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CTA on the Road: Dreisbach Welcomes Senator Arreguin

Last week, the **Dreisbach Enterprises** played host to **Senator Jesse Arreguin** and CTA staff for a tour at their Port of Oakland offices.

The team shared insights on the key challenges impacting the industry and discussed potential solutions to help move the sector forward. The conversation highlighted the importance of collaboration between industry leaders and policymakers.

Senator Arreguin represents the city of Berkeley and parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and currently serves on the Senate Transportation Committee as well as Chair of Senate Public Safety.

We thank the Dreisbach team for their time in hosting and sharing their perspective.

LA/Orange Unit Gives the 2028 Olympics Top Billing

The **LA/Orange County Unit** on Monday welcomed a full house to their unit meeting at the **LA Regional Food Bank**. On the agenda: the upcoming LA Olympics. The 2028 mega-event may seem a long way out but the plans for infrastructure requires years of planning and preparation.

LA28, the **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**, and **Caltrans District 7** shared key information for logistics providers across the region, with all three agencies gathering feedback from stakeholders on how best to manage goods movement disruptions during this major event.

We appreciate the LA Regional Food Bank opening its doors and sponsoring this event.





TDC26: Southern California and State Finals Events this Weekend

After a rainy northern event, we're hoping for sunny skies this weekend at **Santa Anita Park in Arcadia** for the Southern California Truck Driving Championship. We start Saturday with the southern regionals, and then return Sunday morning for the top scorers from the north and south for the state finals.

Both events are free of charge for spectators and offer a great look at the skill and professionalism our drivers exhibit in their daily work.



Walmart's Kastiro Featured in CapRadio Article

Late last week we got a look at TDC26 North coverage from **CapRadio** and a profile of Walmart driver **David Kastiro**. This was David's rookie year taking on his colleagues at the **FedEx Freight** Yard in West Sacramento.

Catch the audio from the radio piece [here](#), and the website article [here](#).

Caltrux Magazine Features Stockton Stalwart Antonini

Watch your mailbox this week as the latest issue of **Caltrux Magazine** is on the way. **Joseph Antonini** graces our Q1/2026 cover to share his experiences from decades with his family business. We'll also share some recent wins at the State Capitol and zoom-in on some bottlenecked trouble spots in the Golden State.

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Summer Board & Policy Meetings are Coming

Join us **Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18** to join our Board and staff for the CTA Summer Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings.

Meetings open to all members will begin at 1:30 Wednesday, June 17 at **TEC Equipment in Fontana.**

[View the Agenda & Register Now](#)

Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year Nominations Now Open

Professionalism and dedication to safety are key to the success of our member businesses and the people working for them. In this spirit, every year the CTA honors our state's best truck drivers by naming them **Driver of the Month (DOM)**.

The program culminates each November with the north and south DOM/DOY banquets, where each winner is awarded and recognized for their outstanding service. The night is also filled with anticipation as the Driver of the Year honor is revealed for the first time.



Current CTA company members in good standing may enter California domiciled drivers with no limit of entries free of charge. Member companies will be charged \$125 if one of their drivers is

selected for an award.

For more information on the program and sponsorship opportunities, click the button below, contact us at (916) 373-3528 or at events@caltrux.org.

DOM/DOY Nomination Form



Nominations for CVSA's International Driver Excellence Award Open

The **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)** is now accepting nominations for its **International Driver Excellence Award (IDEA)**, an annual award that recognizes an extraordinary professional commercial motor vehicle driver and their commitment to public safety.

Nominees for this award must be individuals who have gone above and beyond the performance of their duties as a commercial motor vehicle driver, distinguishing themselves conspicuously and beyond the call of duty through the achievement of safe operation and compliance carried out with evident distinction for an extended period of time.

The nominated individual must be of personal character beyond reproach with no disqualifying past behavior as indicated in the award criteria.

For details and entry information, [click here](#). The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 8.



CARGO PAC Contributor Spotlight:

**Robert Ramorino, President, Roadstar Trucking
Contributor since 1980**

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SURVEYS

Last Chance to Submit Your Input on Operational Costs to ATRI

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking for-hire motor carriers to participate in a survey designed to help better understand trucking operations. Your opportunity to contribute to this important research closes this week.

The survey results in ATRI's annual **Operational Costs of Trucking** report, which is trusted by thousands of industry decisionmakers every year as a key barometer of freight market conditions and is the leading public benchmarking tool for motor carriers of all sectors, from owner-operators to 10,000+ truck fleets.



This survey will remain open through **this Friday, April 24.**

[Click for the Operations Survey](#)

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

Zero-Emissions Showcase + Ride & Drive Event - San Diego

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** and **CALSTART** are sponsoring a free **Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive** event.

Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment. Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies.

Past Ride and Drive events have featured over 70 Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment. Receive information on incentive opportunities and the Cal Fleet Advisor technical assistance program.

CARB staff will be available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.



Wednesday, April 29
9:00 - 3:00

Pechanga Arena
500 Sports Arena Blvd.
San Diego

[Register Now](#)

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

2026 Kern Unit Golf Tournament

Join the Kern Unit at the Sundale Country Club on **Thursday, May 21** for this annual golf get-together. Sundale's course appeals to the true golf enthusiast with the finest design elements, challenging play, and the highest standards in maintenance.



It's a lasting testament to this great golf course is that members and non-members look forward to playing it round after round.

Thursday, May 21
6:30am - Check In

7:30am - Shotgun Start

Sundale Country Club
6218 Sundale Ave.
Bakersfield

Register Now!



2026 San Joaquin Unit Joe Kent Memorial Golf Tournament

Join the San Joaquin Unit **Monday, June 1**, at Woodbridge - a course known for more than 100 years as a golfer's escape along the Mokelumne River, nestled amongst the valley's finest wineries.

Be part of an annual tradition of competition, networking, and fun.

Monday, June 1
8 am - Check-in
9:30 am - Shotgun Start
Early Dinner to follow!


Woodbridge Golf & Country Club
950 E Woodbridge Rd.
Woodbridge

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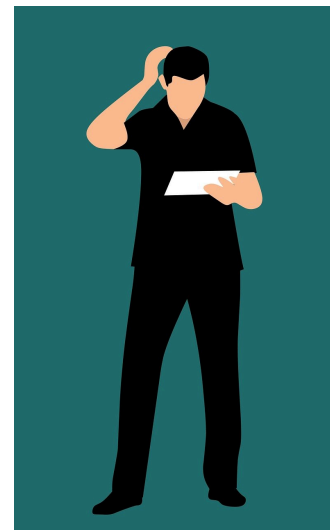
Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help with assisting various questions including:

- 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

Visit www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/, or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.



Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. CTA's Government Affairs team will do their best to get back to you in timely manner.

Contact the Help Desk

DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Brush Up on Safety Issues 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



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

[April 25 & 26: Southern California Truck Driving Championship & State Finals](#)

[April 27: Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[May 12 & 13: 2026 Call on Washington](#)

[May 21: Kern Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[June 1: San Joaquin Unit Joe Kent Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[June 2: Summer 2026 Government Affairs Update](#)

[June 11: San Bernardino/Riverside Unit Arthur F. Thompson Mem. Golf Tournament](#)

[June 17 & 18: 2026 CTA June Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings](#)

[July 30: 2026 San Diego/Imperial Unit 17th Annual Golf Tournament](#)

[September 15: Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update](#)

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