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BrSafety 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
The next Safety Council meeting is August 6, 2026. This will be held on ZOOM only.

Join us in welcoming Tpr. Kevin Vostinar with the NV Highway Patrol to provide an update from the NHP and discuss what our enforcement partners see on the roadside.

Time: Aug 13, 2026 10:00 AM Pacific Time
Meeting ID: 854 8190 3924
Passcode: 493128

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85481903924?pwd=5S1xE4uurQLhX1DwqnBWdOsd6QmfZp.1

UCSD TREDS – FREE Safety Course for Drivers
UCSD TREDS has announced the launch of Safe Haul: Navigating U.S. Regulations for CMV Drivers, a free online training designed to help drivers stay current on U.S. CMV regulations and support safe driving practices.

Developed by UC San Diego TREDS with funding from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the self-paced course includes practical, interactive training on topics such as commercial licensing, hours of service, fatigue, speeding, distracted driving, and more. Registration is now open: https://bit.ly/4u1PEAB

Cheer On Your NV State Truck Driving / Step Van Driving Team!

The National Truck Driving / Step Van Driving Championships will be held in Pittsburgh, August 11-14, 2026.

Your State Team will compete in a written exam, pre-trip inspection and precision driving course to vie for National Honors.

This year's team consists of:

- Step Van - Arben Rehani, Federal Express Corp.
- Straight Truck – Matt Harrision, Old Dominion Freight Line
- Three Axle Van – Lopati Keil, FedEx Freight
- Four Axle Van – Randall Stromlund, UPS
- Five Axle Van – Brandon Hardy, XPO
- Flatbed – Mark Livingston, UPS
- Tank Truck – Erik Flick, UPS
- Sleeper Berth – Joe Miller, Walmart
- Twin Trailers – John Jackson, Oak Harbor Freight Lines



National Truck Driver Appreciation Week – September 13-19
Nearly every aspect of daily life is made possible because a truck driver delivered the goods and resources people need.

NTDAW is an important time for America to thank all the professional truck drivers for their hard work and commitment in undertaking one of our economy's most demanding

and important jobs. These 3.6 million professional men and women not only deliver our goods safely, securely, and on time, but they also keep our highways safe.

Please join us for our Nevada Celebrations across the state, September 13-19, 2026. Specific details will be shared as they are confirmed.

2026 Brake Safety Week
The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has announced Aug. 23-29 as this year's Brake Safety Week, a seven-day focused inspection and enforcement initiative designed to improve safety by ensuring commercial motor vehicles on our roadways are operating with properly maintained and functioning braking systems.

Throughout that week, trained and certified inspectors in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. will conduct routine commercial motor vehicle inspections with a focus on brake systems and components. **Vehicles with brake-related out-of-service violations, or any other out-of-service violations, will be removed from roadways until those violations are corrected.**

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 en route and damage other vehicles/result in injuries or fatalities to the motoring public.

In addition to inspections, Brake Safety Week also emphasizes education and awareness. Inspectors and officials will engage with drivers, motor carriers and mechanics to highlight the role that proactive vehicle maintenance plays in reducing crashes and saving lives.

Motor carriers and drivers are encouraged to perform thorough pre- and post-trip inspections and ensure all brake components are in proper working condition before operating their vehicles. Brake Safey Week serves as an important reminder that safety is a shared responsibility among drivers, motor carriers, inspectors and the broader transportation community.

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.

You can download the 2026 Brake Safety Week flyer for drivers HERE or go to www.cvsa.org/programs/operation-airbrake/focus-area/

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NTA Training Center
We are working on the training calendar for Q4 2026 and 2027 and **need your help**!
What sort of training do you want?

- In-person classroom?
- Recorded Webinars?
- On-line, instructor led?

What topics?

- Reasonable Suspicion / Designated Employer Representative
- Annual Vehicle Inspection
- Driver Qualification Files & Compliance
- Drug/Alcohol Policies & Testing Procedures
- CPR / AED / First Aid
- Others?

Please drop me a note at patti@nevadatrucking.com to request / suggest training so I can better provide what you need instead of what I think you need.

California Makes it Easier to Sue Over Background Check Paperwork
On February 4, 2026, the California Fourth Appellate District, Division One, held that an employee or job applicant **does not need to prove actual harm** beyond establishing a statutory violation to have standing under the California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act (ICRAA). (*Parsonage v. Wal-Mart* (2026) 118 Cal. App. 5th 399.)

The court concluded that the California Legislature intended the ICRAA to provide stronger consumer protections than its federal counterpart—the Fair Crediting Reporting Act (FCRA): - stating, “It specifically was enacted to correct the shortcomings of the FCRA, including the requirement of proving actual damages.”

In light of the *Parsonage* decision, employers can face liability regardless of whether the employee or job applicant was harmed by not getting the job or promotion. Now, potential plaintiffs merely have to show noncompliance with the disclosure requirements of ICRAA and can potentially be entitled to actual damages or $10,000, whichever is greater. Employers should review their disclosure packages for compliance with the exacting requirements of the ICRAA. *(Courtesy of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo website)*

What this means for Employers: Any technical or procedural defect in your background check disclosure or authorization forms – **even if the applicant was hired and suffered no negative outcome** – now exposes you to $10,000+ per violation liability in California. Immediate audit of all ICRAA disclosure forms is strongly recommended. *(from NTA Partner Instahire)*

NTA Comments: If you hire employees in California, review your employment processes, your background check policies and make sure they are 100% compliant. Contact legal counsel for a strict review of your HR paperwork requirements in this specific area.

FMCSA Registration System Updates: MOTUS Available But Still "Glitchy"
MOTUS is a huge step in modernizing the front door for motor carriers and deterring bad actors who have exploited gaps in FMCSA's legacy system. However, the launch has brought some technical issues that are delaying or disrupting access.

FMCSA is actively working to address these. Registrants that are experiencing issues accessing or updating their accounts can submit a support request ticket through the online ticketing system. If your account is already in good standing and you don't need to make immediate administrative changes, please help reduce volume by waiting to log in over the coming weeks as FMCSA works through initial system glitches.



Do you know someone who should win TAT's Harriet Tubman Award?
TAT is **accepting nominations through Aug. 15** for its most prestigious award, the Harriet Tubman Award (HTA) presented by WEX®. The award, which includes a $5,000 check and a trophy, is given to honor a member of the trucking, bus or energy industry whose direct actions have either helped save or improve the lives of those exploited or prevented human trafficking from taking place. The incident must have taken place in the U.S. or Canada, and nominees need to reside in one of those countries.

If you know someone who deserves to win, check out the nomination process for the award now.

TAT created the award in 2013 and named it to honor famed abolitionist Harriet Tubman, whose courageous personal actions resulted in the transportation of 70 slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad and whose overall role in the freedom movement was instrumental in the freeing of thousands more. Born into slavery in 1820, Miss Tubman was the first African American woman buried with full military honors and the first to have the inaugural Liberty ship named after her – the SS Harriet Tubman – by the U.S. Maritime Commission.

“Please, Drivers, share your story if you’ve taken any action to help someone you think might be a trafficking victim or a potential trafficking victim,” said Laura Cyrus, TAT senior director of Industry Training and Outreach, “even if you’re not sure what you did is ‘award worthy.’ The stories of our Harriet Tubman Award winners are important. These stories serve to encourage others in the industry to stay vigilant around this effort.”

If you or someone you know deserves to be considered for the Harriet Tubman Award, please complete the nomination form today!

REMINDER: NV OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Program

As temperatures begin to rise across Nevada, trucking companies are reminded to review and comply with Nevada OSHA’s heat illness prevention requirements to help protect employees working in high-temperature conditions. Drivers, warehouse personnel, mechanics, yard workers, and other outdoor employees are all at increased risk for heat-related illness during the summer months.

Nevada OSHA regulations require employers to implement measures including access to potable drinking water, scheduled rest breaks, shaded or cooled recovery areas, employee training, and procedures for responding to heat illness symptoms. Companies should also ensure supervisors and employees are trained to recognize the warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and understand emergency response procedures.

The Nevada trucking industry has always emphasized safety, and heat illness prevention is another important part of protecting employees both on and off the road. Companies are encouraged to review their heat illness prevention plans now and make any necessary updates before peak summer temperatures arrive.

IIHS Releasing Evaluations of Commercial Vehicles

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is releasing results of its first evaluations of commercial vehicles with a focus on driver safety. The evaluation seeks to assist commercial vehicles buyers in making informed decisions on which trucks have features IIHS considers essential for driver protection such as standard front and side airbags, advanced seatbelt technology, and effective seat belt reminders.

In the coming months, IIHS plans to evaluate vehicles for attributes that can protect other road users, including automatic emergency braking and headlights. For more information, visit www.iihs.org.

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NHTSA Information Collection Request on Assessment of Contextual DMS
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced it is seeking comments on a new information collection request regarding an assessment of contextual driver monitoring systems (DMS).

DMS are various in-vehicle technologies used to track driver alertness, head position, and gaze to prevent accidents. This ICR involves research to develop a prototype contextual DMS, fusing data gathered from gaze location (driver attention), heart rate variability, vehicle handling, and environmental sensors.

Participants in this assessment will complete four simulated drives using either a contextual or conventional DMS while mimicking distracted driving to assess DMS performance during distracting events. The last drive will consist of the driver avoiding a collision. Comments are due by August 10, 2026.

FMCSA Driver Detention Study – Seeking Participants
FMCSA's Impact of Driver Detention Time on Safety and Operations Project is still seeking to gain an in-depth understanding of detention time, what causes it, and its impacts on safety and operations in the trucking industry.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) is seeking motor carriers willing to share data on their experiences with detention time. In return, VTTI is offering to conduct a comparative analysis of its detention experience relative to motor carrier peers. If you are interested in participating in this important research. For more information, click here or email detentiontimestudy@vtti.vt.edu.

Safety Council Meetings
The Safety Council will meet via ZOOM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in 2026. As a reminder, these meetings are free and available to all NTA / NTNSIG members.

August 6th (1st TH)
September 10 October 8 November 12 December 10

Other Dates of Interest
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:

5 Ways a Safety Mindset Can Lower Your Truck Insurance Rates
Great West Casualty Company, 7/10/26

Being safety minded has its benefits for any employer. For motor carriers, however, it is crucial to keeping your drivers on the road and your operation running smoothly.

Putting a focus on driver and operational safety has many upsides. It can reduce expenses due to accidents or employee carelessness, it can help attract new business, and it can increase revenue for the company.

Here are five ways that your success also affects your insurance rate:

A safety program promotes safe habits

If your company doesn't have a formal safety program, now is the time to start. Why should you create a motor carrier safety program? A formal safety program at your trucking company can ensure that your entire staff is on the same page and understands the expectations of their role.

This allows leadership to properly train new staff and drivers about building and upholding safe practices in their departments, divisions, or roles. Next, set goals and expectations for each department and track successes over time. Hold every employee accountable to expectations.

Safe drivers have fewer accidents, reducing downtime

Safety on the road comes in many forms - following posted speed limits, using proper techniques when working on or around trucks or equipment, and being mindful of your surroundings when stopped for the night. Insurance losses can occur at any time, so teaching drivers to be mindful of potential hazards and remain vigilant in all they do can translate to more favorable premiums.

Utilize available trucking safety technologies

On-board cameras and speed monitors can help reduce premiums if a trucking company properly uses the data to train and monitor drivers for safety. If a motor carrier has multiple safe driver initiatives in place, adding technology and its supporting analytics can have a big impact on your bottom line.

A safe workplace reduces injuries

A safe workplace reduces injuries and can contribute to lowering your workers compensation premium. Reducing by a single serious workplace accident can impact the cost of your insurance. Establishing safety education programs can reap great benefits when programs are consistent and ongoing. Additionally, leaders must expect and practice safety every day in the workplace, emphasizing prevention.

Operating a safe workplace will improve your reputation

Insurance companies will seek out motor carriers that value safety and trust, have a safety mindset, and the metrics to back up your record. Reducing accidents, increasing on-time deliveries, and minimizing cargo damage are all ways to demonstrate your company can be a trusted partner.

Note: These lists are not intended to be all-inclusive.