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Prepare for Motus: The USDOT Registration System

The FMCSA urges companies with a USDOT number to check their FMCSA Portal account information to prepare for the launch of **Motus: the US DOT Registration System**.

Please take the following actions in the FMCSA Portal by May 14, 2026:

- Ensure your FMCSA Portal account is active by logging into your FMCSA Portal account (**portal.fmcsa.dot.gov**) to confirm it is active. If you don't have a Portal account, you can create one and use your USDOT PIN to access your information. Obtain your PIN at: **safer.fmcsa.dot.gov.**
- Please note that FMCSA Portal accounts are disabled after 90 days and archived after 12 months of inactivity. If your account is disabled or archived, reach out to the FMCSA Contact Center at **www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/ask-fmcsa** to have your account unlocked.
- In the Portal, ensure your company information, operation classification, contact information, and individuals authorized to access your record are all correct.
- You can make updates to your company information in the FMCSA Portal the same way you complete a Biennial Update. Select "Biennial Update (MCS-150)" in the "Registration" tab.

Only the FMCSA Portal Company Official using the same FMCSA Portal Login.gov email will be permitted to claim an account in Motus for the first time. Once your account is successfully linked to Motus, you will no longer need to access the FMCSA Portal to make registration changes.

Prepare for Motus

DEA Marijuana Rescheduling Update: No Change to DOT Drug Testing Rules

Last week, the DEA announced that it will **move to reschedule certain medical marijuana products** and **initiate an administrative hearing process for a full rescheduling of marijuana**.

The Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC), which oversees certification for Medical Review Officers (MROs) in regulated drug testing programs, has confirmed that the DEA's actions do not alter current federal drug testing requirements. Specifically, MROs

reviewing marijuana-positive test results under Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations will continue to follow existing guidelines.

At this time, medical marijuana is not accepted as a valid medical explanation for a THC-positive drug test. Additionally, employees in DOT-designated safety-sensitive positions remain prohibited from using marijuana, regardless of state laws or medical authorization.

FMCSA Updates English Language Proficiency Guidance

FMCSA released updated guidance today regarding enforcement of the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement within the U.S.–Mexico commercial border zone. The attached document outlines when an out-of-service (OOS) order may be issued in that area.

As you are aware, FMCSA's 2025 ELP guidance provided that drivers could be cited but not placed out of service in the commercial border zone. They have clarified that this **no-OOS exception does not apply if a driver's current trip originates, continues, or ends outside the U.S.–Mexico commercial border zones**.

In other words, a driver whose trip remains entirely within the commercial border zone may be cited for an ELP violation but not placed OOS. Drivers whose trip starts, ends, or extends beyond the commercial border zone who fails the ELP assessment must be placed OOS.

In addition to the attached guidance, FMCSA has published an updated set of FAQs on the topic.

Updated ELP Guidance

TDC26 South and State Finals Set Record ...and the Weather Cooperates

When we look back on **CTA's 2026 Truck Driving Championship (TDC26)** we'll remember a stormy wet northern competition and a nearly flawless and dry southern one.

We'll also remember that we had more than 1,000 registered drivers total for across the three days of the nation's largest state trucking championships - a record turnout in all respects.



















We have lots more pictures and ALL the scores from the north, south, and state final competitions posted on Caltrux.org here. Individual trophy and belt buckle winners pictures are coming in the next few days on the same TDC26 page.

We also have pictures our TDC champions, who will head to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in August to represent California trucking at the **National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC).**

Special thanks to all the sponsors, competitors, participating carriers, volunteers and CTA staff who worked day and night to pull it all off. It was one for the ages.

In Case You Missed It: CTA's April Legislative Summary



CTA's advocacy team remains fully engaged at the State Capitol, working every day to protect our members' businesses, reduce regulatory burdens, and ensuring the trucking industry has a strong and effective voice in California policymaking.

Here's a snapshot of the key wins and progress they have accomplished so far this year:

- Stopped harmful legislation that would have expanded CARB's regulatory authority with no oversight and increased costs for trucking businesses
- Leading opposition with a statewide coalition pushing back on indirect source rule legislation that would grant CARB new authority
- Actively opposing the Governor's Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax proposal to protect transportation funding and prevent diesel fuel price increases
- Protecting commercial vehicle operators by exempting existing loading and unloading zones from local automated curb management fees and penalties
- Supporting legislation strengthening enforcement against cargo theft

The advocacy team remains focused on one thing: protecting your business and ensuring your voice is heard at the Capitol, and your membership makes this work possible.

Review the April 2026 Legislative Summary

The CTA Government Affairs team will provide an update on legislation and regulations at the next Government Affairs update on Tuesday, June 2.

Be ahead of the game and register for this one hour Zoom event by clicking the button below.

Register for the Summer Government Affairs Update

Old Dominion Freight Lines Awarded 2024 Fleet Safety Award

Old Dominion Freight Lines is the winner of CTA's **2024 Fleet Safety Charlie Giles Memorial Award Grand Trophy**. We caught this picture at **TDC26 South** in Arcadia.

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.

Congrats to the team at ODFL for their hard work!



Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year, Fleet Safety Awards Nominations Now Open

As we pack up our TDC scorecards and traffic cones for the year, attention now turns to our next big driver and carrier events - the **Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year (DOM/DOY)** and the **Fleet Safety Awards.**



Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year

Professionalism and dedication to safety are key to the success of our member businesses and the people working for them. Recognizing this, the CTA honors our state's best truck drivers with the **Driver of the Month (DOM)** award.

Each November our award recipients are invited to the with the north and south DOM/DOY banquets, where each monthly winner is recognized for their outstanding service. The night is also filled anticipation as the **Driver of the Year (DOY)** honor is revealed for the first time.

Nominations are now open for the 2025 DOM/DOY awards term. 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.

Fleet Safety Awards



Recognizing it's not just drivers who make the roads safe, but also carriers committed to keeping equipment and procedures up to the highest standards, CTA presents the annual Fleet Safety Awards for the state's ground-breaking safety programs and talented professionals.

The three Fleet Safety Award categories honor companies and individuals developing and implementing superior safety and loss prevention programs through management commitment, employee involvement and program innovation.

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Fleet Safety awards.

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

DOM/DOY Nomination Info **Fleet Safety Nomination Info**



Cox Petroleum Transport's Mairs Named NTTC Chair

Last week we learned that **Jeremy Mairs, President and CEO of Cox Petroleum Transport,** has been named Chair of the **National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC)**. We can't think of a better guy for the job.

Jeremy began working for the business in 1995, gaining as much experience as possible over the years, in many different roles, from mechanic, dispatcher, driver and terminal manager to fleet manager VP, and EVP, President, CEO, and now owner of Cox Petroleum.

Committed to California trucking, Jeremy has remained a constant figure in CTA as Chair of our Kern unit, as well as the Vice President on the Officer's Council and a member of the Kingpin Committee.

Bakersfield-based Cox currently operates 150 tanker trucks and trailers, and employs over 200 employees across nine terminals throughout Central and Southern California.

Central Valley Unit Golf Tourney Welcomes Large Turnout



Fresno's **Belmont Golf Course** played host on Monday to the 2026 **Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament**. This battle on Bermuda grass was attended by 120 players. A smashing success, organizers tell us the event grossed more than $40,000 in receipts.

Thank you to all who attended, sponsored and volunteered for this event.

Summer Board & Policy Meetings Now Offer Hybrid Option

Join our Board and staff on **Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18** 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.**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026	
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
Thursday, June 18, 2026	
9:00am	Highway Policy Committee
10:15am	Safety, Security, and Human Resources Policy Committee
12:00pm	Grab n Go Lunch
12:30pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting

Register Now

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, please register here to participate remotely via Zoom.

Caltrux Magazine is in Your Mailbox



The latest issue of **Caltrux Magazine** (Q1/2026) features **Joseph Antonini** on our cover to share his experiences from decades with his family business. There's also details on recent wins at the State Capitol and deep dive into bottlenecked traffic trouble spots in the Golden State.

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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

Register Now!

2026 San Bernardino/Riverside Unit 46th Annual Arthur F. Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament

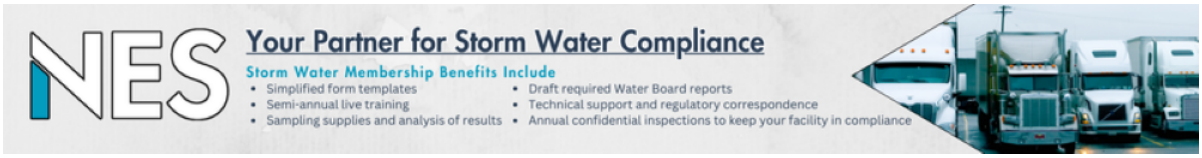
Join the San Bernardino/Riverside Unit **Thursday, June 11**, at Eagle Glen Golf Club - a spectacular championship golf course with superb amenities and a stunning natural setting designed amid ancient oaks, majestic sycamores, and towering eucalyptus trees

Thursday, June 11
8-9:45 am - Registration/Breakfast
Driving/Putting Contest
10 am - Shotgun Start

Eagle Glen Golf Club
1800 Eagle Glen Parkway
Corona



Register Now!





HELP DESK

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

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

MEMBER EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS & SERVICES

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