Investigations

Dan Brown of *Coachman/At Your Service* (cont.)

- Three years probation
- 25 days community service (in lieu of jail)
- \$25,000 fine

