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Operation Safe Driver Week 2026

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Operation Safe Driver Week is a safe-driving awareness and outreach initiative aimed at improving the driving behaviors of passenger vehicle drivers and commercial motor vehicle drivers through educational and traffic enforcement strategies and interactions with law enforcement.

The next Operation Safe Driver Week is scheduled for July 12-18, 2026.

Throughout Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in risky driving. Identified unsafe drivers will be pulled over and issued a citation or warning.

Data shows that traffic stops and interactions with law enforcement help reduce problematic driving behaviors. By making contact with drivers during Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel aim to make our roadways safer by targeting high-risk driving behaviors.

For more information, click here: <https://cvsa.org/programs/operation-safe-driver/operation-safe-driver-week/>



California Trucking Day at the Capitol

Join CTA for our annual **California Trucking Day**, a must-attend event bringing together industry leaders and legislators to discuss the future of trucking in our state.

This impactful afternoon will include:

- **Legislative and grassroots training**
- **Hear from key legislative policymakers**
- **Network at an evening reception**

Whether you're an advocacy veteran or newly engaged in policy, this is an opportunity to connect, learn, and become an effective advocate for the trucking industry.

**Wednesday, August 12
1:00 to 7:00pm**

Sacramento

Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a waitlist for those who don't secure a spot.

Legislative Guests Spotlight



Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose)
Chair, Senate Transportation
Committee



Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Hesperia)
Chair, Assembly Local Government
Committee
Assembly Transportation Committee
Member

Consider sponsoring this event:

Sponsorship packages are available and guarantee a spot in the room. Starting at \$300.

CA Trucking Day Registration & Sponsorship

CHP Trucker Training in Sacramento

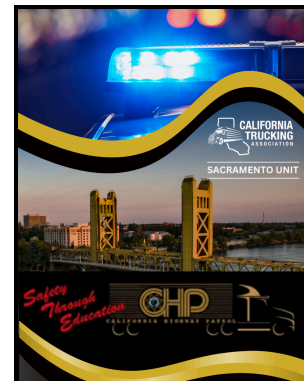
Join us for an in-depth safety training event hosted by CTA's **Sacramento Unit** and the **California Highway Patrol Commercial Industry Education Program**. Learn directly from the authority, and have a chance to ask the questions plaguing your business.

Wednesday, July 15, from 1:00 to 5:00

CTA Headquarters

4148 East Commerce Way, Sacramento

A happy hour gathering follows at 5:00



The event will cover:

- **Basic Inspection of Terminals (BIT)**
- **English Language Proficiency (ELP)**
- **Hours of Service (HOS), with details on Ag HOS**
- **Cargo securement exemption for transporters of agricultural products**

This event is open to CTA members and non-member motor carriers who are interested in joining the membership. Space is limited - register below.

Sponsorships are available!

Share your brand with the carrier members in attendance and show your support for safety in the trucking industry. Sponsorships range from \$100- \$500



CARB TRU Workshop July 14

CARB is hosting a workshop to discuss TRU Part 2 regulation concepts on **Tuesday, July 14 from 1 pm - 4pm PST**. The meeting will be held in person or virtually via Zoom and you can register now by visiting the [registration page here](#).

You can find the notice for the workshop by [clicking here](#) and workshop materials including agenda and staff presentation will be posted ahead of time to the TRU workshop page [here](#).

CARB staff are expected to share potential regulatory concepts for railcar, intermodal, trailer, and genset TRUs. We highly encourage members to participate and provide feedback during the workshop.



Experiencing Problems with Motus?

If you are experiencing technical issues with FMCSA's new Motus registration system, the California Trucking Association is here to help. If problems with Motus are preventing you from completing your MCS-150 update or making other required registration changes that could result in a lapse in insurance, operating authority, or other compliance issues, please contact the CTA Help Desk at helpdesk@caltrux.org.

Our team is tracking member issues and can help identify potential solutions while also elevating widespread concerns to the appropriate representatives. If you encounter problems, don't wait until the deadline passes, reach out as soon as possible so we can assist.

SCAQMD Warehouse ISR Incentive Program

The South Coast AQMD has released details on the first year of its WAIRE Mitigation Program, which is expected to provide up to \$73 million in funding for eligible zero-emission trucks and battery electric charging or hydrogen fueling infrastructure.

The draft program would fund up to 85% of eligible project costs, with applications proposed to be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis by source receptor area.

During its recent webinar, AQMD staff also addressed stakeholder feedback on vehicle and infrastructure eligibility, funding priorities, and program administration.

The Governing Board is expected to consider the program in August 2026, with the application period tentatively opening later that month and closing in November. CTA will continue monitoring the program and provide updates as additional information becomes available. You can review the [staff presentation here](#).

Requirement	Trucks (On-road Trucks and Yard Trucks)	Infrastructure (Electric Charging and Hydrogen Fueling)
Max Funding (up to 85%, with minimum 15% cost share)	Class 4-5: \$60,000 Class 6-7: \$85,000 Class 8: \$120,000	Electric Charging: \$300/kW output Hydrogen Fueling: \$8,000/kg/day capacity
Eligible Costs	Purchase price + taxes and fees	Equipment costs (<i>must be >50% of award</i>) and direct project expenses (<i>excl. administrative costs</i>)
Operational Deadline After Contract Execution	Generally 18 months (e.g., established during contracting)	Generally 36 months (e.g., established during contracting)
Geographic Requirements	On-Road Vehicles: Domiciled or 100 trips/year within SRA Yard Trucks: Domiciled in SRA	Located within funding SRA boundaries
Category Specific Requirements	Scrapping not required Funded on-road vehicles must be registered in CA and have ZE CARB Exec. Order	Installed by a skilled and trained workforce Publicly accessible

Your Feedback Needed: Driver-Facing Cameras

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) is calling on motor carriers to participate in its **Safety Impacts of In-Cab Monitoring** research, which will assess how driver-facing cameras (DFCs) can positively impact safety and operational metrics.



Fleets are increasingly adopting in-cab monitoring systems alongside other core safety technologies. In response, ATRI conducted prior research examining drivers' perspectives on these systems, with a specific focus on DFCs.

This new study builds upon that work, collecting pre- and post-deployment safety metrics to identify statistical relationships between the deployment of in-cab monitoring systems and improvements in safety outcomes. The research will also map specific carrier and driver strategies for managing in-cab data that improve safety outcomes.

Motor carriers are invited to participate by **Friday, July 24, 2026**

[Data Submission Form](#)



TODAY: Virtual Safety Seminar Driver Hiring Compliance & Retention

CTA partner **DOTReady** will help you get your ducks (or drivers) in a row with this useful one-hour virtual seminar on hiring and retaining your best crew.

Explore best practices for compliant driver hiring processes, background checks, and strategies to improve driver retention while meeting DOT/FMCSA regulations.

Wednesday, July 8 at 1:00

CTA Member:\$99
Non-Member: \$149

[Register Now!](#)

Webinar: Preventing Fatigue-Related Crashes

Join CTA **Preferred Circle Club Sponsor** Netradyne and the CVSA's North American Fatigue Management Program (NAFMP) for this educational webinar focused on helping fleets take a more proactive approach to fatigue safety.



Learn practical strategies and tools to identify fatigue risks earlier, strengthen your fleet's safety program, and help reduce or eliminate fatigue-related crashes.

Wednesday, July 22 at 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)



Registration Now Open- Click the Image Above to Register

EVENTS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Nominations Open for Fleet Safety Awards

It takes a lot of grit to run a top-notch safety program, and we think the best of the best deserve recognition.

Honor the team behind the scenes by nominating your safety program and talented safety professionals for the annual **CTA Fleet Safety Awards**.

There are many different divisions to apply for. Click the link below to view the application and see if your team can make the cut.

Deadline to Apply: August 14, 2026

Application Fee: \$150



[2026 Fleet Safety Application](#)

[2026 Fleet Safety Professional of the Year Application](#)

[2026 Excellence in Maintenance Application](#)

Driver of the Month & Driver of the Year

CTA honors our state's best truck drivers with the **Driver of the Month (DOM)** awards each November. The Northern CA and Southern CA banquets reveal monthly winners recognized for their outstanding service. It's especially significant to recognize the best of the best via the **Driver of the Year (DOY)** award.



CTA company members may enter California-domiciled drivers with no limit to the number of entries per company. This year, we're switching things up a bit by charging a **\$35 program fee for each applicant**, in place of the previous \$125 winners' fee. This fee supports nomination review, award administration, promotion of winners, recognition materials, and the annual banquet celebrating California's safest and most professional drivers.

For more information on these programs and sponsorship opportunities, click the buttons below, call [\(916\) 373-3528](tel:9163733528) or email to events@caltrux.org.

Completed applications must be emailed to events@caltrux.org **no later than 5:00 pm on August 14, 2026**

[2026 Driver of the Month or Year Application Form](#)

Do you know anyone with 50 years in the industry?



Nominations are now being accepted for the longtime trucking professionals to be honored in the **Golden Jubilee Club**. Members of this distinguished group meet every other year at CTA's **Annual Membership Conference** to hail the pioneers of our industry and introduce new members.

Eligible candidates are either working with or retired from CTA member organizations and have served a minimum of 50 years in the trucking industry.

Recipients will be honored at the CTA Golden Jubilee Club Breakfast on **January 22** during **CTA's Annual Membership Conference (AMC27)** at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2026, no application fee

Golden Jubilee Nomination Form

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CARGO PAC Contributor Spotlight

Chris McNatt, Partner
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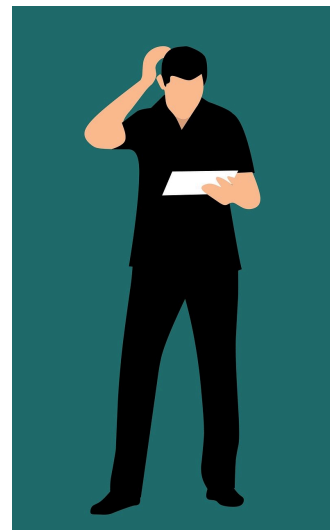
Some popular topics include:

- 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
- Legal resources
- Human resources guidance & templates
- Cargo theft/ security system advisement from industry experts

[Fill out the request form here](#) or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.

Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. Our team will do its best to get back to you in a timely manner.

Contact the Help Desk



FREE DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Keep Your Drivers Current on Safety 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](#)[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

[July 8: Virtual Seminar: Driver Hiring Compliance & Retention](#)

[July 15: Sacramento Unit CHP Training](#)

[July 22: Webinar: Preventing Fatigue-Related Crashes with Netradyne](#)

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

[August 12: Virtual Seminar: Accident Management](#)

[August 29: Bay Cruise - Coastal Unit President's Night](#)

[September 9: Central Valley & San Joaquin Units Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 9: Virtual Seminar: Vehicle Maintenance Programs](#)

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

[September 18: Central Valley Unit President's Casino Night](#)

[October 9: Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)

[October 14: Virtual Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit](#)

[November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors](#)

[December 9: Virtual Seminar: Data Q's, Contesting Preventability, SMS & FMCSA Portal](#)

[January 19 - 22: CTA's 73rd Annual Membership Conference](#)

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