

## **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 June 10, 2025. There will be a zoom option for those who can't attend in-person. (NTA South / 195 E. Reno Ave, Ste. C, Las Vegas). Note: our speaker was changed for May, so our June Speaker is below.

Join us as Johnny Mullins and Mark D'Andrea from Synergy-Solutions as they discuss the importance of driver communication and detailed onboarding. Use of specific approaches can help you manage your fleet and keep safety on the forefront of everyone's mind.

Additionally, we will have our regular reports and discussions.

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## **LAST CHANCE! 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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## **Join Us! Safety Risk Summit – Building a Culture that Values Safety**

Join NTA and Great West Casualty Company for a free Safety & Risk Symposium.

June 17th  
8:00am – 12:00pm  
College of Southern Nevada  
Student Union – NLVU126  
3200 E Cheyenne Avenue  
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

### **This event will cover:**

- Safety and regulatory updates on new and future rules that may affect your company,
- Building a culture that values safety,
  - Strategies to strengthen your overall company safety culture,
- Roundtable discussions on how to integrate all employees into your safety efforts, including
  - Technology, Talent Acquisition, Accident Prevention, Injury Prevention and more
- Networking opportunities and strategies

*There is no cost for attendance and lunch will be provided.*

Register [HERE](#).

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## **Nevada Truck Driving Championships Results**



The 2025 NV Truck Driving Championship was held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Washoe Regional Public Safety Training Center in Reno. Thank you to everyone who showed up to cheer on our competitors!

In all, we had 81 drivers, 68 volunteers and over 250 family members, friends and company supporters attend.

Our Raffle and Duck sale raised \$1,000 for Battle Born Guardians – THANK YOU!

We could not hold this event without all the support from our sponsors, donors, volunteers and others – a huge THANK YOU to all!

## **Financial Sponsors:**

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## **Equipment Sponsors:**

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## **2025 NV TDC Champions**

Step Van:	Griffin Blake	Federal Express Corporation
Straight Truck:	Robbie Maus	UPS
Three Axle:	Randy Stromlund	UPS
Four Axle:	Timothy Stanga	FedEx Freight
Five Axle:	David Norman	FedEx Freight
Sleeper:	Eric Flick	UPS
Tank:	Gragg Wilson	UPS
Flatbed:	William Fox	XPO
Twin Trailers:	Roy Gumm	Old Dominion Freight Lines

Rookie of the Year: Robbie Maus, UPS

Team Trophy: UPS

Grand Champion: Tim Stanga, FedEx Freight

Check out our webpage at <https://nevadatrucking.com/truck-driving-championships/> for a full list of winners, photos and more news.

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## **English Language Proficiency Added to OOS Criteria – Effective June 25, 2025**

Pursuant to President Donald J. Trump's [Enforcing Commonsense Rules of the Road for America's Truck Drivers Executive Order](#), the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Board of Directors voted to add non-compliance with [Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 391.11\(b\)\(2\)](#) to the [CVSA North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria](#), effective June 25.

CVSA will add an “English Proficiency (U.S. Only)” heading to the “Part I – Driver” section of the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria with the following language: *Driver cannot read and speak the English language sufficiently to communicate with the safety official to respond to official inquiries and directions in accordance with FMCSA enforcement guidance. (391.11(b)(2))* **Declare driver out of service.**

CFR 391.11(b)(2), “General qualifications of drivers,” states that a driver must be able to read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records.

The CVSA North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria details the criteria that prohibit a motor carrier or driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle. By adding English language proficiency to the out-of-service criteria, a commercial motor vehicle inspector may place a driver out of service if they cannot demonstrate proficiency in reading and speaking English. According to the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will issue guidance for commercial motor vehicle inspectors to ensure enforcement of the English language proficiency standard is applied consistently.

This revision to the out-of-service criteria was approved by the board under an emergency provision within the CVSA Bylaws, which allows the board to vote on a change to the out-of-service criteria without a vote by Class I Members, which is the usual process for changes to the criteria. The board utilized the emergency bylaw provision to meet the president’s 60-day deadline, as noted in his executive order. In addition, CVSA will petition FMCSA to update 49 CFR 391.11(b)(2) to identify non-compliance with English language proficiency as an out-of-service condition. CVSA will also send a petition FMCSA requesting that the agency harmonize the commercial driver’s license English language requirements in 49 CFR Part 383 “Commercial Driver’s License Standards” with those in 49 CFR Part 391 “Qualifications of Drivers and Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Driver Instructors” so that the standards are consistent.

## FMCSA GUIDANCE:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued guidance on how the agency plans to enforce this regulation. The guidance advises FMCSA personnel to initiate all roadside inspections in English. If during that initial indicates the driver may not understand the instructions, the inspector is to conduct an ELP assessment in order to evaluate the driver’s compliance with English language proficiency.

This process consists of two parts: a driver interview and a highway traffic sign recognition.

Once NTA has more information on specific guidance we will share it with members.

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## **Medical Certification - New Rules Take Effect June 23, 2025!**

Beginning June 23, 2025, drivers with CDLs and CLPs will no longer be issued original Medical Examiner Certificates as proof of medical certification.

Currently, a driver is provided a paper copy of Form MCSA-5876, and must then submit that to their state driver licensing agency (SDLA). The SDLA then has 10 days to upload the information to the driver's CDL, and companies / drivers can confirm this information on an MVR within 15 days.

Under the new process, drivers will not need to submit anything to the SDLA because all medical examiners will electronically submit the certificates to the FMCSA, which will then communicate the information to the SDLA directly.

While many of the "bugs" have been worked out of the system, carriers and drivers need to plan for the unexpected. Please advise your drivers to go in for their medical exams early - there is no guarantee if they get a new exam on the day the current one expires, that the information will reach their CDL/MVR before they are out of compliance. **Many sources are recommending drivers get their medical exams 10-14 days prior to their current certification expiring.**

Also, while medical examiners are no longer required to provide medical certificates to drivers, **drivers can still request a paper copy of their medical certificates!**

NOTE: In speaking with the folks at NV DMV, the State of Nevada is prepared to begin this process on time, and in fact, may be ready to transition a week or so early.

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## **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CORNER**

### **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)--Transportation Security Administration (TSA)- Surface Operations**

This month, we begin to outline our specific programs and training opportunities that provide ways to increase a company's security posture.

One of the many programs we offer is a Transportation Security Template and Assessment Review Toolkit (T-START). It is a security plan template that assists over-the-road stakeholders and entities develop an effective security plan. T-START is intended to strengthen prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities, essential in forming a strong safety, security and risk management framework. A TSA inspector will be available to guide and assist you through the entire process.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Surface Transportation Security Inspector Dave Douglas [David.Douglas@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:David.Douglas@tsa.dhs.gov) or Supervisory Transportation Security Inspector Robert Grim [Robert.grim@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:Robert.grim@tsa.dhs.gov).

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## The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) annual *Our Roads, Our Safety*® Week officially returns this year June 2-6, 2025!

Millions of large trucks and buses are registered to operate on America's roadways and play a critical role in helping move our nation's economy and transporting our loved ones. It is essential that we all know how to navigate safely around them. *Our Roads, Our Safety*® Week is a week-long observance reminding us that road safety is everyone's responsibility.

**Our new toolkit with shareable resources is now LIVE!** This includes social media messages, graphics, safety tip checklists, and a new Facebook logo and header image. Throughout the week, help us amplify safety messages across your digital platforms with the following social media tips:

- Use #OurRoadsOurSafetyWeek on social media when sharing posts.
- Change your social media profile photo and page header to promote the week.
- Download the week's social media messages and graphics and share on your channels.
- Don't forget to tag [\*Our Roads, Our Safety\*®](#) and [FMCSA](#) on Facebook when posting!



Explore the Toolkit Here:

[https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/OROSWeek?utm\\_source=govdelivery\\_orosweek1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=oros25](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/OROSWeek?utm_source=govdelivery_orosweek1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=oros25)

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## Save the Dates!

June 3 – Periodic Inspection Procedures & Qualifications Seminar via ZOOM

June 17 – Safety Symposium & Lunch – Las Vegas

## Safety Council Meetings

June 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM – Driver Training & Comms

July 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM – How to Find Drivers

August 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

September 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM – AI in Trucking Operations

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

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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## HAPPY FLAG DAY!





## Guest Column: Fall Prevention in Transportation



The month of May is highlighted by the National Safety Stand-Down To Prevent Falls. Employers across all industries are meeting with their employees to talk about the importance of how to prevent falls.

In transportation we have drivers climbing in and out of their cabs, on and off forklifts, shimmying up and down tanker ladders or climbing on and off flatbed trailers. We may also have employees who are faced with falls from loading docks. What fall hazards do your employees face each day? Do they understand how to prevent falls?

Drivers pride themselves on million plus miles without an accident, but do we put the same emphasis on a million plus miles without an injury? Preventing falls in transportation is reinforcing the basics which starts with **THREE POINTS of CONTACT!**

**THREE POINT CONTACT** means your employee is facing the vehicle whether climbing or descending. They must have two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand in contact with the vehicle forming a triangular anchor where their weight is evenly distributed between the three contact points. As with all injury prevention, recurring reminders will help keep it fresh in their minds!

What about loading docks? Even though they may not meet the OSHA requirement of 4 feet or higher does being one inch short really change the outcome of a fall? What is your policy for employees working near the dock edge or driving forklifts in and out of trailers? When the door is raised the trailer should be in position to prevent a fall. Do you have chains, straps or other barriers in place when the door is open but the trailer isn't in place? What about in the summer when all the doors are open for ventilation do you have anything in place to identify the hazard and prevent employees from a fall? Do you enforce your requirement that is meant to prevent these types of falls?

What is your policy on footwear? We all know about hard or steel toed boots but what about the slip resistance built into the soles? Do you require employee footwear to



meet the minimum ATSM recommended standards? Employees can identify footwear that meets this requirement by ensuring it is marked as being F3445-21 SR compliant.

What about the condition of employees' footwear, gloves and hands? These are the critical components for maintaining three-point contact! Are boot or shoe soles worn or treads clogged with mud or grease. Did they just walk through a puddle of oil? All these conditions the effectiveness of their footwear. What is your company policy say about when employee's footwear is required to be replaced? Even though employees buy their own footwear doesn't mean they can show up to work with the cheapest and most unsafe footwear they can find.

Gloves are easier for employees to identify when they need to be replaced such as when they have holes, are dirty, greasy or the texture has worn out. What about when an employee injures their hand(s) even a cut or laceration can affect their ability to maintain proper three-point contact with even weight distribution!

Take a few minutes to meet with your employees and remind them about fall prevention whether on or off the job.

For more information on Fall Prevention in Transportation, or any other safety questions, or concerns, please contact PGM Safety Services, an affiliate company of Pro Group Management. We will be happy to assist when you visit us at [www.pgmnv.com](http://www.pgmnv.com) or call (800) 859-3177.

## Office of Registration



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

## Completing Identity Verification for FMCSA Registration

Identity proofing and verification is the next step in safety with FMCSA.



FMCSA is increasing accountability and reducing fraud in the motor carrier industry with the introduction of a new identity verification process as part of any new FMCSA registration.

All new applicants registering for a USDOT Number in the current Unified Registration System (URS) will be required to pass identity proofing and verification.

This new process is a step toward meeting FMCSA's mission to reduce fatalities and crashes on the Nation's roadways.

**It aims to:**

- Verify legitimacy of an applicant's identity
- Reduce fraudulent activity
- Enhance security of FMCSA systems
- Protect sensitive data

### Identity Verification Steps in URS

**To complete the identity verification process as part of a new registration application in URS, you will need access to a smartphone or tablet and a valid government-issued ID.**

- 1 Scan the QR code in URS with your smartphone or tablet to open the identity verification session in your browser.
- 2 Select a language, document country, and document type (identity card, driver's license, passport, or resident card).
- 3 Take a photo of your selected document.
- 4 Take a selfie by scanning your face.
- 5 Return to URS to complete the identity verification process and finish your registration application.

### Support with Identity Verification

**Contact the Registration Help Center**

Call the FMCSA Contact Center at 1-800-832-5660 or chat with us online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/ask-fmcsa](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/ask-fmcsa) for support with the identity verification process.

**Watch the How-To Video**

Visit the identity verification page to view a short video on how to complete the identity verification process while applying for a new registration in URS: [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/identity-verification](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/identity-verification)



For more information, visit us online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration), where you'll find tools, resources, and the latest updates on identity verification.