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## California DMV to Revoke 17,000 CDLs This Friday

The **California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** will revoke approximately 17,000 non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) this Friday, March 6.



The action comes after a federal audit that found the state had improperly issued certain non-domiciled CDLs under state law. Affected non-domiciled CDL holders include drivers whose license expires after their legal presence documents expire.

**Affected non-domiciled commercial learner's permit (CLP) or CDL holders received letters explaining one of the following:**

- Non-domiciled CLPs and pending non-domiciled CDL applications will be cancelled.
- Non-domiciled CDLs issued out of compliance with state law and federal regulations at the time of issuance will be cancelled.
- Valid/unexpired non-domiciled CDLs issued in compliance with state law and federal regulations at the time of issuance will remain valid until the expiration date.

**Any driver whose CDL is cancelled will also lose their basic driver's license privileges. Affected drivers can:**

- Visit a field office between now and the deadline to voluntarily downgrade their CDL to a basic driver's license
- Visit a DMV field office to reinstate a basic driver's license after the cancellation deadline

Motor carriers enrolled in the **Employer Pull Notice (EPN)** program will automatically receive a notice if a driver's CDL is revoked. At this time, it is unclear when the DMV will begin reissuing non-domiciled CDLs and which legal presence document type will be acceptable due to ongoing legal proceedings.

The situation remains fluid and CTA will notify members of any changes as information becomes available.

For more information visit, [DMV's CDL webpage](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Nick Chiappe** at [nchiappe@caltrux.org](mailto:nchiappe@caltrux.org).

## Time is Up for a Trio of ELDs

Back on **December 30, 2025**, FMCSA removed the following devices from the [list of registered ELDs](#) due to the ELD providers' failure to meet the minimum requirements.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
P3TS	P3TS	TTSP3T	Top Tracking System LLC
Forward Thinking Systems —Field Warrior ELD (Garmin)	FW-Garmin	FTSFW2	Forward Thinking Systems LLC
DYNAMIC ELD	DYMIC	DRS242	Midwestern Logistics LLC

The period for motor carriers to update to a new ELD has ended as of **March 1**. This means that:

- Drivers may not use the ELDs listed above.
- Drivers who previously used the ELDs listed above, and who are subject to the ELD rule, may not use paper logs.

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## DOY Ring Delivered to Oak Harbor Freight's Bobby Richardson

On Tuesday of this week we visited 2025 Northern California Driver of the Year (DOY) **Bobby Richardson** of **Oak Harbor Freight** - to personally deliver his DOY ring.

We caught up with him in Oak Harbor's West Sacramento yard, and were met with a very proud fan club of friends, co-workers, and family.

Richardson was honored back in November at the NorCal DOY Banquet. His decades-long career is reflective of commitment to safety and professionalism on the road. Congratulations Bobby! Now you need to negotiate with Mrs. Richardson to get that ring back.



## TDC26: Registration Deadlines Are Coming

[Online registrations](#) for CTA's 2026 Truck Driving Championships (TDC26) are open! Have you registered and made your plans?

- Northern Regional registration deadline is Friday, March 20.
- Southern Regional registration deadline is Friday, April 3.



Our northern California competition is on **April 11 at FedEx Freight's yard in West Sacramento**. The southern California event will be two weeks later in **Arcadia at Santa Anita Park, on April 25**, with our **state finals following the next day, April 26, at Santa Anita Park**.

We're also still looking for companies to take advantage of a large selection of high-visibility sponsorships. These packages are going fast so don't wait!

- Golf Cart Sponsor (Southern Event) - \$4,000
- Golf Cart Sponsor (Northern Event) - \$3,000
- Regional Belt Buckle Awards Sponsor - \$3,000
- Event Sponsor - \$2,500
- Deluxe T-Shirt Sponsor – \$800 (Full-color logo on event T-shirts and banner)
- T-Shirt Sponsor – \$700 (One-color logo on event T-shirts and banner)
- Banner Sponsor – \$500

Visit the [TDC26 sponsorship page](#) or contact [Tina Ferguson](#) at (916) 373-3528 for more information.



### Volunteers Wanted this April for TDC26

If you're interested in some fun in the sun, we're looking for volunteers to help us staff both the north and south regionals, as well as the state finals.

Can you join us **April 11 at FedEx Freight's yard in West Sacramento**, or **April 25 and 26 in Arcadia at Santa Anita Park**?

Click the links below to visit the volunteer registration pages.

[Volunteer at TDC North](#)

[Volunteer at TDC South](#)

### FMCSA Seeks Drivers to Help Test HOS Pilot Programs

FMCSA currently seeks 18 drivers to help the agency test a pair of upcoming hours-of-service pilot programs. Over six weeks, these drivers will help the make sure study plans, training materials, and collection tools ready for broader rollout.



This short, pre-testing phase is an important step in developing the Flexible Sleeper Berth and Split Duty Period pilot programs. Both efforts are part of the **U.S. Department of**

**Transportation's** Pro-Trucker Package and support Executive Order 14286, Enforcing Commonsense Rules of the Road for America's Truck Drivers.

The Agency is seeking nine drivers who currently use "split sleeper berth" options (either "8/2" or "7/3") and, most importantly, who want to test regularly using one or both of these new split options ("6/4" and "5/5") for six weeks.

FMCSA also needs nine drivers whose schedules currently and regularly require them to drive up to the end of their 14-hour "driving window" and would also like to test the option to "pause" the window for 30 minutes minimum and up to 3 hours maximum by taking an extra break either:

- (a) off-duty or in the sleeper berth in any location, or,
- (b) on-duty (not driving) at the location of a pickup or delivery of cargo

If you are a driver and would like to apply to participate in the limited pre-testing, visit

FMCSA's [Hours-of-Service webpage](#) or follow the links below.

[Flexible Sleeper Berth Online Screening Questionnaire](#)  
[Split Duty Period Online Screening Questionnaire](#)



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## AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS



### TUF SOB: April 1st Deadline Looms

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](#)

## SURVEYS

## ATA's 2026 Driver Compensation Survey

ATA's [2026 Driver Compensation Survey](#) is one of the most important benchmarking tools in our industry, delivering valuable insights on driver pay, benefits, and incentives. The updated survey is **faster and easier than ever to complete**, and your participation is key to making the data as strong as possible.



### Participant benefits include:

- An option to purchase the full study for just \$100 (more than 90% off!)
- A free executive summary ahead of the full report release
- An invitation to an exclusive participant-only webinar with ATA Chief Economist, Bob Costello, to review findings and answer questions

### Why your data matters:

- Improve the accuracy of the industry's leading driver compensation benchmarking tool
- Enable detailed comparisons by carrier type, trailer type, region, and driver classification
- Expand insight into pay structures, incentives, bonuses, and benefits for both employee drivers and independent contractors

Take the confidential survey today, and thank you in advance for participating in this year's study.

[Click Here to Take the Driver Comp Survey](#)



## 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.

*The Operational Costs of Trucking* 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.

The report tracks cost metrics such as driver pay, equipment expenditures, and insurance premiums as well as key performance indicators such as non-revenue mileage, driver utilization, mileage between breakdowns, and revenue per truck per week.

All participating motor carriers receive a customized report that compares their costs and operations to an anonymized peer group of the same sector and size. New this year, customized reports for multi-year participants will also include year-over-year comparisons to more directly evaluate trends over time.

For-hire motor carriers are invited to participate by **Friday, April 24**. Data for the year 2025 can be submitted [online or by PDF: both 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 Here to Take the Operational Costs Survey](#)



### **Kern Unit's Lamb Fry & President's Night - This Thursday!**

**Kern Unit's 2026 Lamb Fry** is happening **this Thursday, March 5th in Bakersfield**. If you're a culinary adventurer, this is the certainly place to be on a Thursday night.

**Date:**  
**Thursday, March 5**

**Time:**  
**6:00 - 9:00**

**Location:**  
**Woolgrowers Restaurant**  
**620 E. 19th Street**  
**Bakersfield**

[Click here for tickets and more information.](#)

### **Allied Conference Annual Golf Tournament**

Fore! The **Annual Allied Conference Golf Tournament** is headed your way! Sink a putt to support your Allied Conference. Sign up now and secure your spot - also, consider sponsoring a hole or our other cool marketing opportunities!

**Date:**  
**Monday, April 6**

**Time:**  
**8:00 - 5:00**

**Location:**  
**Aliso Viejo Country Club**  
**33 Santa Barbara Dr.**  
**Aliso Viejo**

**Breakfast: 8AM**  
**Start Time: 10AM Shotgun**



[Register Now!](#)



## Driven to be the best!

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

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### Zero-Emission 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.



**Date:**

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Time:**

**9:00 - 3:00**

**Location:**

**Pechanga Arena  
500 Sports Arena Blvd.  
San Diego**

[Register Now](#)

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**Safety Symposium is Set for May 1**



After a few scheduling delays, we're excited to announce **California Trucking Association's Safety Symposium** will be held **Friday, May 1** at **The Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego**.


The event will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and will include a number of sessions focused on key trucking safety topics and issues. We'll share an agenda soon.

The **\$49 admission fee includes lunch**. Spots are limited and registration will open soon.

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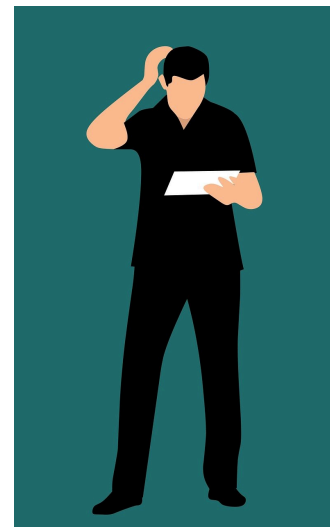
Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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/](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.



# 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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