

## 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 September 10, 2025.

This will be held both in person at the Reno office and on ZOOM.

Our keynote speaker will be Sean Ritchie from Solera Fleet Solutions talking about how to Balance AI & Human Intelligence in Fleet Safety.

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## Thank you Truckers!



Join the **Nevada Trucking Association** and our Partners in Safety with **Nevada State Police** in Thanking our Truck Drivers by distributing goodie-bags as they pass thru!

Tuesday 9/16: Las Vegas

Wednesday 9/17: Elko

Thursday 9/18: Reno

Email Tessa to Volunteer! [TML@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:TML@NevadaTrucking.com)

## **Nevada Truck Driver Appreciation Week**

Help us celebrate the professional drivers who keep Nevada moving! We'll be handing out goody bags to drivers at:

- **Las Vegas** – September 16
- **Elko** – September 17
- **Verdi/Garson** – September 18

We need your support to make these events a success! Volunteers, sponsorships, and donations are welcome to help us show our appreciation to Nevada's hardworking drivers. Together, let's thank the men and women behind the wheel who deliver for all of us every day.

### **Thank you to our Key Partners & Sponsors:**

Truline Corp.	Velocity Truck Centers	USA Fleet Solutions	WalMart
D & S Tow	Terra Contracting	US Drug Test Center	Werdco BC

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### **Exciting Week for Nevadans in Minneapolis!**

Last week, the National Truck Driving Championships / National Step Van Driving Championship and the North American Inspectors Challenge were held in Minneapolis.

The NV TDC team showed up ready to compete and had a great time. At the end of the week, NV had 6 drivers place in the top 20 across the nation!

Eric Flick, with UPS made the Finals in Sleeper Berth and had a Top 5 Finish! Congratulations to Eric for a great finish and to all 9 of our NV TDC Drivers!

### **Congratulations to Robert DeFrancesco with the NHP!**

NAIC contestants voted to present the John Youngblood Award of Excellence to Robert DeFrancesco with the Nevada Highway Patrol for exemplifying the spirit of cooperation, leadership, a professional image, dedication to the profession, a positive attitude, organizational ability and congeniality.

The John Youngblood Award of Excellence is an honor NAIC contestants bestow upon a fellow competitor who exemplifies high standards and unwavering dedication to the profession. It's the only award whose winner is selected by their peers.

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### Top 10 Violations in Nevada

Rank	FMCSR Section	Violation Description	# of Inspections	# of Violations	# of OOS Violations
1	392	Failed to obey a traffic control device	553	558	0
2	395	False Log	324	477	55
3	395	No Log	419	423	315
4	395	Failure to input or verify shipping document number.	316	317	0
5	391	Operating without a valid medical certificate	288	292	40
6	395	Unable to transfer ELD information to officer	213	214	0
7	383	Operating a CMV without a valid CDL.	182	183	181
8	391	Driver cannot read and speak the English language	178	178	8
9	395	Failure to input or verify CMV trailer number	169	169	0
10	395	Failure to review records & certify the accuracy of the informaiton	157	163	0

Source: ai.fmcsa.dot.gov

### Top 10 Violations Nationwide

Rank	FMCSR Section	Violation Description	# of Inspections	# of Violations	# of OOS Violations
1	395	Failed to obey a traffic control device	35,797	36,024	-
2	395	False Log	17,972	30,478	3,365
3	395	ELD form and manner	18,548	30,425	7
4	392	Speeding 6-10 miles per hour over the speed limit.	30,194	30,198	3
5	395	Failure to review records & certify the accuracy of the informaiton	11,043	25,639	1
6	392	Lane restriction violation.	24,072	24,306	2
7	383	Operating a CMV without a valid CDL.	21,929	21,971	21,691
8	395	No Log	21,410	21,626	20,062
9	391	Operating without a valid medical certificate in possession or on file	20,134	20,180	19,255
10	391	Operating without a valid medical certificate	20,086	20,130	3,773

Source: ai.fmcsa.dot.gov

### Update on [SB260](#) – Outdoor Air Quality Regulation

Nevada Senate Bill 260 (2025) establishes protections for outdoor workers exposed to wildfire smoke by requiring employers to monitor air quality, train employees, and communicate risks—particularly when the **Air Quality Index** reaches hazardous levels of 150 or higher.

However, the law **expressly exempts trucking companies**, as well as mine operators, emergency service providers, and very small employers (10 or fewer employees), from these requirements.

## Medical Card Certification Update

FMCSA has extended its waiver that allows drivers to continue carrying a paper medical examiner's certificate (MEC) for up to **60 days after issuance (previously 15 days)**. This extension responds to the nationwide challenges that have arisen since the rollout of the NRII rule in late June. To avoid operational delays and issues, please remind your drivers to request a paper copy from their medical examiner.

Contact [Patti@NevadaTrucking.com](mailto:Patti@NevadaTrucking.com) for a copy of the waiver.

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## TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CORNER

### RMAST (Risk Mitigation Activities for Surface Transportation)

RMAST activities feature risk reduction measures through engagement with industry stakeholders and the traveling public. Activities include surface transportation engagement/training and site security observations.

Topics such as general security awareness, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) awareness training, active assailant mitigation training and human trafficking awareness training are a few of the topics.

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

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## Save the Dates!

### Safety Council Meetings

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**

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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## Thank you, Truckers!

## Guest Column: Wreaths Across America

### A Truckload of Remembrance – One Wreath at a Time

Every December, across the nation, volunteers gather in quiet reverence to honor those who served. At national cemeteries, war memorials, and veteran resting places, they place evergreen wreaths at the base of headstones — a symbol of remembrance, gratitude, and respect.

Some volunteers kneel. Some whisper a quiet “thank you.” But all speak the name of the fallen — ensuring they are remembered, not as statistics, but as individuals who gave so much in service to our country.

This is the heart of **Wreaths Across America (WAA)**. And if you’ve ever witnessed it, you know it’s not just about laying wreaths. It’s about **remembrance**. It’s about **education** — teaching the next generation the cost of freedom. It’s about **honoring veterans** with our presence, our time, and our hearts.

This year, the **Nevada Trucking Association** is once again proud to partner with Wreaths Across America through the **Truckload of Remembrance** campaign. Our mission? To fill a virtual truck with wreaths that will honor veterans across the country — **one wreath at a time**.

And we need **your** help to keep this tradition alive.

When you sponsor a wreath, you’re doing more than decorating a grave. You’re remembering a life. A family. A legacy of service and sacrifice.

Each \$17 wreath you sponsor also helps support our local mission — thanks to Wreaths Across America’s **Payback Program**, \$5 of every wreath comes back to the Nevada Trucking Association – which is used to purchase additional wreaths to be placed in the State! So, your impact is twofold: you’re honoring a veteran **and** strengthening our efforts here at home.

But beyond the dollars, this campaign is about **meaning**.

Whether you’re a veteran yourself, part of a military family, or simply believe in honoring those who served — we invite you to help us fill this virtual truck. One name. One wreath. One act of remembrance at a time.



## Here's How You Can Help:

- **Sponsor a wreath (or several)** through our official WAA page: [www.wreathsafteramerica.org/NevadaTrucking](http://www.wreathsafteramerica.org/NevadaTrucking)
- **Invite others** to join — challenge your colleagues, friends, customers, vendors, and community members to participate.

As the **Nevada Trucking Association**, let's come together with action, with heart, and with purpose.

Let's ensure that **no hero lies forgotten**.



**HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES  
SPONSOR A WREATH TODAY!**



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