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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Philleo Nash today requested all Bureau employees--and urged all Indian adults--to take part in the National Driver's Test to be telecast over the CBS Television Network Monday, August 30.

The self-evaluation driver review test will be telecast at 10:00 p.m. Eastern and Pacific time, and 9:00 p.m. Central and Mountain time.

Test forms are being distributed throughout the Indian reservations and all Bureau offices.

In pledging the Bureau's full support of the National Driver's Test as well as other nationwide safety and accident prevention programs, Nash said:

"Automobiles, buses and trucks are by far the most common means of travel in Indian areas. The accident rate is high, and we must reduce it.

"The Bureau’s trusteeship responsibilities for many Indian lands imply a direct responsibility for the safety and well-being of the people. We have, therefore, established an Office of Safety in the Bureau, and will develop a motor vehicle accident prevention program to parallel other efforts in the area of occupational safety practices."