

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 August 12, 2025.

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

Join us as Johnny Mullins and Mark D'Andrea from Synergy-Solutions discuss how best to onboard drivers and build a compliant and effective Driver Orientation program.

CVSA's Brake Safety Week Scheduled for Aug. 24-30

Law enforcement personnel in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. will conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections, educate drivers and motor carriers about the importance of brake safety, and provide brake inspection and violation data to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) for this year's Brake Safety Week, scheduled for Aug. 24-30.

CVSA-certified inspectors will conduct routine commercial motor vehicle inspections throughout the week, focusing on brake systems and components. In addition, inspectors will focus on drums and rotors, the emphasis for this year's brake-safety initiative. Brake drum and rotor issues may affect a vehicle's brake efficiency. Broken pieces of drums and rotors may become dislodged from the vehicle enroute and damage other vehicles or result in injuries or fatalities to the motoring public.

Commercial motor vehicles found to have brake-related out-of-service violations, or any other out-of-service violations, will be removed from roadways until the violations are corrected.

During Brake Safety Week, inspectors will capture data about commercial motor vehicle inspections, brake systems and components, and brake-related violations and report that data to CVSA. Some jurisdictions will use performance-based brake testers (PBBT) to assess the braking performance of vehicles and submit PBBT-specific data to the Alliance. CVSA will collect and analyze all data and report the results publicly later this year.

In addition, brake-safety educational efforts by inspectors, motor carriers and others in the industry take place during Brake Safety Week and are integral to the success of the campaign. CVSA also offers resources to help drivers, motor carriers, owner-operators and mechanics prepare for Brake Safety Week.

Brake Safety Week aims to improve commercial motor vehicle brake safety throughout North America. The goal is to eliminate roadway crashes by conducting roadside inspections and educating drivers, mechanics, large- and small-fleet motor carriers, owner-operators, and others on the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.

Check out the back pages for more information.

Nevada TDC Team to Compete in Minneapolis

The National Truck Driving Championships & National Step Van Driving Championship will be held August 20-23, 2025 in Minneapolis, MN.

Nevada's 9 class Champions will all compete for national honors. They include:

Step Van – Griffin Blake, Federal Express Corporation
Straight Truck – Robbie Maus, UPS
Three Axle Van – Randy Stromlund, UPS
Four Axle Van – Tim Stanga, FedEx Freight
Five Axle Van – David Norman, FedEx Freight
Tank Truck – Gragg Wilson, UPS
Flatbed – Mark Livingston, UPS
Sleeper Berth – Eric Flick, UPS
Twin Trailers – Roy Gumm, Old Dominion Freight Lines

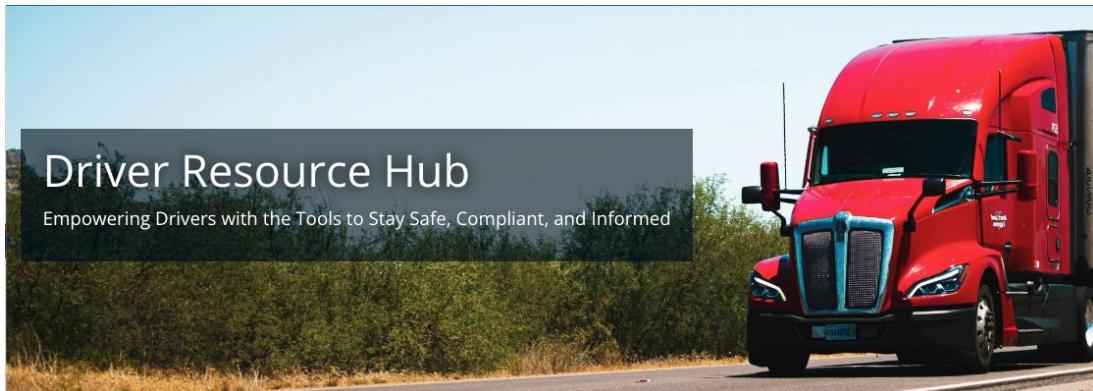


Best of Luck to all our Champions!

FMCSA's Driver Resource Hub

Whether you're new to commercial driving or a seasoned professional, safety begins with knowledge. The FMCSA Driver Resource Hub brings together essential tools, guidance, and regulatory updates to support your journey on the road. From CDL requirements and entry-level training to drug and alcohol testing, medical certifications, and safety tips, this centralized page ensures drivers have access to the most current and trusted information. You'll also find critical links on distracted driving, emergency declarations, hours-of-service compliance, and programs for veterans and whistleblowers. Stay informed, stay safe, and keep America moving, one mile at a time.

Go to <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/Driver-Resources> and find multiple resources for your drivers, safe driving information and other safety programs.



Courtesy of FMCSA website

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CORNER

T-START (Transportation Security Template and Assessment Review Toolkit)

T-START is a security plan template that assists highway truck and motorcoach stakeholders and entities develop effective security plans. T-START is intended to strengthen prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery capabilities for the industry.

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

Wildfire Smoke Air Quality Regulations to Protect Employees

Senate Bill 260 passed the NV Legislature during the 2025 Session. This law requires the state to adopt regulations for employers relating to exposure of employees to poor air quality from wildfire smoke in the workplace. These regulations will establish an air quality index level caused by wildfire smoke and will also determine measures that an employer must take to reduce employee exposure to poor air quality, including air quality monitoring, employee communication, employee reporting and additional employee training.

IMPORTANT! Please note, these regulations, once adopted are meant to apply to all employers in Nevada. However there are 4 important exemptions. These requirements **do not** apply to any employer that:

- Is an operator of a mine;
- **Employs commercial truck drivers;**
- Is a provider of emergency services; or
- Has 10 or fewer employees.

Initial discussions on rulemaking have begun and NTA will keep everyone apprised of the progress and any decisions being made. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

As a side note, even though our trucking company members are exempt from this new law, we encourage you to make sure your employees have a safe work environment. To that end, NTA is developing a “best practices” document that will offer tips and ideas on how to alleviate some of the issues involving poor air quality. We will distribute those as soon as they are complete.

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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/nevadatrucking

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



English Language Proficiency Added to OOS Criteria – Now in Effect

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 inspection 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 2 parts: a verbal driver interview and highway sign recognition.

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

August 12 – Safety Council Meeting – ZOOM ONLY – Driver Onboarding & Orientation
September 10 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM – AI in Trucking Operations
October 14 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM – Expedited Inspections
November 12 – Safety Council Meeting – Reno & ZOOM
December 9 – Safety Council Meeting – Las Vegas & ZOOM

Other Dates of Interest

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!

