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## CVSA Brake Safety Week Aug 23-29

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 or result in injuries or fatalities to the motoring public.

During Brake Safety Week, inspectors will report data to CVSA about vehicle inspections and brake-related violations. CVSA will collect and analyze all submitted brake-related data and release the results later this year. By dedicating focused resources and attention to brake safety, CVSA aims to reduce violations, improve compliance and make roadways safer for all users.

[Learn More](#)

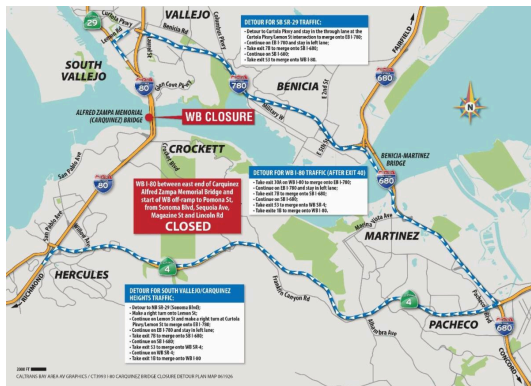
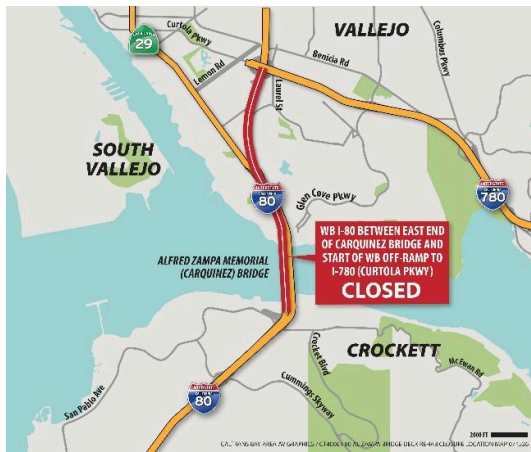
## WB I-80 Carquinez Bridge Closure

Caltrans construction is scheduled to implement a **full closure of on Westbound I-80 Carquinez (Alfred Zampa Memorial) Bridge on Friday, August 21, 2026, 10:00 PM, and continues until 3:00 AM Monday, August 24, 2026.**

Construction crews will be working the full weekend to repave the entire westbound bridge deck. Caltrans maintenance crews will also be working in Vallejo from the foot of the bridge to Highway 780 and complete work like maintenance, vegetation control, and litter/graffiti clean up among other tasks.

More details regarding this closure and detours can be found on the CalTrans Website [HERE](#).

Refer to the images below detailing areas affected by the closure and appropriate detours.



## Recap of California Trucking Day

CTA held its annual California Trucking Day at the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento last Wednesday, August 12.

CTA members joined us for a packed agenda full of an invaluable advocacy and legislative training, discussions with legislators, and recognizing CTA's legislative champions, and a legislative reception.

Namely, we hosted a panel with Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee Senator Dave Cortese (top right). He shared his thoughts on the impact of trucking in his district and how he looks forward to working with CTA on transportation issues.

We also proudly presented Assemblymember Carrillo with CTA's 2026 Legislator of the Year Award for his critical work with us on supporting California's trucking industry.

We hope to share a great time with you again next year!




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## FMCSA Proposes Codifying English Language Proficiency Out-of-Service Violations

On Monday, August 10, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "English Language Proficiency; Out of Service Criteria".

FMCSA's NPRM proposes to codify the English language proficiency driver qualification requirement as an out-of-service violation. The rulemaking would ensure uniform enforcement by aligning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations with the current enforcement tolerances in the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria issued by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Comments on the NPRM must be received on or before October 9, 2026. Information regarding the notice can be found [here](#).

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## Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update

To learn more about CTA's advocacy efforts, please join the **California Trucking Association's Government Affairs** team for our **Webinar: Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update**. This webinar is an invaluable opportunity to stay up to date on the latest legislative and regulatory developments directly affecting the trucking industry in California.

CTA's Government Affairs will provide an overview of legislation that could impact the trucking industry including legislation focused on labor, environmental, tax, and safety policies.

You will learn about CTA's busy, productive year and our legislative wins:

- Defeated multiple legislative attempts to pass different statewide indirect source rule proposals
- Negotiated amendments preventing the prohibition of in-cab cameras
- Narrowed a bill to exempt assessing fees for vehicles using existing commercial loading and unloading zones
- Supported a low-use NOx exemption for vehicles subject to Clean Truck Check
- Stopped a bill that would have eliminated in-depth economic analysis required for proposed "major regulations" in California that are expected to have an economic impact exceeding \$50 million
- Worked with stakeholders to preserve CTA's past negotiations preventing local jurisdictions from assessing fees on vehicles based on weight
- Limited a bill's overreach by eliminating a provision that would have required heavy-duty battery electric vehicles to include bidirectional charging capabilities for transmitting power from a vehicle's battery to the electrical grid.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about legislation and regulations

**Free for Members**

**Tuesday, September 15th**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Register**

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## **Webinar: California Clean Fuel Reward Incentive Program**

**Thursday, August 27  
10 AM - 11 AM  
Via Zoom**



**Unlock Up to \$120,000 Toward Your Next Electric Commercial Vehicle**

### **Thinking about adding electric vehicles to your fleet?**

Now is the perfect time to learn how the **California Clean Fuel Reward** incentive program can significantly reduce your upfront purchase costs.

Join the California Trucking Association and representatives from the California Clean Fuel Reward program for an informative webinar covering the latest incentives available for eligible battery-electric commercial vehicles from Class 2b through Class 8.

Whether you're just beginning to explore electric vehicles or you're ready to make your next purchase, this webinar will help you understand how to maximize available incentives and navigate the application process.

### **What You'll Learn**

- How the California Clean Fuel Reward works
- Who qualifies for the program
- Current incentive amounts by vehicle class
- Which vehicles are eligible

- How the reward is applied at the point of purchase
- How the program can be combined ("stacked") with other eligible incentives
- Live Q&A with a representative from the California Clean Fuel Reward program

**Current incentive amounts include:**

|                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
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| <b>Class 2b*</b>                                                                  | <b>Class 3-4</b>                                                                  | <b>Class 5</b>                                                                    | <b>Class 6-7</b>                                                                    | <b>Class 8</b>                                                                      |
| 8,501-10,000 lbs.                                                                 | 10,001-16,000 lbs.                                                                | 16,001-19,500 lbs.                                                                | 19,501-33,000 lbs.                                                                  | >33,000 lbs.                                                                        |
| <b>\$7,500*</b>                                                                   | <b>\$15,000</b>                                                                   | <b>\$60,000</b>                                                                   | <b>\$85,000</b>                                                                     | <b>\$120,000</b>                                                                    |

For complete program requirements, eligibility criteria, incentive amounts, and application details, please review the [California Clean Fuel Reward Program Guide](#) before applying.

**Register**

## EDUCATION

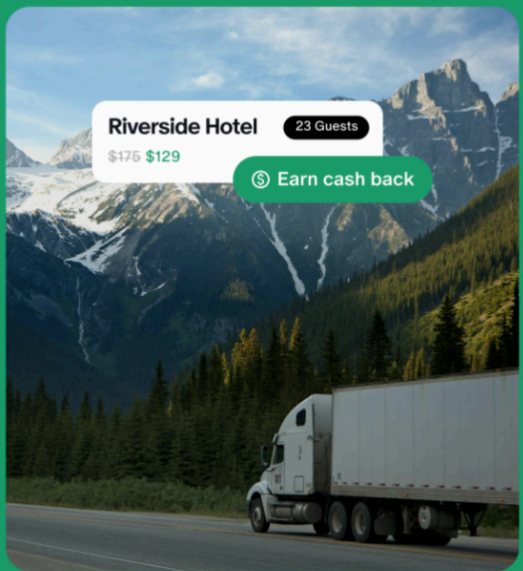


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### TODAY Virtual Safety Seminar: Accident Management

Discover how to build and maintain an effective, FMCSA-compliant vehicle maintenance program, including inspection requirements, recordkeeping, and strategies to reduce Vehicle Maintenance BASIC violations.

**Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00**

**CTA Member:\$99**

**Non-Member: \$149**



[Visit our Website](#)



### Southern CA Safety Day

Join us for an in-depth **Safety Training Event** hosted by **CTA** and the **California Highway Patrol Commercial Industry Education Program**

**Wednesday, September 23**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm Lunch Included**

SoCal Gas Innovation Hall, Downey, CA

**CTA Member:\$10**

**Non-Member: \$20**

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For more information or to register, email [meetings@nmfta.org](mailto:meetings@nmfta.org).

## EVENTS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### *Do you know anyone with 50 years in the industry?*



Nominations are now being accepted for the longtime trucking professionals to be honored in the **Golden Jubilee Club**. Members of this distinguished group meet every other year at CTA's **Annual Membership Conference** to hail the pioneers of our industry and introduce new members.

Eligible candidates are either working with or retired from CTA member organizations and have served a minimum of 50 years in the trucking industry.

Recipients will be honored at the CTA Golden Jubilee Club Breakfast on **January 22** during **CTA's Annual Membership Conference (AMC27)** at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2026, no application fee**

Completed applications or questions should be directed to Tina Ferguson at [tferguson@caltrux.org](mailto:tferguson@caltrux.org) or [916-373-3528](tel:916-373-3528).

[Golden Jubilee Nomination Form](#)

## LOCAL EVENTS

### **Join us Saturday, August 29, on San Francisco Bay!**

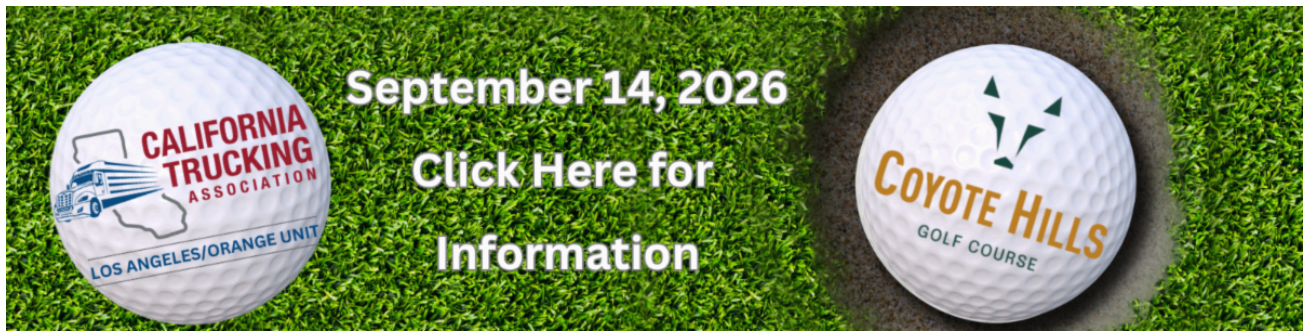
Single, Couple, or Sponsorship tickets available- click below!



[Bay Cruise Information & Registration](#)

### **Network & Golf at the LA/Orange Unit Golf Tournament**

Single, Foursome, Dinner Only, or Sponsorship tickets available- click below!



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## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: Truck Driver Appreciation Event Info Now Available

Click the image to view CTA's Event calendar and sign up to volunteer at your local inspection facility.

**If you haven't participated before, we don't ask for much.** Just show up, smile, and pass out bags to truck drivers as they come through the scales. See you there!





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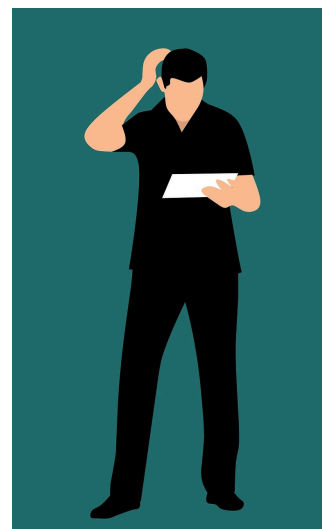
**Compliance Confusion? Legal Questions? HR  
Headaches? Security System Stress?**

### Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help you with any challenges you may be facing. If we don't have the answer, we will put you in contact with one of the many member resources who can help.

Some popular topics include:

- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions
- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations
- Hazardous materials regulations
- Legal resources
- Human resources guidance & templates
- Cargo theft/ security system advisement from industry experts



**Fill out the request form here** or email [helpdesk@caltrux.org](mailto:helpdesk@caltrux.org).

Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. Our team will do its best to get back to you in a timely manner.

[Contact the Help Desk](#)

## FREE DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

### Keep Your Drivers Current on Safety with TREDS

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDS\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

**TREDS** offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

Scope of the problem  
Risk & consequences  
Rules & regulations  
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving  
Work zone safety

[Learn More](#)



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

Scope of the problem  
Contributing factors  
Risks & consequences  
Laws & testing procedures  
Strategies to drive-drug free

[Learn More](#)

## EVENT CALENDAR

[August 29: Bay Cruise - Coastal Unit President's Night](#)

[September 2: Great West Risk Summit- Sacramento](#)

[September 9: Central Valley & San Joaquin Units Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 9: Virtual Seminar: Vehicle Maintenance Programs](#)

[September 14: Cottonwood Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 14: Los Angeles/Orange Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[September 15: Cordelia Sacramento Unit Truck Driver Appreciation](#)

[September 15: Fall Government Affairs Update](#)

[September 17: Kern Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Grapevine](#)

[September 21: Coastal Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Fremont](#)

[September 22: Coastal Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Gilroy](#)

[September 23: Southern California Safety Day](#)

[October 9: Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)

[October 14: Virtual Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit](#)

[November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors](#)

[November 7: Northern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[November 14: Southern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[December 9: Virtual Seminar: Data Q's, Contesting Preventability, SMS & FMCSA Portal](#)

[January 19 - 22: CTA's 73rd Annual Membership Conference](#)

## MEMBER BENEFITS & SERVICES



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The [Caltrux Bookshelf](#) uses a digital flipbook format to display these magazine issues in high quality, complete with articles and advertisements - identical to what you already receive in the mail.

