

## Safety Management Council

The Safety Management Council of the Nevada Trucking Association is dedicated to enhancing the safety and security of the trucking industry. This council brings together industry experts to share best practices, provide safety training, and networking with peers and partners in law enforcement and regulatory agencies. Join us today!

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## Safety Council Meeting

We will hold our next Safety Council meeting in Las Vegas on February 12, 2025. There will be a zoom option for those who can't attend in-person.

NTA Safety Director Patti Gillette will discuss the updated FMCSA Crash Preventability Determination Program and outline how and when you can submit a DataQ to have crashes removed from your safety profile.

Additionally, we will have our regular reports from NTA, NHP and FMCSA.

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## Safety Award Nominations Open – DUE MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>!



We are currently soliciting nominations for the following Award Categories:

- Driver of the Month (*Driver of the Year will be selected from these applications*)
- Safety Professional of the Year
- Fleet Safety
- Knights of the Road

You will find the downloadable nomination forms at <https://nevadatrucking.com/safety-awards-program/>. Please return the completed forms and other required information no later than **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Nominations may be emailed to [patti@nevadatrucking.com](mailto:patti@nevadatrucking.com) or delivered to NTA office at 8745 Technology Way, Unit E, Reno, NV 89521.

Awards will be announced and distributed this spring. Specific details TBD.

We hope you take advantage of these new programs. We highly recommend each of our member companies submit nominations. They are an excellent way to recognize your company, drivers and safety professionals for their dedication to highway safety. Additionally, participation in these programs enhances your company's reputation among the trucking industry, law enforcement, shippers, insurance carriers, the public and potential jurors.

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### **Nevada Truck Driving Championships**

The 2025 NV Truck Driving Championship has been scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reno. We will begin planning sessions in January. We are looking for course judges, pre-trip judges, driver attendants, score runners and more. No experience or CDL necessary (except for equipment movers). If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com).

Details can be found at [www.NevadaTrucking.com](http://www.NevadaTrucking.com) under the Events tab.



Join us in Reno – located on the  
Historic Lincoln Highway!

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### **Upcoming Training & Seminars**

(contact [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com) to register for any of these seminars)

#### **\*\* SUPERVISOR TRAINING FOR REASONABLE SUSPICION: DRUG & ALCOHOL**

February 11, 2025 – ZOOM – 8am – 11am - \$125/person

Every supervisor who has interaction with CDL drivers is required to receive a minimum of 2 hours training in the detection of alcohol misuse or controlled substances use.

In this course, the trained supervisor will receive the FMCSA mandated training and the necessary training certificate to be in compliance with 49 CFR 382.603.

## CERTIFIED DIRECTOR OF SAFETY / CERTIFIED SAFETY SUPERVISOR

March 10-14, 2025 – \$1,495/person - Las Vegas Office

Made up of two 2-day courses, plus an exam and certification application, this Certified Safety Training is a nationally-recognized industry standard for excellence. CDS students must have 5 years in the motor fleet safety field or 4 years in the field with a 4-year college degree to qualify for certification, while CSS students must only have 2 years in fleet safety. However, the courses are open to everyone in the industry to take without the exam and certification.

## PERIODIC ANNUAL INSPECTIONS PROCEDURES & QUALIFICATIONS

June 3, 2025 – ZOOM – 8am – 12:30pm - \$140/person

This course covers the elements of the DOT annual periodic vehicle inspection, completion of the annual inspection reports and placement of decals. Students will learn the regulatory requirements of the annual periodic vehicle inspection and 49 CFR 393 and 396 Appendix A, previously known as Appendix G. Inspectors/technicians will learn the requirements to become a qualified inspector and how to maintain qualification.

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## **ATRI Seeks Motor Carrier Guidance on Advanced Safety Technologies on Behalf of TechCelerate Now Program**

**Washington, D.C.** – The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) is initiating research on the role that advanced safety systems can have in improving safety and productivity in trucking. This research is part of the ongoing TechCelerate Now program, which is sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The TechCelerate Now research team includes ATRI, ATA's Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) and the OOIDA Foundation.

To better understand the issues and opportunities for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) in the trucking industry, the research team is distributing a motor carrier survey that identifies which technologies are in use by motor carriers, and what issues and perspectives they've encountered relating to truck driver acceptance, repair

and maintenance, and safety benefits – among other topics. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The survey is posted on the new TechCelerate Now website, which provides substantially more information on the program, and will house the soon-to-be released TechCelerate Now “Return on Investment” calculator – which will allow users to see direct benefit-cost information specific to each carrier and driver.

The survey can be found on the [TechCelerate Now website here](#).

Contact: Dan Murray, (651) 641-6162, [dmurray@trucking.org](mailto:dmurray@trucking.org)

*ATRI is the trucking industry's 501(c)(3) not-for-profit research organization. It is engaged in critical research relating to freight transportation's essential role in maintaining a safe, secure and efficient transportation system.*

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## **FMCSA: Online Registration Updates are Back**

As of January 20, 2025, FMCSA Registration Options have been integrated into the FMCSA Portal to enhance security and comply with the Presidential mandate for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and customers can resume making online updates.

Online updates can now be made to:

- File a biennial update (MCS-150)
- File a change of address
- Reinstate Operating Authority
- Reapply for a USDOT Number after New Entrant revocation
- Update cargo tank registration
- Update HM Safety Permit (MCS-150B) registration

If you already have a [Login.gov](#) account, you do not need to create a new one. Use your existing [Login.gov](#) account only if it is not already associated with an FMCSA Portal account. Each FMCSA Portal account type – whether for a Company Employee, Associate of a Company, Insurance Filer, or BOC-3 Filer – requires its own unique [Login.gov](#) account. You cannot use the same [Login.gov](#) account for multiple FMCSA Portal accounts.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/registration-forms#Processing%20Time> and a complete step-by-step process is detailed in our [FMCSA Portal Registration User Guide for FMCSA Registered Entities and Associates](#).

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## **2025 Seminar Schedule**

Reasonable Suspicion Training (required for all motor carriers) – February 11<sup>th</sup> ZOOM  
Certified Director of Safety – March 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> – Las Vegas  
Periodic Vehicle Inspection & Qualifications – June 3<sup>rd</sup> ZOOM

ProGroup Safety Courses are open to all NTA members (visit [www.pgmnv.com](http://www.pgmnv.com) to register and see course descriptions & fees). Courses are available in Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas.

- OSHA 10 Hour Construction
- CPR / First Aid / AED (Adult, Child & Infants)
- OSHA Injury & Illness Reporting
- OSHA 10 Hour General Industry
- Mobile Equipment Safety
- Slips, Trips & Falls
- Reasonable Suspicion for non-DOT Supervisors

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## **Save the Dates!**

February 11 – Reasonable Suspicion Seminar via ZOOM  
March 3 – Award Nominations DUE  
March 10-14 – Certified Director of Safety course – Las Vegas  
April – TBD – Safety Award Luncheons – Reno & Las Vegas  
May 3 – NV Truck Driving Championships – Reno  
May 8 – NTA Legislative Day  
June 3 – Periodic Inspection Procedures & Qualifications Seminar via ZOOM  
June 11 – Safety Symposium & Lunch – Las Vegas

## **Safety Council Meetings**

February 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM  
March 6 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM  
April 8 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM  
May 13 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM  
June 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM  
July 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM  
August 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM  
September 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM  
October 14 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM  
November 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM  
December 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

## **Other Dates of Interest**

April 23-25, 2025 – ATA Safety, Security & Human Resources Conference  
April 27 – May 1, 2025 – CVSA Workshop – New Orleans, LA

May 13-15, 2025 – International Roadcheck  
July 13-19, 2025 – Operation Safe Driver  
August 20-23, 2025 – National Truck Driving Championships – Minneapolis, MN  
August 24-30, 2025 – Brake Safety Week  
September 14-20, 2025 – National Truck Driver Appreciation Week  
September 21-27, 2025 – National Technician Appreciation Week

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## Get Involved!

We are excited to invite all members to actively participate in our Safety Council and safety-related programs. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to contribute valuable insights, share experiences, and collaborate on events. Let's work together to build a positive safety culture in Nevada. Join us in making a difference! Contact Patti today!

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## USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab Leaders in Telematics and Cameras

### The Nevada Trucking Association is Proud to Announce its New Partnership with USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab!

We are proud to announce a strategic partnership with USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab, leaders in telematics and fleet camera systems. This collaboration brings NTA members an all-in-one solution for fleet data insights, telematics, and cutting-edge camera technology, backed by reliable, dedicated support from a Nevada-based provider.

#### Key Benefits for NTA Members:

- **Exclusive NTA Pricing & Installation Discounts:** Access special offers on telematics solutions.
- **Effortless CARB Compliance:** Simplify CARB compliance without manual smog checks with Geotab.
- **Telematics & Camera Systems for Trucking:** With over 4.5M connected vehicles globally and over 1.2M connected trucks, Geotab delivers the best-in-class technology for Trucking fleet management.
- **Tailored Telematics Solutions:** USA Fleet Solutions customizes solutions to meet NTA members' needs.

#### How USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab Can Help Your Fleet:

- **Enhance Driver Safety:** Stay ahead of risks with collision detection and AI-powered cameras. Use data insights to identify opportunities for driver coaching.
- **Simplify Driver Compliance:** Ensure regulatory compliance with Geotab's robust ELD and HOS solutions, keeping your drivers on track.
- **Optimize Fleet Operations:** Improve efficiency with advanced mapping & routing tools, with seamless integration via Geotab's open API for custom solutions.
- **Improve Fleet Maintenance:** Monitor vehicle health, including engine and battery diagnostics, to ensure optimal performance.
- **Reliable, Dedicated Support:** Benefit from USA Fleet Solutions' expert customer service, always ready to assist with your fleet's needs.





## About USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab

For over 18 years, Fleet Solutions, LLC has been a trusted partner to commercial trucking fleets, delivering tailored solutions to enhance safety, maximize uptime, and optimize operations. Our expertise in telematics helps fleets reduce downtime and improve profitability. With a proven track record of seamless implementations and a focus on clear communication and employee buy-in, we ensure measurable results that keep your trucks on the road and your business moving forward.

Geotab is a global leader in telematics and connected fleet technology, with over 20 years of experience helping businesses optimize their operations. With more than 4.5 million connected assets worldwide, Geotab delivers powerful insights through advanced data analytics, enabling smarter, safer, and more efficient fleet management. Committed to innovation, Geotab invests over \$100 million annually in engineering and development, ensuring cutting-edge solutions that meet the evolving needs of fleets across industries.

## Use Geotab to Simplify Compliance with CARB's Clean Truck Check Program

### What is the CTC Program?

- Effective December 31, 2024, CARB requires emissions inspections for all medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles over 14,000 pounds operating in California to be done 2-4 times a year.

### Why Choose Geotab?

- Approved Continuously Connected Device (CCD) for seamless, real-time emissions testing with no downtime.
- Effortless compliance and simplified reporting through an integrated platform saving fleets up to \$500 per vehicle per year!

### Eligibility Requirements

- Diesel vehicles over 14,001 GVWR.
- 2013 or newer (older vehicles need manual inspections twice a year).
- ProPlus or GO Plan subscription with CARB-compliant telematics installed.

## 2025 Nevada Trucking Association Special Offer

### Switch and Save with USA Fleet Solutions and Geotab!

- Free Equipment: Move from a competitor to Geotab and get your hardware at no cost.
- 2 Months of Free Service: Enjoy two months of complimentary service when you make the switch
- Discounted Installation & Preferred Pricing offered to all NTA Members.

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## FMCSA's Approved SMS Changes

### Have You Checked Your CSA Preview Yet?

For a few years now, the FMCSA has been working to enhance the Safety Measurement System (SMS) methodology. SMS is still being used to prioritize motor carriers, and a new set of changes have been identified to enhance the system.

The FMCSA is currently updating the SMS methodology to incorporate the approved changes. Until the updated system is in effect (launch date TBD), motor carriers should continue to use the [current SMS website](#) to monitor safety performance.

We encourage you to access the [CSA Prioritization Preview website](#) to see what your prioritization results will be when the SMS updates go into effect. Check out a video demonstration about an example motor carrier by [clicking here](#).

### Significant changes include:

- Reorganizing the Vehicle Maintenance and Unsafe Driving BASICs, now called “compliance categories,” to focus on motor carriers with higher crash rates and more accurately pinpoint unsafe behaviors.
- Reorganizing more than 2,000 violation codes into approximately 100 violation groups of similar safety behaviors to prevent inconsistencies that occur when multiple violations are cited for a single or very similar underlying issue.
- Simplifying violation severity weights to adopt a more straightforward approach.
- Adjusting the Intervention Thresholds for three compliance categories to focus on carriers with the highest crash rates.
- Eliminating large percentile changes that occur for non-safety related reasons to more precisely indicate how a motor carrier’s performance is trending from month to month.
- Only calculating percentiles for compliance categories in which a carrier has received a violation within the last 12 months to focus on carriers with more recent safety issues.
- Updated Utilization Factor to more accurately account for the on-road exposure of motor carriers with the most Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per vehicle.

- Extending segmentation of carriers by operation and vehicle type to additional compliance categories to improve carrier-to-carrier comparisons.
- Continuing to exclude crashes determined to be “not preventable” when calculating SMS results.

Go check it out... how does your performance look? In what compliance categories do you need improvement? How can we work together to improve your operation?

Lastly, the FMCSA will be hosting a series of webinars on the approved changes to SMS. The first one, **Understanding Future Changes to SMS Part 1**, was held January 16 and focused on explaining the reorganized BASICS (now called "Compliance Categories), violation groups, and simplified severity weights. To download a copy of the presentation, [click here](#).

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