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Date Set for Summer Board & Policy Meetings

Mark your calendars to join our board and staff in June for the CTA Summer Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings.

Join us **Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18** at:

**TEC Equipment
14400 Randall Ave
Fontana**

Meetings open to all members will begin Wednesday June 17 at 1:30. Schedule is below:

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| Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | |
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| 10:30am | CEO Advisory - Private |
| 11:30am | Officer's Council - Private |
| 1:30pm | Environmental Policy Committee |
| 3:00pm | Allied Conference Meeting |
| 3:30pm - 5:30pm | Allied Conference Happy Hour Event - Location TBD |
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| Thursday, June 18, 2026 | |
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| 9:00am | Highway Policy Committee |
| 10:15am | Safety, Security, and Human Resources Policy Committee |
| 12:00pm | Grab n Go Lunch |
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| 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Board of Directors Meeting |

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JSG Trucking Nets Fleet Safety Win for 2nd Year In a Row

JSG Trucking is the winner of CTA's 2024 Fleet Safety Award Board of Directors Grand Trophy (Under \$10M Gross Revenue). This is the second year in a row the Acampo-based company has won the award, and their fifth first place win overall - an unprecedented feat in Association history.

On Thursday, **CTA CEO Eric Sauer** personally delivered the trophy to **Rachel and Derek Crusenberry** and their proud JSG crew, along with a special congratulations video greeting from **CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee**.



The annual Fleet Safety awards recognize ground-breaking safety programs and talented professionals - honoring companies developing and implementing superior safety and loss prevention programs through management commitment, employee involvement and program innovation.

Watch the CTA LinkedIn page later this week for a video of the presentation.

This was the second of three presentations of this year's Fleet Safety trophies. Our third winner will be announced here in the 5th Wheel in the coming weeks.



CARB Clarifies Clean Truck Check Enforceability

Last week the **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** updated the **Clean Truck Check (CTC) FAQ page** to clarify the program's enforceability.

This follows the U.S. EPA's partial disapproval of **California's State Implementation Plan (SIP)** as it relates to the CTC program. Here are the details:

Updated FAQ:

Do vehicles registered outside of California still need to comply with Clean Truck Check?

Clean Truck Check is still in effect for all vehicles operating on California public roads and highways.

On January 27, 2026 U.S. EPA announced its **partial** disapproval of the **State Implementation Plan (SIP)** relating to Clean Truck Check.

This **only** means that the state cannot credit the portion of emissions reductions from out-of-state vehicles as part of meeting federal air quality standards.

This decision does not extend to determining, or enforcing, any part of Clean Truck Check to ensure all vehicles operating in California abide by the same rules, including vehicles registered outside of California.

This is affirmed in footnote 49 of U.S. EPA's final rule on Clean Truck Check (Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program).

What is the impact of the rescission of the U.S. E.P.A.'s Endangerment Findings on Clean Truck Check?

The US EPA's rescission of the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding has no impact on the implementation of the Clean Truck Check program. Clean Truck Check remains in effect as it is not a greenhouse gas regulation. Clean Truck Check ensure that we get fine particulate matter and oxides of Nitrogen emission reductions.

<https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/final-rule-rescission-greenhouse-gas-endangerment>

Do recent U.S. E.P.A waiver rescissions impact Clean Truck Check?

Clean Truck Check does not require a US EPA waiver under the Clean Air Act. The US EPA has no authority over Clean Truck Check. The California Air Resources Board will continue to enforce the law to ensure that all heavy-duty vehicles operating in California abide by the same rules.

You can find the full FAQ for the **Clean Truck Check** program by [clicking here](#).

TDC26: SoCal Registration Still Open

While registration is now closed for **CTA's Northern California Truck Driving Championships**, there's still time to register for our southern California event at **Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, on April 25**. The **state finals** will also be held there the next day, **April 26**.

Be part of the nation's largest state truck driving championships. Visit the [registration page](#) and submit your details by **Friday, April 3**.



We're also looking for volunteers to help us staff both the weekends, so if you're interested in some fun in the sun, a snazzy t-shirt, and the undying appreciation of an entire region of truck drivers, click on one of the links below to sign up.

[Volunteer at TDC North](#)

[Volunteer at TDC South](#)



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Join us in April, as we put California's finest truck drivers to the test to take on the nation at **TDC26**.

April 11 - Northern California TDC
FedEx Freight Yard, West Sacramento

April 25 - Southern California TDC
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia

April 26 - California TDC Finals
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia

CTA on LinkedIn: Knowing is Half the Battle

The **California Trucking Association** is on [LinkedIn](#), regularly posting about the latest industry news for California and beyond.

Keeping up with the latest information on the industry can be daunting, so we use this popular online outlet to get the word out.

This provides both members and non-members with yet another valuable CTA service - it also shows our engagement to the outside, public world, reminding lawmakers and regulators we're here and we're paying attention.



Help us grow CTA's online voice by:

- Clicking the "Follow" button
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Visit CTA at LinkedIn

SURVEYS

ATRI 2026 Operational Costs Data Collection

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking for-hire motor carriers to participate in its annual *Operational Costs of Trucking* report.

For-hire motor carriers are asked to submit their information by **Friday, April 24**.

[Data forms are available on ATRI's website](#) along with a sample customized report and other helpful information for participants. All confidential data is protected and published only in anonymized averages.



[Click to Participate in the Survey](#)

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS



Spring Gov Affairs Update to Review Top Issues

Join the **California Trucking Association's Government Affairs** team for our webinar: **Spring 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.

Approximately 2,000 bills have been introduced in the legislature for this year's session. Government Affairs will provide an overview of legislation that could impact the trucking industry including legislation focused on labor, environmental, tax, and safety policies.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about pending legislation, and **this event is free to all members!**

Secure your spot by registering today.

Tuesday, March 31st
9:00 - 10:00

[Register Now](#)

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 Allied Conference Annual Golf Tournament

Picture this: you and your trucking industry friends taking on 18 holes at a Jack Nicklaus-designed course surrounded by spectacular mountain ranges and picturesque coastal valleys.

Join us **April 6** at the **Allied Conference's Annual Golf Tournament** at **Aliso Viejo Country Club** for a day of the very best in Orange County golf, offering a dynamic, engaging, and fun place to exercise your competitive streak AND do a little networking on the side.

Spots are limited, so click the button below to register for this opportunity in the great outdoors!

Monday, April 6
8:00 - 5:00

Aliso Viejo Country Club
33 Santa Barbara Dr.
Aliso Viejo

[Register Now!](#)

2026 Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament

Enjoy unique-to-the-Central-Valley champion Bermuda greens that provide a short-game experience unlike any other.



Fresno's Belmont GC is well-maintained, narrow and well guarded, with medium size greens, menacing bunkers and lots of trees. It's a good test of decision making, iron play and your short game.

Monday, April 27
9:45am - 6:30

Belmont Golf & Country Club
8253 East Belmont Ave.
Fresno

[Register Now!](#)

SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

2026 TUF SOB Applications Due Soon


The **TUF SOB** (Truckers United Fraternity Super Offspring of the Boss) scholarship program provides financial support towards furthering the educational goals of trucking's next generation and the industry's future leaders.



Over the past three decades TUF SOB has provided more than \$400,000 to over 500 deserving scholars.

This year's nominees must have their applications submitted by April 1.


[2026 TUF SOB Application](#)



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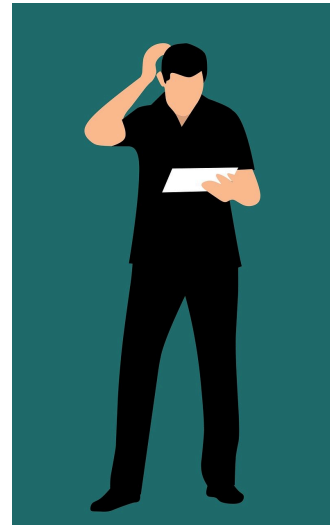
Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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



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

Scope of the problem
Contributing factors
Risks & consequences

[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

[Upcoming events can be accessed via CTA's Events Calendar](#)

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