

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 on July 9, 2025.

This will be a **ZOOM ONLY** meeting.

Join us as Jake Peters from Meramec Solutions talks about how to maximize your marketing efforts for Hiring Drivers. This is a wonderful presentation on how to stretch your dollars, find the RIGHT drivers and get them on-boarded with less hassle. Additionally, we will have our regular reports and discussions.

Operation Safe Driver Week

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has announced **July 13-19** as this year's Operation Safe Driver Week, a safe-driving enforcement and outreach initiative aimed at improving driving behaviors through education, traffic-enforcement strategies and driver interactions with law enforcement.

During Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. will be on the lookout for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in unsafe driving behaviors, such as speeding, distracted driving, following too closely, drunk or drugged driving, etc. Drivers engaging in such behaviors will be pulled over by law enforcement personnel and issued a warning or citation.

The [focus](#) of this year's Operation Safe Driver Week is reckless, careless or dangerous driving. Any person who drives a vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is driving recklessly. Careless/dangerous driving is defined as operating a vehicle without due care and attention or reasonable consideration for other motorists or people on the road.

According to the [U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), 42,514 people were killed in traffic crashes in 2022. [Transport Canada](#) statistics from 2022 show that there were 1,931 motor vehicle fatalities. And [Mexico](#) reported 15,979 road deaths for 2022. CVSA's [Operation Safe Driver Program](#) aims to address those alarming rates by reducing the number of crashes on our roadways caused by unsafe driving behaviors.

In addition to traffic enforcement, driver education initiatives are also a major part of Operation Safe Driver Week. CVSA offers resources for [teen and new drivers](#) and [commercial motor vehicle drivers](#), along with [public service announcement videos](#), which are available for download and distribution. CVSA is also offering Operation Safe Driver Week [postcards](#) at no cost to its industry and enforcement members. The postcards are available in English, French and Spanish.

[Learn more about CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Program.](#)

FMCSA's 100 Days of Roadway Safety

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)'s "100 Days of Roadway Safety" series raises awareness about the increased risk of crashes and fatalities during the 100 Days of Summer – Memorial Day through Labor Day.

During the 100 Days of Summer, crashes and fatalities—especially those involving large trucks and buses, teen drivers, and highway workers—often spike during the busy summer driving season due to several factors including:

- Increased roadway volume
- Heavier congestion
- More inexperienced drivers on the road
- Peak construction and work zone season
- Distracted driving
- Speeding
- Impaired driving

According to the FMCSA's [Motor Carrier Management Information System \(MCMIS\)](#), there were 170,745 CMV-related crashes and 4,822 fatalities in 2024. Other transportation authorities such as AAA and the National Road Safety Foundation have cited that teen drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a crash or fatality

during the 100 Days of Summer, leading to many industry organizations and professionals referring to it as the “100 Deadliest Days of Summer”.

In response, FMCSA’s 100 Days of Roadway Safety series will educate, engage, and equip both Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) and non-CMV drivers with safety tips and free resources to help everyone share the road safely. FMCSA will provide lifesaving safety resources throughout the 100 Days of Summer to the public and all stakeholders on their website and social media channels (@FMCSA), its [Medium blog](#), and email.



Courtesy of FMCSA website

NEW NTA Partner: US Drug Test Centers

The Nevada Trucking Association has signed a Partnership with US Drug Test Centers to provide quality programs and service to our members.

Watch your emails in the next week or so to get all the details!

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CORNER

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

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

Another exercise that provides benefit to surface transportation concerns, is the Security Enhancement Through Assessment (SETA). This exercise is designed to evaluate and improve an entity’s security posture at the front-line employee level. SETA includes three phases: the initial assessment, training and a re-assessment. The phases are non-punitive and focused on assisting employee follow-through on company security procedures.

For more information, please contact Surface Transportation Security Inspector Dave Douglas David.Douglas@tsa.dhs.gov or Supervisory Inspector Rob Grim at Robert.grim@tsa.dhs.gov



Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve.

Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America.

The Nevada Trucking Association is again partnering with Wreaths Across America to fill (virtually) one trailer load of sponsored veterans' wreaths. This is approximately 5,000 wreaths that will be laid on the final resting place of Nevada service members.

On December 13, 2025, Wreaths Across America donors and volunteers will Remember and Honor our veterans by laying veterans' wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Please help by sponsoring a wreath(s), volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family & friends to attend events across the country.

Thank you for supporting the Nevada Trucking Association and Wreaths Across America!

Use the QR code above or this link to sponsor wreaths or to volunteer.

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nevadatrucking

Feel free to contact Patti@NevadaTrucking.com if you have any questions.

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 to evaluate the driver's compliance with English language proficiency.

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

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

Medical Certification - New Rules Now in Effect!

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.



Save the Dates!

Safety Council Meetings

July 9 – Safety Council Meeting – **ZOOM Only** – How to Find & Hire 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

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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2026-2027
NOMINATIONS
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Selections will take place at
ATA's HQ January 18-24, 2026



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AMERICA'S ROAD TEAM

Improving Highway Safety – One Mile at a Time

Since 1986, the American Trucking Associations' (ATA) premier outreach programs have educated the national public about highway safety and the trucking industry at large. For 40 years, the America's Road Team, Share the Road, and Workforce Heroes programs have traveled far and wide to disseminate these messages and to actively transform public opinions about the trucking industry. Reaching millions of people each year, America's Road Team Captains provide life-saving knowledge that changes driving behaviors and public perceptions, nationwide.

ATA is currently searching for professional truck drivers who are willing to spend time away from the cab of the truck to serve on the 2026-2027 America's Road Team. As Road Team Captains, these drivers will meet with the motoring public, the news media, students, transportation officials, business leaders, and law makers to tell our industry's story.

America's Road Team Captains appear at a wide range of events to reinforce the trucking industry's commitment to safety, sustainability and professionalism, and to show our essentiality to the American economy and communities throughout the country.

Finalists will be announced Monday, November 3, 2025.

**Paperwork: Certificate of Qualification (ATA Form); Certificate of Load Securement Training (ATA Form); Contract Establishing Co-Ownership of Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (ATA Form); Certificate of Participation in a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (ATA Form); U.S. Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing MIS Data Collection Form for previous year; Annual Drug and Alcohol Laboratory Summaries for previous year; Certificate of Completion of Reasonable Suspicion Training for immediate supervisor of driver (ATA Form); Receipt for Drug and Alcohol Information Packet (ATA Form); Copy of Current Medical Certificate, Copy of the Finalists' Commercial Driver's License, and a copy of the Finalists' MVR.*

NOTE: Each candidate is eligible to compete for two consecutive selections as an America's Road Team Captain. The candidate would then sit out during the third selection.

BY THE NUMBERS:

522

years combined driving experience

44,000,000

safe driving miles

100%

dedication and industry pride

To nominate a professional truck driver, read the eligibility requirements and fill out the attached nomination form.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Mail Binder/Folder and USB to:
ATA Industry Affairs
American Trucking Associations
80 M St. SE, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20003

Eligibility

1. Candidates must be currently employed as full-time truck drivers, either as company drivers or independent owner-operators. Candidates must drive at least 80 hours in each four-week period.
2. Candidates must have an outstanding safety record. A minimum three years safe driving miles.
3. Candidates must be able to clearly and convincingly communicate their commitment to safety and professionalism.
4. The nominating company must be a full dues paying member of ATA.
5. The nominator must either be a motor carrier executive with the authority to commit his or hers company's support of the program, or a self-sponsored owner-operator. The nominator should also confirm – before returning the application – that the candidate is willing to participate in the program.
6. ATA will pay all travel expenses associated with ATA arranged Road Team appearances. The nominating company must be willing to continue to pay full salary and provide benefits to the driver. This would include time spent traveling for and representing ATA.
7. An independent owner-operator who is a dues paying member of ATA may act as both a nominating company and candidate. ATA will pay all travel costs, but will not be responsible for compensating a self-sponsored owner-operator for lost profits while traveling for America's Road Team.
8. After the individual is nominated, it is the nominator's responsibility to immediately notify ATA if the candidate becomes ineligible at any time during the selection process. The company must also let ATA know if the driver leaves their company.
9. A candidate and nominator/company must be prepared, if selected as a finalist, to provide a copy of the paperwork to ATA prior to traveling to ATA headquarters for the selection process. This paperwork, which will be shipped to all finalists, is mandatory for consideration to become an America's Road Team Captain.

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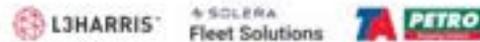
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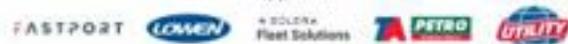


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Selections Agenda (as of May 27, 2025)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- Kickoff Lunch
- DC Activity
- Dinner

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- Finalists' Interviews
- Lunch
- Finalists' Speeches
- Dinner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- Mock Media Interviews
- Congressional Meet and Greet (pending)
- Final Reception
- Banquet/Dinner (Team announced)

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY, JANUARY 21-23

- Meals
- Headshots
- Captain Training
- Media Training
- Trip to Volvo Customer Care Center (pending)
- Jacket Ceremony
- Breakout groups

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- Departures

2026-2027 America's Road Team

Nomination Form

(The following required information should be provided and verified by the nominator.)



Candidate

Name _____
 Home Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Home Phone _____
 Male Female Date of Birth _____
 Email _____

Nominator

Name _____
 Title _____
 Employer _____
 Business Address _____
 Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____
 Email _____
 Cell Phone _____

Candidate Profile

Candidate's Employer _____
 Local Business Address (Terminal) _____
(No P.O. Boxes please)
 Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____
 Candidate's immediate supervisor or primary terminal contact _____ Title _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
 Type of Carrier: Truckload LTL Hazmat Private fleet Bulk Auto Mover, Other: _____
 If multiple-type carrier, what division does candidate haul for? _____
 Describe candidate's typical route (i.e. Chicago to Omaha) _____
 Describe the candidate's driving assignment (city, relay, over-the-road) _____
 What commodities does candidate typically carry? *(examples: general freight, produce, petroleum, etc.)* _____
 Is the candidate an owner-operator? Yes No
 How many years has the candidate been a professional truck driver? _____ How many years with current employer? _____
 How many miles has the candidate accumulated in his/her career? _____ How many accident-free? _____
 Has the candidate ever been involved in an accident—either preventable or non-preventable—while driving a truck? Yes No
 If yes, describe each accident on a separate sheet of paper making sure to include:

- the date of occurrence
- the circumstances
- whether the accident was ruled preventable or non-preventable

 If candidate has been involved in a PREVENTABLE accident, how many miles has he/she accumulated since the last PREVENTABLE accident? (please note date of last accident) _____
 Please list on a separate sheet any moving violations charged to the candidate while driving a commercial vehicle or personal automobile.

Note: Please limit nomination packet to one folder or binder.

Candidate's Industry Activity

Please list any industry-related honors or awards, including company awards, the candidate has received. (examples: truck driving championships, million-mile safe driving award, 10-year safe driving award, etc.).

Please describe the candidate's involvement in company or industry-related programs such as new driver training, safety instruction, accident review board, etc.

Please describe candidate's typical work day.

Is candidate an active Trucker Buddy member? Yes No

Is candidate a Military Veteran? Yes No

Is candidate trained in human trafficking awareness by Truckers Against Trafficking, the candidate's company, or any other group? Yes No

Candidate's Community Service

Please list any community service activities such as leadership in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, Little League, etc.

Please list any affiliation with civic groups such as Rotary, Optimists, Fraternal Lodges or similar organizations.

Please briefly mention any additional hobbies or interests.

Please list any previous speaking experience or media training (including presentations at company or industry functions.)

Mail Binder/Folder and USB to: ATA Industry Affairs, American Trucking Associations, 80 M St. SE, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20003

Check out the official America's Road Team website and social media accounts to learn more about America's Road Team, see pictures from America's Road Team events, and learn more about our message of safety, professionalism, and essentiality.

www.trucking.org  [@AmericaRoadTeam](https://twitter.com/AmericaRoadTeam)  [/ATAAmericasRoadTeam](https://www.facebook.com/ATAAmericasRoadTeam)

Please include on a separate sheet of paper



Candidate's Statement:

Tell us, in your own words, why you would like to represent the trucking industry as a member of America's Road Team. Include your thoughts on the importance of safety and the role trucking plays in day-to-day life.

Nominator's Statement:

Tell us, in your own words, why you think the candidate would make a good representative for America's Road Team. Does he/she have good communication skills? Does he/she work well with people? Does he/she demonstrate a concern for the trucking industry's image? How?

Photo:

A CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED ON USB FLASH DRIVE (only this format will be considered/no emails accepted). In addition, it is helpful to send supporting materials, such as testimonials. Please limit nomination packet to one folder or binder.

Video:

VIDEO REQUIRED ON USB FLASH DRIVE (only this format will be considered/no emails accepted.)

Length: 3 minutes. Tell us what trucking means to you and use real world stories while also communicating the importance of safety and the trucking industry to the economy.

Note: We like to see your creativity and personality through the video submission as it helps us decide how you'd connect with people across the country.

★ Important Dates

Nomination Deadline:

September 5, 2025

Finalists Selected:

November 3, 2025

Selections (for finalists):

January 18-24, 2026