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FMCSA Chops Nine ELDs

Late last week the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** removed nine electronic logging devices (ELDs) from the list of registered ELDs due to the ELD providers' failure to meet minimum requirements.

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



ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
GTS ELD	213W01	GTS18A	Global Telecommunication Services, Inc.
UTRUCKIN	PT30	UTRUCK	UTRUCKIN INC
ELD365 ELOG	ELD365 (f/k/a ELOG365)	ELD365	ELD365
IRONMAN ELD	IRON300	IRM881	IRONMAN ELD
FACTOR ELD	FACTORELD1	FRELD1	HOST ELD LLC (f/k/a FACTOR ELD)
AirELD	Android & Xirgo 6300 Series	ARELD1	Aireld Technologies
Air ELD	iOS & Xirgo 6300 Series	ARELD2	Aireld Technologies
AirELD	Android & PT30	ARELD3	Aireld Technologies
AirELD	iOS & PT30	ARELD4	Aireld Technologies

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 April 14, 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.



Update on English Language Proficiency Enforcement

The California **Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** has implemented new guardrails following the state's recent enforcement of the **English Language Proficiency (ELP) Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC)** for commercial motor vehicle drivers.

If a roadside inspector determined that a driver does not meet the ELP requirement and places them out of service, **the driver will receive a notice from the DMV directing them to visit a field office for an ELP assessment.**

DMV's ELP assessment aligns with FMCSA's updated guidance and requires a driver to **answer interview questions and interpret highway road signs in English.**

The **assessment will be administered orally**, allowing up to three chances. The third and final attempt will be conducted as a written assessment in English.

Failure to appear for the assessment will result in the **suspension of the driver's CDL**. If a driver does not successfully pass all three attempts, their CDL will be **automatically downgraded** to a non-commercial license.

If you have questions please reach out to **Nick Chiappe** at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

Celebration of Life Scheduled for Jay Johnson

We were saddened a few weeks back with news of the passing of **Central Coast Unit Chair Jay Johnson**. His impact on vehicle safety training in California cannot be overstated. We've now received details on the time and place of his celebration of life.

It will be held at **11:00 am on Thursday, February 26** at the **Gilroy Elks Lodge**.

For more information on the service and Jay's obituary, [click here](#).



Countdown to TDC26

Online registrations are open for CTA's annual **Truck Driving Championships!** Have you registered and made your plans? TDC26 is less than two months from now.

This year's first event will be held **April 11 at FedEx Freight's yard in West Sacramento**. The second event will be two weeks later in **Arcadia at Santa Anita Park, on April 25**. Our **state finals follow at Santa Anita Park on April 26**.

Category winners at the state finals then go on to compete against their counterparts from across the country at the [National Truck Driving Championships](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from August 11 thru 14.

[Sign up today](#) and begin your journey to take on our state's finest.

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

Visit caltrux.org/tdc or contact [Tina Ferguson](#) at (916) 373-3528 for more information.

And speaking of Tina Ferguson... check out her Vanna White pose with our cool new TDC traffic cones.

We're looking for a few (hundred) good cones like the cool green ones **Shamrock Foods** has been kind enough to sponsor. These snazzy green cones in particular will ensure a safe path for pedestrians from one area of TDC to another.

If you have a logo, a favorite color (there's a few to choose from), and a dream to see them together on a traffic cone almost as tall as Tina, let's talk! They will last for years to come and represent your company's commitment to safety at our two annual TDC weekend events.

As is usually the case, [Tina Ferguson](#) is your go-to gal. Call her at (916) 373-3528 for more information.



Caltrux Magazine: Visit Us Online

The magazine probably already arrived via snail mail a week or two ago, but did you know **Caltrux Magazine** is available online?

This quarter's issue features **CTA President Timothy Pollock** on the value of association membership and involvement - and what he means by **Driving the Economy, Steering the Future**.

Visit [Caltrux Magazine's Digital Bookshelf here](#).

ATRI Releases Annual List of Top 100 Truck Bottlenecks

On Tuesday, the **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** released its 15th annual list highlighting the most congested bottlenecks for trucks in America. For the first time, Chicago's I-294 and I-290/I-88 intersection beat out Fort Lee, New Jersey as congested freight bottleneck in the country.



While California rates among the top states for bottlenecks, no single traffic snag in the Golden State ranks in the nation's top ten worst. But **Ontario, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Sacramento** rank among the nation's 100 problem spots.

The 2026 Top Truck Bottleneck List measures the level of truck-involved congestion at more than 325 locations on the national highway system. The analysis, based on an extensive database of freight truck GPS data, uses several customized software applications and analysis

methods, along with terabytes of data from trucking operations to produce a congestion impact ranking for each location.

ATRI's truck GPS data is also used to support the **U.S. Department of Transportation's Freight Mobility Initiative**. The bottleneck locations detailed in this latest ATRI list represent the top 100 congested locations, although ATRI continuously monitors more than 325 freight-critical locations.

For access to the full report, including detailed information on each of the 100 top congested locations, please [visit ATRI's website here](#). ATRI is also providing animations created with truck GPS data for select bottleneck locations, also available on its website.



CVSA's International Roadcheck Scheduled for May 12-14

This May 12 through 14, enforcement personnel throughout North America will inspect commercial motor vehicles and commercial motor vehicle drivers for compliance with vehicle, cargo and driver regulatory requirements as part of the **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck**.

During the 72-hour event, inspectors at weigh/inspection stations and pop-up inspection sites primarily conduct the **North American Standard Level I Inspection**, a 37-step procedure that includes two major parts – an examination of the driver's operating requirements and an assessment of the vehicle's mechanical fitness.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a driver violation category and a vehicle violation category to highlight those aspects of an inspection.

The driver focus for this year is on electronic logging device (ELD) tampering, falsification or manipulation. During an inspection, the inspector will review the driver's record of duty status as usual and check for false or manipulated entries, with a focus on ELD tampering.

On the vehicle side, this year's focus is cargo securement. Improper or inadequate cargo securement poses a serious risk to the driver and other motorists by adversely affecting the vehicle's maneuverability and/or causing unsecured loads to fall or become dislodged, resulting in roadway hazards and/or crashes.

Data on the International Roadcheck will be collected, and the results will be shared later this year.

Hayden Tallman Departs CTA

This week CTA staff and members bid farewell to **Hayden Tallman**, our Government Affairs Associate, as he moves on to an exciting new opportunity in government affairs.

We thank him for his efforts over the past three years which notably include his work with the **Highway Policy Committee** and project management on **Cargo Pac**. Hayden's positive attitude and professionalism made him great to work with and we wish him the best of luck.



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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](#)

WEBINARS

One-Stop Truck Event in Manteca

Join CARB for this free, informational event for medium- and heavy-duty vehicle owners, operators, fleets, motorhomes, and communities.
Free admission & Free parking

Date:

Wednesday, February 25

Time:

9:00 to 1:00 (registration begins @ 8:30)

Location:

**Great Wolf Lodge | Northern California
2500 Daniels Street
Manteca**

Registration is required for this event



[Click Here to Register](#)

For a list of other upcoming **One-Stop Truck Event** dates and locations, [click here](#).



Workshop to Introduce Carl Moyer Program Updates

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** has opened registration to participate remotely in the first public workshop to introduce the processes for updating the **Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program)** guidelines.

During the workshop, CARB staff will provide an overview of the Carl Moyer Program, outline the upcoming process for potential updates to these incentive program's guidelines, and provide an opportunity for public input.

The public workshop will be held via a Zoom meeting:

Date:
Thursday, February 26

Time:
1:30 – 3:30

Location:
Zoom Webinar/Teleconference

All interested parties are invited to attend the virtual public workshop. Please register prior to the event. Upon completion, you will receive an email with information on how to join the public workshop via digital/computer device or telephone on the day of the workshop.

[Click Here to Register](#)

SCAQMD Offers Public Webinar on WAIRE Mitigation Program

The **South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (WAIRE)** provides an option to regulated warehouse owners and operators to pay a mitigation fee as a compliance pathway. District staff is developing the **WAIRE Mitigation Program** which will provide incentive funding from collected mitigation fees for eligible NO_x and/or Diesel PM emission reduction projects at warehouses and surrounding communities.



This virtual webinar is being held to provide information on the preliminary program design and receive input from interested stakeholders. Presentation material will be available on the WAIRE Mitigation Program webpage 72 hours prior to the webinar.

Date:
Thursday, February 27

Time:
10:00

Location:
Zoom Webinar
<https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1609207706>
Webinar ID: 160 920 7706
Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 254 5252
One tap mobile: +16692545252,,1609207706#

For more information visit the [WAIRE Mitigation Program webpage](#).

EVENTS



Go All-In at San Joaquin Unit's President's Dinner & Night this Saturday!

Hey high-rollers, don't miss out on this night of fun, food, and prizes. Join us as we honor CTA 2026 President Tim Pollock and support the San Joaquin Unit during this year's President's Dinner & Casino Night.

Date:

Saturday, February 21

Time:

6:00 - 10:00

Location:

**Del Rio Country Club
801 Stewart Rd.
Modesto**

Sponsorships and tables are still available, as well as single tickets. Click below to register.

[Register Now!](#)

Have a Ball at Kern Unit's Lamb Fry & President's Night!

Kern Unit's 2026 Lamb Fry is happening **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

Registration is now open with special group pricing for sponsor and table packages going fast. [Click here for more information.](#)



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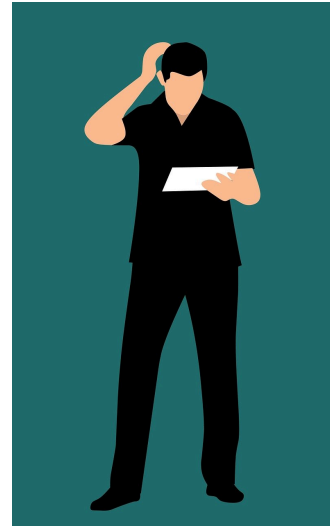
Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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