

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 Reno on March 6, 2025. There will be a zoom option for those who can't attend in-person.

P. Sean Garney, Co-Director of Scopelitis Transportation Consulting will join us as our Keynote Speaker. Sean will discuss the changes to the SMS system made by FMCSA, how to preview your online account and what to expect in the future.

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



Safety Nominations EXTENDED – DUE MARCH 17th!



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 17th**. Nominations may be emailed to 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.

Nevada Truck Driving Championships

The 2025 NV Truck Driving Championship has been scheduled for May 3rd 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.

Details can be found at www.NevadaTrucking.com under the Events tab.



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

Reminder: REAL ID Compliance Date Approaching

Starting May 7, 2025, US Travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or other acceptable form of identification, such as a passport, to board domestic flights and **access certain federal facilities**. The REAL-ID Act set standards for state-issued IDs. You should check your current license has a "star" marking to indicate compliance.

Now is the time to have your drivers double check their licenses and if they are not REAL-ID compliant, get them updated. It is essential for all drivers who currently access federal facilities and other secure locations to verify compliance before the enforcement date to avoid being denied entrance.

Upcoming Training & Seminars

(contact Patti@NevadaTrucking.com to register for these seminars)

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.



ATRI Releases Annual List of Top 100 Truck Bottlenecks

Data shows ways to reduce chokepoints, lower emissions, and drive economic growth

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| 2. Chicago: I-294 at I-290/I-88 | 5. Los Angeles: SR 60 at SR 57 |
| 3. Houston: I-45 at I-69/US 59 | 6. Cincinnati: I-71 at I-75 |
| 4. Atlanta: I-285 at I-85 (North) | 7. Houston: I-10 at I-45 |
| 5. Nashville: I-24/I-40 at I-440 (East) | 8. Atlanta: I-20 at I-285 (West) |
| 6. Atlanta: I-75 at I-285 (North) | |

ATRI's analysis, which utilized data from 2024, found traffic conditions continue to deteriorate from recent years, in some instances due to work zones resulting from increased infrastructure investment. Average rush hour truck speeds were 34.2 MPH, down three percent from the previous year. Among the top 10 locations, average rush hour truck speeds were 29.7 MPH.

In addition to squandering time and money, these delays waste fuel – with trucks burning an estimated 6.4 billion gallons of diesel fuel and producing more than 65 million metric tons of additional carbon emissions while stuck in traffic jams.

“As the Trump Administration and new Congress kick off the process of reauthorizing the federal highway bill, this report provides a precise blueprint on where to begin,” said **American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear**. “These traffic bottlenecks not only choke our supply chains, adding \$109 billion annually to the cost of transporting the everyday goods that Americans depend on, but they also

impact the quality of life for all motorists who rely on the national highway system to commute to work, school, church, and other life events. Targeted investments to reduce this traffic congestion are exactly the kinds of projects, with a measurable return on investment, that taxpayers come to expect of their elected officials.”

For access to the full report, including detailed information on each of the 100 top congested locations, please [visit ATRI's website here](#). ATRI is also providing animations created with truck GPS data for select bottleneck locations, all available on its website.

ATRI is the trucking industry's 501c3 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.

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](#).

2025 Seminar Schedule

Periodic Vehicle Inspection & Qualifications – June 3rd ZOOM

ProGroup Safety Courses are open to all NTA members (visit 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

Save the Dates!

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

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

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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Guest Column

Heat Illness Prevention Alert

It is time to start developing your Heat Illness Prevention Plan as mandated by the State of Nevada.

Employers with 11 or more employees are required to establish a written safety program that includes a one-time written job hazard assessment (JHA). The assessment must be completed before employees performs tasks for the first time or when tasks materially change that exposes

workers to heat illness conditions for more than 30 minutes out of any 60 minutes period, not including breaks and without consideration to their access to water, rest, or shade.

The JHA must include:

- 2) A list of **all** job classifications in which the majority of employees have an occupational heat illness exposure.
- 2) A list of **all** tasks & procedures or groups of closely related activities performed by employees who may be exposed **and** for employees on the job classification list.

As an employer consider how you will monitor heat exposure within the workplace and local weather conditions & determine when there is a reasonable likelihood that heat illness in outdoor conditions could occur. You may consider an application that measures the heat index by zip code or investing in portable heat stress meters that utilize wet bulb globe temperature-based exposure and alert limits. These monitoring systems don't account for heat generated from physical exertion, duration of workloads or protective clothing & equipment worn by employees so you will need to take that into account.

Consider reducing heat illness by implementing:

- 3) Engineering controls such as shade structures over high exertion work areas.
- 3) Work practice controls such as increasing the number of breaks and lengths of time based on heat exposure severity and worker exertion.
- 3) Train workers on signs & symptoms before hot outdoor work begins and how to acclimatize.

Courtesy of PGM Safety Services, an affiliate company of Pro Group Management. Visit us at www.pgmnv.com or call (800) 859-3177.