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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!

Newsletter Highlights

- Safety Council Meeting Notice
- FREE Risk Summit coming to Las Vegas
- Survey – Top Industry Concerns – Your Voice is Needed!
- Wreaths Across America
- FMCSA – Relief for MCS-150 deadlines
- Truck Driver Appreciation Week Update
- TRAINING Classes Scheduled!
- Free Driver Training – UCSD TREDS
- MOTUS Technical Assistance
- Calendar of Events / Save the Dates
- Guest Column: “Just a Trucker”
- Risk Symposium Flyer

Safety Council Meeting
The next Safety Council meeting is October 8, 2026. This will be held on ZOOM.

Join us in welcoming Chris Moreno with TAT (formerly Truckers Against Trafficking) and learn how you can educate your drivers and staff to help save lives.

Time: October 8, 2026 10:00 AM Pacific Time
Meeting ID: 854 8190 3924
Passcode: 493128

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

Be sure to save the link and the calendar invites you receive – it is the same for every meeting.

Join NTA and GWCC for the 2026 Risk Summit in Las Vegas

Great West, An Old Republic Company is partnering with NTA to host a FREE Risk Summit for our members. It will be held on Wednesday, November 4th in Las Vegas. See our last page for more details – email patti@nevadatrucking.com to register.

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Last Chance! Complete the Survey Today! Your Input is Needed!
NTA is asking our members to complete this very important survey and identify your top concerns. As in past years, the data is used to develop a national report, but more importantly, it will generate a Nevada-specific report that will affect our policy, operational and safety decisions moving forward. Click the link or scan the QR code below - select Nevada - and answer the questions. It's that simple.

Please take a few minutes and help shape NTA's efforts and get your voice heard!

https://www.research.net/r/2026-TII-Survey



Join NTA in Honoring Our Fallen Heroes with Wreaths Across America
On Saturday, December 19, 2026, Wreaths Across America will be at locations in Nevada to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Each wreath sponsored through NTA's page will be distributed among participating veterans' cemeteries across Nevada, getting one step closer to every hero being remembered this December.

Your gift extends far beyond one cemetery. It connects you to a network of volunteers and supporters who embody the Wreaths Across America mission: to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

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FMCSA Provides Temporary Relief for Biennial Updates

To help reduce service disruptions during the registration system transition, FMCSA has **temporarily suspended enforcement of biennial updates** and the inactivation of USDOT Numbers for entities that have not completed the required biennial update.

What This Means for You:

- **Additional Time Granted:** Registrants whose biennial update was due on or after June 1, 2026 will receive additional time to complete any required updates.
- **No Inactivation for Failing to Submit the Biennial Update:** Motor carriers and regulated entities will not have their USDOT Number inactivated for failing to submit a biennial update.
- **Advance Notice Before Re-implementation:** This suspension will remain in effect until further notice. FMCSA will provide ample warning prior to re-implementing the biennial update requirement.

Intrastate Carrier Notice

Motus no longer provides a biennial update option for intrastate carriers. Intrastate carriers are not subject to the Federal biennial update requirement; however, some States require intrastate carriers to update their FMCSA record on a recurring basis. To support these State requirements, Motus allows intrastate carriers to update their mileage, power units, and number of drivers. FMCSA is also working to display the date of the carrier's most recent update in Motus so States can determine when the record was last updated.

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week – Wrap Up

Thank you to all our donors, sponsors and volunteers as we handed out nearly 500 goody bags to drivers in northern and southern Nevada! Here are just a few highlights!







Special thank you to the NHP for hosting us at the inspection stations and FMCSA for joining us!

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TRAINING Classes Schedule – Register Today! 2026 Classes FREE for members

Supervisor Training on Reasonable Suspicion: Drug & Alcohol Testing (3 hours)
October 20, 2026 – 9am – 1pm
Cost: free for NTNSIG / NTA members; non-members $150
January 19 – 9am – 1pm
Cost: NTNSIG / NTA members= $125; non-members $175

In this course, the trained supervisor will receive the necessary FMCSA-mandated training and certificate to comply with 49 CFR 382.603. Every supervisor who interacts with CDL Drivers is required to receive a minimum of 2 hours training in the detection of alcohol misuse or controlled substances use.

Designated Employer Representative (DER): Drug & Alcohol Programs (6 hours)
November 24, 2026 – 9am – 3pm
Cost: free for NTNSIG / NTA members; non-members $300

Learn the necessary requirements to fulfill the role of the Designated Employer Representative (DER). This course will prepare the DER to perform their daily duties within the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, as required by the FMCSA and the DOT. Through this course we provide an in-depth study of the FMCSA and State Rules/Regulation of 49 CFR Parts 382 and Part 40 for Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Program required for CDL Drivers.

Defensive Driving: A SAFER Approach to CMV Operations (3 hours)
December 15, 2026 – 9am – 3pm
Cost: free for NTNSIG / NTA members; non-members $300

After taking this course, drivers will know how to prevent accidents by trying to anticipate hazardous situations and adjusting their behavior to compensate for the day-to-day interactions that face all commercial motor vehicle operations. Drivers will learn to recognize situations that are considered hazardous, learn how to properly adjust speed and position to be able to safely maneuver as hazards develop.

Periodic Vehicle Inspections: Inspector Qualifications (6 hours)
January 5, 2027 - 9am – 3pm
Cost: NTA / NTNSIG members = $150; others = $225

This training is a basic requirement necessary for all qualified maintenance technicians who complete the periodic annual inspection. Inspections/technicians will learn what the requirements are to become a qualified inspector and how to maintain their qualification. This course covers the elements of the DOT annual periodic vehicle inspection,

completion of the annual inspection reports and placement of decals. Students will learn the regulatory requirements of the annual periodic vehicle inspection and 49 CFR 393 and 396 Appendix A, previously known as Appendix G.

These are live, instructor-led webinars. A zoom link will be sent once registration has been received. Please contact patti@nevadatrucking.com to register.

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

FMCSA Registration System Updates: MOTUS IT Assistance Website
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.

NOTE: if you are having issues with your insurance carrier requiring documentation, trucks being stopped at inspection stations for registration information, broker issues or other operational concerns due to your inability to access MOTUS, please call NTA for assistance.

Welcome New Members!

E and A Delivery's, LLC
Karl Hicks Delivery

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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.

November 12
December 10

Other Dates of Interest
October 20 – Reasonable Suspicion Training Seminar
October 17-21 – ATA Management Conference & Exhibition – Charlotte NC
November 4 – Risk Summit – Las Vegas, NV
November 24 – Designated Employer Representative Seminar
December 15 – Defensive Driving Seminar

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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Just a Trucker

by Doug Marcello

The car passed him on the interstate today. Its driver forgot about him before the next exit. No reason to recall. Nothing memorable. He was… just a trucker.

Just a trucker who has been behind the wheel since 2 a.m. And while the car driver slept in a neighborhood that was dark and quiet and dreaming, he was already three states into it. Pushing through the black, keeping his eyes open so theirs could stay closed.

Just a trucker who stood at a fuel pump in January rain, 200 miles back. Diesel smell in his jacket, fingers numb, because the load doesn't wait for weather, the clock doesn't stop for comfort.

Just a trucker who missed the birthday and the anniversary and the ballgame when his daughter hit her first home run, and the school play, where his son forgot his lines and looked for him in the crowd for reassurance. But he was on I-80, making sure someone else's kids had what they wanted under the tree.

Just a trucker who climbed on the flatbed and the wind of March and rustled a tarp over the load and rechecked the securement to protect the load, and more importantly, the families that shared the highway with them.

Just a trucker who cranked the dolly legs in the mud at 4 a.m. at a dock with no lights in a part of town. Nobody drives through by choice. No audience, no acknowledgment.

Just the work done right.

Just a trucker who eats alone at a counter. Sleeps where he works, lives in his office, clocks out in his bunk, and wakes up to do it again in the same seat, to provide for his family and so others can have what they need and what they want.

The backbone of everything they have. Everything they ordered, everything they take for granted, delivered by the person they passed on that highway and forgot about before they reach their next exit.

And who does all this?

Just a trucker.

Only a trucker.

Join us for the

2026 RISK SUMMIT

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WHAT IS A RISK SUMMIT?

Each year, Great West insureds are invited to attend an in-person seminar known as the Risk Summit. These events are presented by our risk control professionals and designed specifically for the trucking industry.

Topics can range from managing risk and the financial impact of losses to building a company that values safety. Each seminar usually concludes with a brief regulatory update and tips on how to meet compliance requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Risk Summits are open to all Great West insureds regardless of fleet size. The target audience is a motor carrier's leadership and operations staff.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Attending a Risk Summit offers a wide range of benefits that go far beyond the seminar content, including:

- Connecting face-to-face with risk control professionals and get answers tailored to the trucking industry,
- Obtaining valuable knowledge that strengthens your risk management skills, and
- Exchanging experiences, ideas, and strategies with other motor carriers and your peers.

HOW LONG IS THE EVENT?

Risk Summits are usually three hours with a few breaks scheduled within.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Attendance is FREE! However, seats are limited, so be sure to register early.

AGENDA

The Financial Impact of Losses

Loss Prevention Techniques
Driver Training
Value-Driven Driving Facilitation

10-Minute Break

Loss Mitigation Techniques
Incident Investigations
Table Talk

Q&A



To Register or for More Information, email Patti@NevadaTrucking.com