

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 January 8, 2026. This will be held on ZOOM only.

Join us as US Drug Test Center discusses the different types of DOT audits, required documentation and how you can come out with a “clean” result.

2026 Safety Awards Program – Save the Dates!

Watch your email – on January 12th we will open 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**. Nominations

may be emailed to patti@nevadatrucking.com or delivered to NTA office at 8745 Technology Way, Unit E, Reno, NV 89521.

Awards will be announced and distributed at a later date.

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. Additionally, participation in these programs enhance your company's reputation among the trucking industry, law enforcement, shoppers, insurance carriers, the public and potential jurors.

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*

Participate in National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January

Human trafficking is happening all around us, hidden in plain sight. The good news is that there are millions of transportation professionals in North America uniquely positioned to recognize and report it. Imagine if every one of them were trained to do so! TAT (formerly known as Truckers Against Trafficking) is on a mission to build a mobile army of everyday heroes to do just that!

In 2009 when it began, TAT's industry focus was over-the-road truck drivers and truck stop employees. Traffickers were known to target truck drivers and truck stops when selling their victims, because truck stops were easy venues to reach along major highways where large groups of men congregated; and men with transient careers, often away from home and family were vulnerable in the minds of traffickers and "might be looking for company."

"We saw these truckers, their industry, truck stops and travel plazas from a different perspective," explained Kylla Lanier, TAT co-founder, deputy director and senior director of External Affairs. "We believed that if trained to know what human trafficking was, how to recognize and report it, they could be everyday heroes and play a major role in helping to recover these victims and get perpetrators arrested. And that's proved to be the case."

It took TAT 11 years to register its first million TAT-Trained, but only four to register the second million. TAT's training -- whether for over-the-road, local, mover/in-home delivery, transit/motorcoach, school transportation, truck stop or energy drivers and employees -- is transforming a growing number of men and women into human trafficking disrupters who are saving lives, changing attitudes and influencing others in their industries to join the fight to end the crime of human trafficking.

Take the time to browse TAT's free [training library of resources](#) – videos, wallet cards, visor cards, posters and more. TAT makes it easy for companies and agencies to implement anti-trafficking training within their existing infrastructures and, by doing so, equip their workforce to better recognize and respond to suspicions of trafficking or encounters with potential victims. TAT also has a free, user-friendly app for Apple and Android devices in English, Spanish and French full of information on how to recognize and report human trafficking.

Make the decision to engage your company and your drivers in fighting human trafficking as part of their regular jobs. Join millions of others in becoming educated and

equipped to fight this horrific human rights abuse. Contact info@tatnonprofit.org to ask for those free resources.

This January, join with millions across the United States who will be spreading awareness of human trafficking at work by promoting National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Here again, TAT has an abundance of resources for companies to use to create awareness, as well as action steps that are effective. Every person can make a difference in the fight to end this crime.

Free Hazardous Materials Safety Training

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance is holding several training courses relating to Hazardous Materials. These are open to all industry members and are free of charge.

- Hazardous Materials Instructor Training – Overview – January 13, 2026
- Shipping Lithium Batteries Training Course – January 15, 2026
- Introductory Hazardous Materials Instructor Training– January 27-29, 2026

Trainings are free but you must register. You can find more information on these and other trainings at <https://cvsa.org/training-type/industry-training/>

NEW! Permanent HazMat Endorsement TSA Location Opens in Northern Nevada

NTA is happy to announce a new permanent location for HazMat endorsements and TWIC cards is now open in Sparks.

Huge kudos to Congressman Mark Amodei's staff who worked on getting this issue resolved for our industry!

The permanent location is below:

IdentoGO

2351 S Pyramid Way, Ste 18

Sparks, NV 89431

Hours are Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 12:30PM & 1:30PM – 3:30PM

You can schedule appointments at [TSA Enrollment by Idemia](#).

Changes to Canadian Safety Fitness Requirements for U.S. Drivers

The Canadian province of Manitoba now requires U.S. carriers operating in the province to obtain a Canadian Safety Fitness Certificate (SFC) and National Safety Code (NSC) number. While many larger fleets may already be registered in Ontario or Québec,

smaller carriers without those credentials could be affected. Non-compliance will prevent legal operations in Manitoba. Additional details are provided [here](#).

Courtesy of ATA Safety Issues Update

Navigating the Whiteout: Professional Strategies for Safe Winter Trucking

Winter weather presents unique and significant challenges for professional truck drivers, turning routine routes into hazardous journeys. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) reports numerous annual crashes underscoring the vital need for a professional, safety-first approach involving preparation, situational awareness, and prioritizing safety over speed.

Safe winter operation begins long before hitting the road. Professional drivers must perform thorough pre-trip inspections, ensuring all lights, windows, and mirrors are clear of snow and ice to maximize visibility. Vital checks include confirming the proper function of defrosters and wipers and ensuring tires have sufficient tread, with chains readily available if required by law or conditions. Always carry a winter survival kit stocked with non-perishable food, water, extra clothes, a shovel, jumper cables, and sand or kitty litter for emergency traction.

The golden rule for driving a heavy commercial vehicle in snow is simple: **slow down**. Drivers must reduce their speed by a third on wet roads and by half or more on packed snow.

- **Smooth Operation:** Avoid sudden acceleration, harsh braking, or jerking the steering wheel.
- **Increased Following Distance:** Maintain a gap larger than the standard four-second rule between your truck and the vehicle ahead to allow ample reaction time.
- **Strategic Braking:** Apply brakes gently and smoothly. Avoid using engine (jake) brakes on slippery surfaces to prevent loss of traction.

Professionalism in trucking means recognizing when conditions are unsafe. If visibility is near zero, or if the road conditions feel unsafe, the best decision is to pull over to a safe location away from traffic lanes and wait for conditions to improve.

By adhering to these professional guidelines, truck drivers can navigate winter's challenges effectively, ensuring both personal safety and the safety of others on the road.

Safety Council Meetings

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

January 8	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

January 12 – Nominations Open for Driver, Fleet, and Safety Awards

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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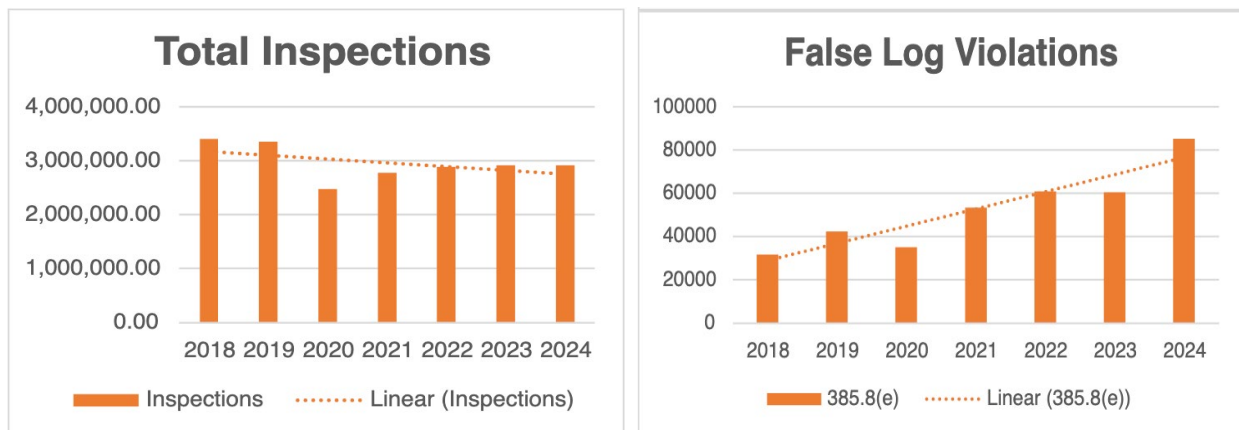
Guest Column: Scopelitis Transportation Consulting

Did You Know?

According to FMCSA data, the false log violations issued at roadside have increased by more than 169% from 2018 levels. Meanwhile, roadside inspections have decreased by almost 15%.

CVSA recently sent a letter to FMCSA requesting the public release of its enforcement guidance related to evaluating a driver's compliance with the English language proficiency requirements of 391.11(b)(2), FMCSA Enforcement Policy Memo MC-SEE-2025-0001. It cites that doing so will improve transparency and better inform the motor carrier community of how to ensure their drivers comply with the ELP requirements.

Brake Safety Week, conducted August 24-30, resulted in 15,175 inspections and 2,296 (15.1%) brake-related out-of-service violations identified. The top OOS item was because 20% or more of the vehicle's service brakes had an out-of-service condition. Fifteen states with performance-based brake testers (PBBT) conducted 528 inspections. Twenty-five (4.7%) vehicles failed to meet the required 43.5% minimum braking efficiency rate.



Courtesy of STC News, November 26, 2025

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

January 2026



While the fight against human trafficking is a year-round battle, National Human Trafficking Prevention Month (NHTPM) in January is an important opportunity to join a national conversation about the issue and leverage the country-wide momentum gained on the topic during the month. For our partners interested in participating in NHTPM and furthering their relationship with TAT, we have developed a menu of actions for them to take. Companies can elect to implement any combination of these ideas, and TAT will work with you to customize and co-brand materials as needed.



Important Date:
National Human
Trafficking
Awareness Day

01.



Promote TAT's Weekly Webinar Offerings

LEARN MORE



TAT is offering weekly webinars during NHTPM with varying topics, open to our partners and the general public. Please encourage your employees and community to attend!

Week 1: Labor Trafficking; Week 2: Natural Disasters; Week 3: Major Events; Week 4: Parenting

02.



Implement a Year-long Communications Plan

DOWNLOAD HERE



TAT's Partner Communications Plan provides examples of external and internal human trafficking messaging for your company or organization to use throughout the year. It includes a theme for each month, sample graphics and other assets, press resources and more.

03.



Spread Awareness with a Social Media Campaign

DOWNLOAD HERE



Using TAT's guide, which includes sample graphics and captions, post on your social media channels to spread awareness about human trafficking. Please contact us if you would like support in co-branding the graphics with your logo. Remember to tag us @tatnonprofit!

04.



Use TAT's Media Engagement Resources

VIEW RESOURCES



The momentum NHTPM creates around the conversation of human trafficking presents an opportunity to promote your company or organization's efforts to fight this heinous crime. TAT has resources available at your disposal, such as six industry-specific template articles, media talking points and more, to help guide your efforts this month and beyond.