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## AMC26 Starts Today!

The wait is over! CTA's **72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26)** launches today and while online registration is now closed, you can still join us by registering on-site.

We'll start this afternoon with a kickoff session featuring the **American Trucking Associations' (ATA) Chief Economist, Bob Costello.**

AMC26's three content-packed days - **January 21 to 23** - feature informative sessions by day... like **expert-led sessions on law enforcement, insurance, funding, tech, and workforce...** and relaxing leisure by night.

It's all happening in and around the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**, which sits between the historic [Fisherman's Wharf](#) and the storied [Cannery Row](#), with near endless options for amenities, dining, downtime.

[Visit Monterey Plaza Rooms](#) to reserve lodging online at our host hotel and [click here](#) for the conference schedule.

## ATA Hails \$200 Million for Parking, Other Pro-Trucking Provisions in Appropriations Package

On Tuesday the **American Trucking Associations (ATA)** applauded the inclusion of provisions to support truckers and strengthen the supply chain in the final FY2026 appropriations package that is being considered by the U.S. House of Representatives this week. Notably, the bill includes \$200 million dedicated for truck parking expansion projects, [one of the trucking industry's top concerns.](#)



According to a USDOT study, 98% of truck drivers regularly experience problems locating safe parking. An analysis by the **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** found that the average driver sacrifices 56 minutes of drive time per day. This results in \$6,813 in lost wages

for truck drivers each year. This new investment in truck parking would build on the progress that has been made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that ATA championed, which has allocated funding to [build roughly 2,000 truck parking spaces](#).

In addition to the \$200 million for truck parking, the appropriations package addresses a number of other trucking industry priorities ATA advocated for, including:

- Directing USDOT to provide a report and develop a strategy to respond to cargo theft.
- Addressing distracted and impaired driving;
- Studying the growing issue of predatory towing;
- Reporting on the availability and feasibility of technologies that could measure intoxication, including marijuana impairment;
- Providing an update on the establishment of a national AV framework;
- Requiring a study on congestion pricing, specifically relating to its effect on finances, safety, emissions, and congestion;
- Strengthening oversight of the Training Provider Registry; and
- Enforcing English language proficiency requirements.

If the House votes to approve the package this week, the measure will be sent to the Senate next week for final passage and then be signed into law.



## ATA Launches 2026 Driver Compensation Survey

American Trucking Associations (ATA) has opened its survey for the **2026 ATA Driver Compensation Study**, an analysis of pay, benefits, and bonuses for trucking businesses across the U.S.

As a one-of-a-kind benchmarking tool, the study provides the crucial, actionable intelligence motor carriers need to recruit and retain their most valuable resource: professional truck drivers.

Last conducted in 2024, this survey produces a unique and vital source of timely data. Previous studies covered hundreds of fleets, including for-hire truckload carriers, for-hire less-than-truckload carriers, private carriers, and other commercial haulers.

Survey participants are eligible for a discounted copy of the study for just \$100— more than 90% off the full price. Additional benefits for participants include a free executive summary prior to the release of the report and an exclusive invitation to a no-cost webinar with ATA's Chief Economist to discuss the survey results and answer questions.

To participate, please [visit the survey here](#) and complete it by March 30.

## Four ELDs Removed from Registry

Last Tuesday, FMCSA removed the following electronic logging devices (ELDs) from the [list of registered ELDs](#) due to the ELD providers' failure to meet the minimum requirements established in Title 49 CFR Appendix A to Subpart B of Part 395.



Motor carriers must discontinue using the following revoked ELDs and take action to stay in compliance. They have up to 60 days to replace the revoked devices with a compliant ELD.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
PREMIERRIDE LOGS	1RIDE	PRD391	PREMIERRIDE LOGS LLC
DSGELOGS	DSGELOGS1	DSGEL1	DSG TRACKING LLC
STATE ELOGS	ST8-E	STE384	STATE ELOG LLC
STATE ELOGS 2	PT-30	STE384	STATE ELOG LLC

FMCSA will send an email to industry to inform motor carriers that all who use the revoked ELDs must take the following steps:

1. Discontinue using the revoked devices and revert to paper logs or logging software to record required hours of service data.
2. Replace the revoked devices with compliant ELDs from the [Registered Devices list](#) before **March 15, 2026**.

If the ELD providers correct all identified deficiencies for their devices, FMCSA will place the devices back on the list of registered devices and inform the industry and the field. However, FMCSA strongly encourages motor carriers to take the actions listed above now to avoid compliance issues in the event that the deficiencies are not addressed by the ELD providers.



### LaMalfa Services Scheduled for Saturday

Memorial services for **Congressman Doug LaMalfa** (a longtime member of CTA and a friend to the California trucking industry) will be held this **Saturday, January 24 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico**.

The **service will begin at noon**, with doors opening at 10:00, and parking opening at 9:30. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and required security screenings.

**Tickets will be required for entry.** [To register for tickets visit douglamalfa.com](http://douglamalfa.com).

### ATRI Insurance Cost Survey Closes This Week

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is calling upon motor carriers to participate in benchmarking research on rising cost of insurance and risk management. Carriers have until this Friday, Jan. 23 to submit data.



Researchers are expanding on prior study to better understand and assess industry-wide trends in the ongoing adoption and effectiveness of risk-reducing strategies. All participating carriers will receive a customized report that compares their fleet's cost of risk to an anonymized peer group.

Carriers can complete the survey two ways:

[Click here for PDF form](#) [Click here for online form](#)

All data is kept completely confidential for analysis in aggregate form only, and ATRI will sign non-disclosure agreements as desired.

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## AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS



### TUF SOB: Calling All Scholars

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.

Created by CTA members, TUF SOB was created to raise funds and award grants to trucking's next generation.

**More than three decades later, the program has provided in excess of \$400,000 in scholarships to over 500 deserving individuals.**

TUF SOB scholarship awards go to high school graduates entering college, as well as those continuing their college education. The TUF SOB program also supports those that wish to go to trade schools, as well as adults wishing to attend college. Anyone who supports the trucking industry is considered, as long as they are sponsored by a CTA-member company.

Click below for the nomination form.

[2026 TUF SOB Application](#)

## EVENTS

### Kern Unit Lamb Fry

Save the date and mark your calendars for the **2026 Kern Unit Lamb Fry**, scheduled for **March 5<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield**. If you're a culinary adventurer, this is the certainly place to be on a Thursday night.

The event will be held at the **Woolgrowers Restaurant** at 620 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St. in Bakersfield.

Watch this space - more details are coming, and **registration will open soon.**





## TDC26 Registration: Now Open for Business

CTA's annual **Truck Driving Championships (TDC)** begins in a little less than three months. We've already opened our [TDC26 online registrations](#) at Caltrux.com.

As in the past we'll split the state in two, with a pair of events: the first, for northern California, is held at **FedEx Freight's yard in West Sacramento on April 11**. The second, for southern California, will be two weeks later on **April 25 in Arcadia at Santa Anita Park**.

This year's **state finals follow the SoCal regionals at Santa Anita on April 26**. First place state finals winners will then go on to compete against their counterparts in other states at the [National Truck Driving Championships](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from August 11 thru 14.

Are you up to the task of taking on our state's finest? Sign up today and begin your journey!

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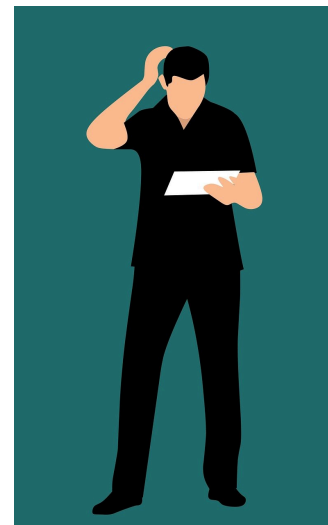
### Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

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/](http://www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/), or email [helpdesk@caltrux.org](mailto: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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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