

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 February 12, 2026. This will be held on ZOOM only.

Join us as Brenna Lyles, Vice President of Safety Policy for the American Trucking Associations, discusses what is happening on the federal level with regulations, compliance and policy.

2026 Safety Awards Program Open for Submissions

NTA is accepting nominations for the following Safety 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 on our website. Please return the completed forms and other required information no later than **May 29th**.

We hope you take advantage of these great 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.



TDC Scheduled for May 2nd

Welcome to the Nevada Truck Driving Championship – where skill meets safety! Join us on May 2nd in Las Vegas to celebrate the unsung heroes of the road, as skilled drivers from across the state gather to showcase their precision, expertise and commitment to safety. This isn't just a competition; it is a testament to the dedication of truck drivers who navigate our highways with skill and responsibility.

Participate in this exciting event that goes beyond driving, focusing on promoting safety standards and recognizing the invaluable contribution of truck drivers. Come, be a part of a community that honors the hardworking individuals behind the wheel, and let's drive together towards a future where safety takes the front seat. Your skills deserve recognition – join us at the Nevada Truck Driving Championships and let the road be your stage!

Details:

What: The Nevada State Truck Driving Championship

When: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: GT4, 4288 Polaris Avenue, Las Vegas

Cost: \$150 members / \$250 non-members

The competition consists of a written test, a vehicle inspection and a precision driving course. It is open to all drivers with a NV CDL who are accident-free for the past 12 months.

Please reach out to patti@nevadatrucking.com if you are interested in being a volunteer, sponsor or equipment provider. More information is also on our website at www.nevadatrucking.com under the Events Tab.

FMCSA Broker Rule in Effect

Effective on Friday, January 16, 2026, FMCSA's "**Broker and Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility**" Final Rule is fully in effect.

“This rule will result in benefits to motor carriers. FMCSA is aware that some brokers choose to withhold payment to motor carriers for services rendered. Motor carriers can then submit claims to the financial responsibility provider to receive payment ... FMCSA believes that most brokers operate with integrity and uphold the contracts made with motor carriers and shippers. However, a minority of brokers with unscrupulous business practices can create unnecessary financial hardship for unsuspecting motor carriers,” the agency said.

The rule amends regulations pertaining to financial responsibility requirements for freight brokers and freight forwarders the following five areas:

1. **Assets readily available.** Regulations require that broker/freight forwarder trust funds consist of “assets readily available to pay claims without resort to personal guarantees or collection of pledged accounts receivable.” The Final Rule updates the definition of *assets readily available* to those that are stable in value and can be easily liquidated within 7 calendar days of an event that triggers a payment from the trust.
2. **Immediate suspension of broker/freight forwarder operating authority.** This provision allows FMCSA to suspend a broker or freight forwarder’s operating authority registration when their available financial security falls below \$75,000. The available financial security could occur because a broker or freight forwarder consents to a drawdown, or if a broker or freight forwarder does not respond to a valid notice of claim from a surety or trust provider, or if a claim against the broker or freight forwarder is converted to a judgment. *If the available financial security falls below \$75,000 and the broker or freight forwarder does not replenish funds within 7 calendar days after notice from FMCSA, the Agency will issue a notification of suspension of operating authority to the broker or freight forwarder.*
3. **Surety or trust responsibilities in cases of broker/freight forwarder financial failure or insolvency.** This requires that if the surety/trustee becomes aware that a broker or freight forwarder is experiencing financial failure or insolvency, it must notify FMCSA and initiate cancellation of the financial responsibility. FMCSA will then publish a notice of failure in the FMCSA Register. If the broker or freight forwarder subsequently cures the default, and the surety company or financial institution reinstates the bond or trust or the broker or freight forwarder obtains a new bond or trust, FMCSA will lift the suspension notice and update the FMCSA Register.
4. **Enforcement authority.** The provision establishes FMCSA authority for the suspension of a surety or trust fund provider’s authority in certain circumstances.
5. **Entities eligible to provide trust funds for brokers and freight forwarders.** FMCSA removes loan and finance companies from the list of providers eligible to serve as trustees, because this type of institution is not subject to the rigorous Federal regulations applicable to chartered depository institutions or

to the state regulations applicable to insurance companies. Loan and finance companies will now be prohibited from offering trusts unless they obtain certification to operate as another type of financial institution that remains on the list of eligible providers.

The rule was published in November 2023 and officially went into effect in January 2024 but compliance dates were pushed back to January 2026 to provide regulated entities time to use and familiarize themselves with an online registration system. *Courtesy of CDLLIFE*

Transportation Security Administration Corner

Suspicious Packages

A suspicious item is defined as anything that is out of place and cannot be accounted for or any item suspected of being an explosive device. Looking for anything out of the ordinary can help you determine whether the item might be a threat. These might include:

- Rigid, bulky, lopsided or uneven shape or wrapping of the package
- Has no return address or the address is unknown
- Badly written or misspelled labels
- Foreign writing or postage
- Leaks stains, powders, strange smells or protruding materials

These are just a few of the signs that a package may have been tampered with. If you suspect an item, keep anyone from handling it or going near it.

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

(Robert.Grim@tsa.dhs.gov).

Introducing New Partner - Instahire

NTA has partnered with Instahire to provide discounted pricing on background checks, MVRs, PSP and clearinghouse reports along with employment verification and other screens including credit reports, criminal searches, and social media searches.

We are working to get the information uploaded onto our website, but in the meantime, you can use the QR code below to set up your account. Contact Patti for pricing.



www.instahirecheck.com

FMCSA Action to Address Noncompliant ELDT Training Providers

On October 31st, Secretary Duffy announced new efforts to crack down on fraudulent and noncompliant CDL training programs nationwide. This announcement followed repeated calls from ATA and the Commercial Vehicle Training Association (CVTA) urging FMCSA to address the proliferation of CDL mills and noncompliant providers listed in the agency's Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Training Provider Registry (TPR).

On December 1st, FMCSA [announced](#) the removal of more than 3,000 training providers from the TPR, with an additional 4,500 pending removals. ATA and CVTA have long advocated for stronger oversight of the TPR to ensure integrity in CDL issuance and to protect highway safety. While many of these initial removals are administrative, they represent a significant step and commitment by the agency to cleaning up the registry and restoring confidence in the ELDT program. ATA will continue to advocate for additional steps to enhance vetting of new ELDT training registrants, such as third-party certification and greater oversight of active training providers. *Courtesy of ATA Safety News Update*

Safety Council Meetings

The Safety Council will meet via ZOOM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in 2026.

February 12	March 12	April 9	
May 14	June 11	July 9	August 6 th (1 st TH)
September 10	October 8	November 12	December 10

Other Dates of Interest

May 2 – NV Truck Driving Championships – Las Vegas
May 12-14 – International RoadCheck
May 29 – Safety Award Nominations DUE
June 14-20 – National Technician Appreciation Week
July 12-18 – Operation Safe Driver
August 10-14 – National Truck Driving Championships – Pittsburgh
August 23-29 – National Brake Safety Week
September 13-19 – National Truck Driver 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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On Super Bowl Sunday, Americans will enjoy 8.5 million pounds of popcorn, 28 million pounds of chips, 1 billion chicken wings, and 325.5 million gallons of beer. Who makes that possible? Truck drivers. They're the ones who deliver every wing, chip, and cold drink so game day traditions can happen. So whether you're rooting for the New England Patriots or the Seattle Seahawks - let's also cheer for the drivers who make game day possible.



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TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

78,680

Trucking industry jobs in Nevada

1 in 17
jobs in
the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

8,600

Trucking companies located in Nevada

Primarily small, locally-owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.

COMPETITIVE WAGES

In 2024, trucking industry wages paid in Nevada averaged **\$58,928**, and exceeded **\$4.6 billion** in total.

Heavy-duty and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **17,430** jobs in Nevada in 2024. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$75,144**.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



% of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Nevada.

That's **55,410 tons per day**



% of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.



SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Nevada Trucking Association members put safety first through:

- ✓ Improved driver training
- ✓ Investment in advanced safety technologies
- ✓ Active participation in industry safety initiatives

ATRI research shows the success of their efforts. Members of State Trucking Associations are involved in fewer crashes and receive fewer violations at roadside inspections than their industry peers. **Crashes per 100 Million Miles by STA Membership Status:**

CURRENT MEMBERS	95.10
FORMER MEMBERS	121.21
NEVER MEMBERS	146.33

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

2023 U.S. fatal crash rate:

USA: 1.48 • Nevada: 1.69
per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2023, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **67.6%**



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DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW

EMISSIONS



of Nevada commercial trucks now powered by the newest-generation, **near-zero emissions** diesel technology.

Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just **23%** of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only **6%** of total U.S. GHG emissions.

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TRUCKING FAST FACTS

TRUCKING PAYS THE FREIGHT

THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Nevada paid approximately

\$284 million
in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **37%** of all taxes owed by Nevada motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **10%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2026, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE \$7,780

FEDERAL \$11,351

These taxes were **over and above** the typical taxes paid by businesses in Nevada.

ROADWAY USE

47,413

Miles of public roads in Nevada

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **27.8 billion**

Trucks: **2.8 billion**



Traffic congestion in Nevada cost the trucking industry **\$800 million** in 2024.

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS



TOP 10

ISSUES FACING NEVADA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

- 1 Insurance Cost / Availability
- 2 Lawsuit Abuse Reform
- 3 Driver Distraction
- 4 Economy
- 5 Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
- 6 Diesel Emissions Regulations
- 7 Driver Retention
- 8 Fuel Prices
- 9 Driver Health and Wellness
- 10 Driver Shortage



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The following data sources were utilized for this Fast Facts: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (2024); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Analysis & Information (2025); American Trucking Association Driver Compensation Study (2024); Commodity Flow Survey Public Use Microdataset (2017); American Transportation Research Institute, Wimpurton County - Association with Safety (2024); Federal Highway Administration Highway Statistics Series (2024); National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality and Injury Reporting System Year (2024); Energy Information Administration (2024); International Fuel Tax Association Fuel Tax Rates (2024); International Registration Plan, Inc.; Jurisdiction Data (2024); American Transportation Research Institute; Cost of Congestion to the Trucking Industry (2024); Diesel Technology Forum Clean Diesel Powers in Your State (2024); American Transportation Research Institute; Critical Issues in the Trucking Industry (2025).



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