

2026 SOUTHEAST CMV SAFETY SUMMIT

*Accelerating the Future of CMV Safety Through
Technology, Research, and Innovation*

August 10–11, 2026

Raleigh, NC



WELCOME

TO THE 2026 SOUTHEAST CMV SAFETY SUMMIT!



Dear Summit Attendees,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Southeast Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Summit! The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is proud to sponsor this event in partnership with North Carolina State University (NCSU), bringing together professionals from across the Southeast who share a commitment to improving commercial motor vehicle safety.

Our partnership with NCSU has been instrumental in bringing this summit to Raleigh, and I am grateful for their collaboration and support. Special recognition also goes to the FMCSA Southern Region team, whose outstanding planning, coordination, and dedication have made this event possible.

Thank you for joining us and for your continued commitment to advancing commercial motor vehicle safety. Whether you serve in law enforcement, the motor carrier industry, government, emergency response, research, or another critical role, your work makes a meaningful difference every day. Your dedication, professionalism, and expertise help save lives, strengthen our transportation system, and improve safety for everyone who travels on our nation's roadways.

This summit is an opportunity to exchange ideas, address emerging challenges, and identify practical solutions that will have a lasting impact. The conversations you have can help shape future initiatives, encourage innovation, and reinforce the partnerships that are essential to achieving our shared safety mission.

I encourage you to take full advantage of your time here. Participate actively in the discussions, ask questions, share your experiences, and connect with colleagues from across the region. Some of the most valuable outcomes of gatherings like this come from the conversations between sessions and the relationships that continue long after the summit concludes.

Thank you again for being a part of this important event. I look forward to the ideas, partnerships, and progress that will emerge.

Welcome to the Summit, and best wishes for a productive and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek D. Barrs'.

Derek D. Barrs

Administrator

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Download the Summit App



Use the app to view the schedule, receive announcements, and access information about sessions, speakers, the Marriot, the Tech Showcase, and more. [Click here](#) to get started or scan the QR code below.

Use passphrase **2026secmv** to access the app.



RALEIGH MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

GENERAL INFORMATION

[500 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601](#)

Parking

The Raleigh Marriott City Center is above an underground 900-space parking garage, which serves the convention center and hotel guests alike. The entrance is located at 1 West Lenoir Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Hourly Rate: \$3/hour, \$15/max information on parking at the Marriott City Center. [Click here](#) for more information on additional parking options in downtown Raleigh.

Wifi Access

Free public Wi-Fi is available throughout the Raleigh Marriott City Center. Speakers and Exhibitors who need improved connectivity may contact the conference Help Desk in the main lobby for assistance.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located on the main lobby level of the Marriott, down the hallway behind the front desk and adjacent to the lobby seating area.

Dress Code

The conference dress code is business casual. Please see page 6 for recommendations on attire for the offsite, outdoor Technology Showcase on August 11th.

Event Space Map

The CMV Summit will be hosted on the main level of the Raleigh Marriott City Center. The map below shows the rooms that will be used for the event.

[Click here for more information about the Raleigh Marriott City Center](#)



TECH SHOWCASE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

NC State Highway Patrol Training Track

380 E Tryon Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

Waivers

Everyone attending the Tech Showcase is required to submit signed waivers to access the demonstrations. Both waivers must be completed. A check-in station will be available onsite to collect signed waivers ([see #8 on the map](#)). Attendees may either print and bring signed copies or complete the forms upon arrival.

NC State University Waiver

Underride Waiver

Free Shuttle and Parking

8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Pick-Up: Marriott Hotel Entrance

Drop-Off: Technology Showcase

Free transportation will be provided for conference attendees from the Marriott to the Tech Showcase and back. The bus pick-up from the Marriott will be located at the front entrance of the hotel. Limited parking at the Tech Showcase is also available ([see #10 on the map](#)).

What to Bring

The Tech Showcase is an outdoor event. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring other items to prepare for a morning outside such as a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Coffee Truck and Water Station

Water stations will be located under the shade tents in the central area of the Tech Showcase ([see #7 on the map](#)). Travelin' Tom's Coffee will be located near the shade tents ([see #6 on the map](#)).

Restrooms

Porta Johns will be located to the left of the event entrance ([see #4 on the map](#)).

Live Crash Tests

The Guarded Crash Test demonstration will take place at 9:00 AM and the Unguarded Crash Test will take place at 10:00 AM during the Tech Showcase. The demos will be conducted on the west end of the NC State Highway Patrol Training Track. See the demo area and designated viewing area on the Tech Showcase map ([#1 and #2](#)).



NC STATE HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING TRACK*

380 E Tryon Rd
Raleigh, NC 27610



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| 1 Underride Crash Test Demonstration | 5 Displays and Demos | 9 Bus Drop-Off and Pick-Up |
| 2 Crash Test Demo Viewing Area | 6 Travelin' Tom's Coffee | 10 Event Parking |
| 3 Route to Crash Test Demo Viewing Area | 7 Tent Shade and Water Station | 11 Entrance from Tryon Rd |
| 4 Porta Johns | 8 Tech Showcase Entrance and Waivers | 12 Route to Tech Showcase Parking |



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TECH SHOWCASE

DISPLAYS AND DEMOS



Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit

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The NCDHHS/ Forensic Tests for Alcohol (FTA) Branch will present its BAT Mobile Unit as a field-based solution for impaired driving enforcement and processing. Attendees will be able to walk through the unit and see how it is set up to support law enforcement operations, including standardized field sobriety testing, arrest processing, and evidential breath alcohol testing using approved instrumentation. Staff will demonstrate how the unit maintains proper testing conditions, supports chain-of-custody requirements, and aligns with court admissibility standards.



Collision Safety Consulting Underride & Sideguard Crash Tests

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CSC develops and tests rear and side impact guards to prevent underride and passenger compartment intrusion commonly seen in accident reconstruction of truck crashes.



DRIVE: Fuel Your Future from the NC Trucking Association

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DRIVE: Fuel Your Future is a state-of-the-art mobile exhibition trailer designed to introduce students, job seekers, and communities to the diverse and high-tech career opportunities within the trucking and transportation industry. Supported by the North Carolina Trucking Association Foundation, the DRIVE trailer delivers an immersive, hands-on experience that showcases how the trucking industry powers our economy and offers rewarding, long-term careers.



FMCSA Smart Trailer

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) ACE Program research focuses on identifying and promoting best practices as well as developing tools to facilitate industry's use of connected and automated CMVs. The ACE program has generated initial research questions and topics for the program's new smart trailer research track. These include:

- How can smart trailer data be utilized for predictive/preventive maintenance?
- How can fleets operating automated CMVs effectively monitor regulated trailer equipment and safety systems in the absence of smart trailer data (e.g., with a standard trailer)?
- Research to inform communications standards and best practices for trailer-to-tractor communications and trailer (or tractor)-to-infrastructure communications.



NC State Highway Patrol Post Crash Inspection Trailer



Sharing the Road with Trucks with the VTTI



NC State Highway Patrol Mobile Command



North Carolina State Highway Patrol Post Crash Inspection Trailer

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol Post-Crash Inspection Trailer is a specialized, portable unit used by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section to conduct immediate, on-site brake and safety inspections on commercial vehicles following crashes.

Sharing the Road with Trucks with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's (VTTI) Sharing the Road with Trucks program is an evidence-based community outreach program that conducts hands-on safety demonstrations that teach key strategies for safely interacting with tractor-trailers and other large trucks when encountering them on our roadways. The program not only teaches the key strategies but provides participants with a firsthand opportunity to see a tractor-trailer up close and experience the large blind spots from the truck driver's seat.

Perceptics e-Screen Trailer

The Perceptics e-Screen Trailer integrates mobile vehicle and cargo screening into normal operations, allowing agencies to collect actionable data wherever it's needed. Advanced imaging and recognition technologies capture vehicle information in real time and transmit it securely to existing systems. This enables informed decisions without disrupting workflows, while giving agencies the flexibility to expand coverage, respond to changing priorities, and maintain visibility beyond fixed sites.

NC State Highway Patrol Mobile Command

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol Mobile Command and Communications Unit is a specialized tactical asset used to manage traffic, security, and multi-agency coordination during large public events and emergencies. Operational uses of the Mobile Command include coordinating major events and crowd gatherings, managing complex traffic routing, congestion mitigation, and temporary no-fly zones, and conducting emergency response as a regional communication hub during natural disasters or critical incidents.

Drivewyze

Drivewyze is a software-based connected truck platform that provides commercial vehicle drivers and fleets with weigh station bypass opportunities, real-time safety alerts, and compliance services. It operates entirely through existing in-cab electronic logging devices (ELDs), telematics systems, or mobile apps without needing a physical transponder.

Haenni WL101 & WL108 Portable Wheel Load Scales by Loadometer

The Haenni WL101 & WL108 portable wheel load scales will be demoed here along with optional leveling mats and standalone EC120 processing unit.



Real-Time Heads Up Enforcement Solutions by Acusensus

Acusensus will be demonstrating its Real-Time Heads Up enforcement solution for Distracted Driving and Seatbelt Compliance along with Data Collection.

Advanced Split Scale by Intercomp

Intercomp will do a demonstration of an advanced split scale used to balance weight between dual tires to improve truck stability, fuel economy and braking.



Strengthen enforcement with smarter screening

PrePass Government Solutions helps enforcement teams identify higher-risk vehicles and keep drivers informed of roadway hazards.

- E-screen vehicles in real-time
- Prioritize higher-risk carriers
- Improve roadside efficiency
- Send real-time safety alerts
- Warn drivers of low clearances

Visit Table 19 to learn more.





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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 10, 2026

7:00AM–8:00AM	Breakfast with Exhibitors	State Ballroom DEF
8:00AM–9:30AM	Opening Session.....	State Ballroom ABC
9:30AM–10:00AM	Break with Exhibitors	State Ballroom DEF
10:00AM–11:00AM	General Session: State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable.....	State Ballroom ABC
11:00AM–11:30AM	Lunch Pick-Up and Networking	
11:30AM–12:15PM	Lunch and Presentation: FMCSA Grants.....	State Ballroom ABC
12:15PM–12:30PM	Break	
12:30PM–1:45PM	General Session: Anatomy of Six Fatigue Crashes and How to Avoid Them	State Ballroom ABC
1:45PM–2:15PM	Break with Exhibitors	State Ballroom DEF
2:15PM–3:30PM	General Session: Trucking's Top 10.....	State Ballroom ABC
3:30PM–3:45PM	Break	
3:45PM–5:00PM	Breakout Session 1	
	1A: Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships.....	State Ballroom ABC
	1B: The Rules and the Realities of the Road	University Ballroom

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

7:00AM–8:00AM	Breakfast with Exhibitors	State Ballroom DEF
8:00AM–8:30AM	Bus Shuttle to Technology Showcase	Marriott Hotel Front Entrance
8:30AM–10:30AM	Technology Showcase	NC State Highway Patrol Training Track*
10:30AM–11:30AM	Bus Shuttle and Break (Hotel Checkout is Noon)	
11:30AM–12:45PM	Lunch.....	State Ballroom ABC
12:45PM–2:00PM	General Session: Technology Panel.....	State Ballroom ABC
2:00PM–2:30PM	Break with Exhibitors	State Ballroom DEF
2:30PM–4:00PM	Breakout Session 2	
	2A: Cargo Theft.....	State Ballroom ABC
	2B: Driven by Safety: Integrating Fleet Culture and Vehicle Technology Innovations	University Ballroom
4:00PM–4:15PM	Break	
4:15PM–4:45PM	Closing Session.....	State Ballroom ABC

* NC State Highway Patrol Training Track
380 E Tryon Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

Free transportation will be provided for conference attendees to and from the venue. Limited parking is also available.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

7:00AM – 8:00AM

Breakfast with Exhibitors

State Ballroom DEF

8:00AM – 9:30AM

Opening Session

State Ballroom ABC

Presentation of Colors by:

North Carolina State Highway Patrol

Presenters:

Billy Williams, Director, Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE)

Freddy Johnson, Jr., Colonel, North Carolina State Highway Patrol

Patrick Norman, Chief Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

Rebecca Pettit, Chief Counsel, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

9:30AM – 10:00AM

Break with Exhibitors

State Ballroom DEF

10:00AM – 11:00AM

General Session 1: State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable

State Ballroom ABC

Moderator:

Ben Greenberg, President and CEO of North Carolina Trucking Association

Panelists:

Renee Amar, Executive Director for the Louisiana Motor Transport Association

Mark Colson, President and CEO of the Alabama Trucking Association

Seth Millican, President and CEO of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association

Join executive leaders from the trucking associations of North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia for a candid discussion on the state of the trucking industry. This roundtable will examine the top issues facing motor carriers today, including regulatory challenges, workforce development, economic conditions, infrastructure, safety, and advocacy priorities shaping the future of trucking across the nation.

Monday, August 10th

11:00AM – 11:30AM

Lunch Pick-Up and Networking

11:30AM – 12:15PM

Lunch Presentation: FMCSA Grants

State Ballroom ABC

12:15PM – 12:30PM

Break

12:30PM – 1:45PM

General Session 2: Anatomy of Six Fatigue Crashes and How to Avoid Them

State Ballroom ABC

Presenter:

Rodolfo Giacoman, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)

John Lohmeyer, FMCSA

This session will dissect the fatigue-related factors that contributed to six fatal crashes investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board. Participants will learn:

- How a safety culture and a fatigue risk management system mitigate fatigue risks.
- Why fatigue is such a silent profit killer for motor carriers.
- The sleep science dispatchers and drivers must know to operate profitably.

1:45PM – 2:15PM

Break with Exhibitors

State Ballroom DEF

2:15PM – 3:30PM

General Session 3: Trucking's Top 10

State Ballroom ABC

Presenter:

Rebecca Brewster, American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)

Each year ATRI surveys the trucking industry to identify the top issues of concern. Now in its 21st year, ATRI's annual analysis of the critical issues drives decisions on advocacy priorities at the federal and state levels, as well as identification of research that may be needed to address the industry's most pressing concerns. ATRI President Rebecca Brewster will unpack the latest findings, including how truck drivers rank the issues compared to motor carriers. She will also highlight where ATRI's research intersects with the top concerns and how the industry can use ATRI's findings to successfully navigate through the issues.

3:30PM – 3:45PM

Break

3:45PM – 5:00PM
Breakout Session 1

1A **State Ballroom ABC**

Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships

Panelists:

Maggie Dawson, TAT

Ben Greenberg, North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA)

Sgt. Mark Nales, North Carolina State Highway Patrol (NCSHP)

Jake Elovirta, Change to Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)

Bruce Gacsai, Quality Carriers

Renee Dell'Acqua, Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety (TREDs)

Human trafficking—or modern-day slavery—is a global crime in which people are bought and sold for forced labor or commercial sex. Traffickers use violence, manipulation and false promises of work opportunities or romance to lure, control and exploit their victims. Of the estimated 50 million victims worldwide, thousands of girls, boys, women and men are trafficked for sex or labor in the United States. Whether perpetrated for commercial sex or forced labor, human trafficking is occurring along America's roadways. This session will provide information about human trafficking in the Southeast and explore the innovative methods that the public and private sectors are using to join forces to combat this crime. Through collaboration, training and leveraging their networks to raise awareness, professional drivers, companies, inspectors, patrol officers, licensing agencies, etc. have a critical role to play in preventing and disrupting this crime.

1B **University Ballroom**

The Rules and the Realities of the Road

Panelists:

Sam White, FMCSA

Marina Ivanoc, Apex Transit

Moderator:

Michael Stewart, FMCSA

The goal of this session is to move beyond a standard regulatory overview and instead host a moderated discussion centered on the ongoing sleeper berth study and associated research. We want to explore research design and its potential implications for Hours of Service (HOS) flexibility through the lens of those most impacted by it.

Key Objectives:

- Translate the intent and scope of the sleeper berth study for a broad audience.
- Examine how current HOS requirements shape day-to-day motor carrier operations.
- Discuss how research findings can influence future safety and operational flexibility.
- Highlight the importance of data-driven policy grounded in experience.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

7:00AM – 8:00AM

Breakfast with Exhibitors

State Ballroom DEF

8:00AM – 8:30AM

Bus Shuttle to Technology Showcase

Bus Pick-Up at Marriott Hotel Front Entrance

8:30AM – 10:30AM

Technology Showcase

North Carolina State Highway Patrol Training Track

[380 E Tryon Rd](#)
[Raleigh, NC 27610](#)

10:30AM – 11:30AM

Bus Shuttle to Marriott and Break

Bus Pick-Up at Tech Showcase

11:30AM – 12:45PM

Lunch

State Ballroom ABC

12:45PM – 2:00PM

General Session 4: Technology Panel

State Ballroom ABC

Panelists:

Kevin Grove, American Trucking Association

Captain (Ret.) Bart A. Teeter, Bot Auto; Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association

Jarrold Del Prado, PrePass

Mike Lukuc, FMCSA

Moderator: Michael Stewart, FMCSA

In alignment with the Safety Summit's themes on technology, research, and innovation, the technology panel brings together speakers from multiple sectors in the CMV industry to discuss critical issues in fleet safety. Discussion will focus on the latest technology developments, emerging trends, the incredible impact of safety technologies on our industry, and the realities of integrating safety tech into fleet operations.

2:00PM – 2:30PM

Break with Exhibitors

State Ballroom DEF

2:30PM – 4:00PM
Breakout Session 2

2A **State Ballroom ABC**

Cargo Theft

Presenter:

Chris Woody, M&W Logistics Group

The Perfect Disguise

This is a case study of M&W's first strategic cargo theft incident. It describes the preparation, execution, and success of this theft. It follows an exact timeline, extracted from the notes taken at M&W during the incident. We were absolutely lost during this theft. We didn't know what to do or who to call. For the 2026 Summit there is a second part which details our 2nd incident. This theft was not successful, in large part because of the contacts I made at the 2025 Summit. We had a better plan, the right people to call, and we were cool under pressure.

Presenter:

George Seiler, Florida Highway Patrol

Cargo Theft

The presentation will cover the following topics: Florida Highway Patrol Task Force, Cargo theft definition, types of cargo theft, cargo theft statistics, overview of major theft organizations, What FHP does to combat cargo theft, and case studies.

2B **University Ballroom**

Driven by Safety: Integrating Fleet Culture and Vehicle Technology Innovations

Presenter:

Becky Mueller, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

Achieving zero fatalities on our roadways requires a dual approach: empowering drivers with a robust safety culture on the ground and equipping commercial vehicles with advanced, life-saving technologies. This session bridges frontline driver perspectives with cutting-edge industry research to explore how commercial fleets can dramatically reduce crashes and injuries. Attendees will gain actionable insights through two distinct, complementary segments: a expert-led presentation from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) detailing new research and safety ratings for commercial fleets, followed by an interactive panel discussion with elite Road Team Drivers sharing real-world strategies for building an unshakeable culture of safety.

4:00PM – 4:15PM

Break

4:15PM – 4:45PM

Closing Session

State Ballroom ABC

Presenter:

Dr. Georgia Steele, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

OPENING SESSION



Billy Williams

Director

ITRE at NC State University

Dr. Billy M. Williams serves as the Director of the Institute for Transportation Research and Education and is a Professor in the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at North Carolina State University. Previously he served as Assistant Professor in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Before beginning his academic career, Dr. Williams spent over five years as a consulting engineer with the firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates and four years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps.

Dr. Williams is a recognized expert in the areas of analytical and simulation modeling of traffic operations and transportation networks, intelligent transport systems, and the application of rigorous statistical methods to a broad range of transportation modeling applications, including traffic condition forecasting and models of fundamental traffic flow characteristics.



Colonel Freddy Johnson

Colonel

North Carolina State Highway Patrol

Gov. Cooper appointed Col. Freddy L. Johnson, Jr. as commander of the State Highway Patrol in April 2021. The Fayetteville native began his service as a state trooper in 1996 and served the majority of his career in Robeson and Cumberland counties. He was promoted to the rank of captain in 2013 and major in 2017.



Patrick Norman

Chief Engineer

North Carolina Department of Transportation

In May 2025, Patrick Norman became chief engineer of the N.C. Department of Transportation. As chief engineer, he manages and directs the engineering program activities of NCDOT's 14 highway divisions, Transportation Mobility and Safety Division, the Central Units and the Technical Services Division.

He is a registered professional engineer and has held several positions at NCDOT during his 24-year career, including chief engineer for the Department's Turnpike Authority. In this role, Norman oversaw all design, permitting, pre-construction, construction, maintenance, operations and asset management.



Rebecca Pettit

Chief Counsel

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Rebecca Pettit is the Chief Counsel for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Appointed to this role in January 2026, she supports FMCSA's mission of reducing crashes, fatalities, and injuries involving large trucks and buses. Ms. Pettit leads the agency's team of attorneys responsible for providing legal support on regulatory and legislative affairs, adjudications, enforcement and litigation, procurement and grants, ethics, and employment matters.

Prior to joining FMCSA, Ms. Pettit served as Deputy Chief Counsel for the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) within the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. During more than a decade with the FHP, Ms. Pettit served as a legal advisor to more than 1,900 troopers statewide, while supporting specialized units including Commercial Vehicle

Enforcement, the Criminal Interdiction Unit, Traffic Homicide, the Specialized Investigations and Reconstruction Team, and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence. She also advised FHP's Immigration Enforcement Section and worked closely with federal law enforcement partners. She played a key role in developing and evaluating proposed legislation, rules, and regulations affecting commercial motor vehicles and commercial driver licensing.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Pettit served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Florida Attorney General's Office under the Honorable Pam Bondi and as an Assistant State Attorney in the Hillsborough County 13th Judicial Circuit under the Honorable Mark Ober. Ms. Pettit earned her Juris Doctor from the West Virginia University College of Law and is a proud Mountaineer.

CLOSING SESSION



Dr. Georgia Steele

Strategic Operations Executive, Regional Field Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Dr. Georgia Steele has over 15 years of experience transforming complex government systems, advancing regulatory compliance, and driving enterprise-wide operational success across federal, state, and municipal agencies. Dr. Steele is recognized for leading high-impact initiatives in transportation safety, public administration, and organizational transformation.

As Regional Field Administrator for FMCSA, Dr. Steele provides executive leadership across 11 Southern states, overseeing mission-critical safety programs, managing a \$341M grant portfolio, and aligning multi-state operations with national policy objectives. Her leadership contributed to a historic reduction in commercial motor vehicle fatalities—achieving measurable, sustained outcomes through strategic alignment, stakeholder collaboration, and innovation.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Renee Amar..... **SESSION:** *State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable*

Executive Director
Louisiana Motor Transport Association (LMTA)

Renee Amar is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association (LMTA) and the LMTA Foundation, serving as the state’s voice for the trucking industry. With over twenty-five years of leadership in policy and government affairs, Renee directs LMTA’s advocacy, research, and educational councils, and serves on numerous industry boards. An active community leader, she is also the founder of Louisiana Women Lead, a non-profit dedicated to training women for public office. She holds a degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and resides in Baton Rouge with her husband, Randy, and their three Malinois, Reba, Marty, and DeeDee.

Rebecca Brewster..... **SESSION:** *Trucking’s Top 10*

President/Chief Operating Officer
American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)

Rebecca Brewster is President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). ATRI is the trucking industry’s not-for-profit research organization, whose mission is research to improve the trucking industry’s safety and productivity. Rebecca is the recipient of several awards including DC Velocity’s 2025 Rainmakers, the 2013 Influential Woman in Trucking award from the Women in Trucking Association, and the 2010 J.R. Bob Halladay award given by the 50 state trucking associations. Rebecca has been with ATRI for 33 years. Prior to that, she was the Public and Governmental Affairs Director for the Cary, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce and a Fleet Analyst with Moen, Inc. Rebecca has a B.A. in English from Wofford College and she is a Fellow of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership.

Mark Colson..... **SESSION:** *State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable*

President & CEO
Alabama Trucking Association

Mark Colson is a relentless advocate for Alabama’s vibrant trucking industry which is made up of more than 34,000 trucking companies and 134,000 working Alabamians representing 1 in 13 jobs in the state.

As Alabama’s top executive for trucking, he works throughout the state and country building relationships that grow and foster the industry’s mission while enhancing its public image from the truck cab and shop floor to the corner office. He also works closely with policymakers in Montgomery and Washington D.C. to ensure they understand the essential part trucking plays in the global supply chain and its tremendous impact on the state’s economy and the daily lives of all Alabamians.

Colson previously served in numerous leadership roles at Alabama’s state chamber, the Business Council of Alabama, including Chief of Staff, SVP of Governmental Affairs, and Interim President. He’s a graduate of Huntingdon College and Troy University (MBA).

Renee Dell’Acqua..... **SESSION:** *Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships*

Program Manager
Training, Research and Education for Driving Safety (TREDS)

Renée Dell’Acqua, MPH, is a Program Manager at TREDS where she oversees research and education programs that focus on impaired driving in the commercial industry. With over 10 years of experience, Renée brings expertise in quantitative and qualitative research and program management.

Previously, she served as a Research Scientist at the Naval Health Research Center where she specialized in designing and evaluating behavioral health interventions. Ms. Dell’Acqua obtained her BA in Psychology at UC San Diego, and her Masters in Public Health from George Washington University.

Jarrold Del Prado **SESSION:** *Technology Panel*

Vice President of Business Development
PrePass

Jarrold Del Prado serves as the Vice President of Operations at PrePass Safety Alliance and is responsible for the oversight of the Alliance's service providers.

Mr. Del Prado has over 20 years of sales and operations experience, most recently as the Senior Director of Sales at Freedom Financial Asset Management. He also co-founded and was the VP of Sales for DP Customs, a motorcycle company.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Del Prado held various operations leadership positions at American Express, Sallie Mae, and Discover Financial Services.

Jake Elovirta **SESSION:** *Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships*

Director of Enforcement Programs
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)

William (Jake) Elovirta brings more than 35 years of transportation safety experience to his role as Director of Enforcement Programs at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), where he has served since January 2021. In this capacity, he oversees the Alliance's enforcement safety programs and initiatives, including Operation Safe Driver Week and CVSA's Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative. Prior to joining CVSA, Jake served 32 years in Vermont law enforcement, retiring as Colonel and Director of the Vermont DMV's Enforcement and Safety Division. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Norwich University and is a graduate of FBI National Academy Session #238. Jake currently serves on committees for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Transportation Research Board.

Bruce Gacsal **SESSION:** *Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships*

Senior Director of Security
Quality Carriers

Bruce Gacsal is the Senior Director of Security for Quality Carriers, where he leads corporate security, major investigations, regulatory compliance, and enterprise security initiatives across North America. A former United States Marine, Bruce attended John Jay College, studying Criminal Justice and Police Science.

With more than 30 years of experience in transportation security and corporate investigations, he has partnered with federal, state, provincial, and local law enforcement agencies on transportation security, asset protection, human trafficking awareness, emergency response, active shooter preparedness, and crisis management. Bruce is recognized for his practical, evidence-based investigative approach and his commitment to protecting people, critical infrastructure, the transportation industry and our nation.

Rodolfo Giacoman **SESSION:** *Anatomy of Six Fatigue Crashes and How to Avoid Them*

Program Head
North American Fatigue Management Program (NAFMP)

Rodolfo Giacoman is a leading expert in driver risk mitigation and head of the North American Fatigue Management Program (NAFMP). He has trained thousands of transportation professionals across Canada, Mexico and the United States on combating driver fatigue in today's highly competitive transportation industry.

Rodolfo joined CVSA in 2021 to oversee the operation, growth and promotion of the NAFMP, building on a relationship with the Alliance that spans more than three decades. Previously, as general manager of Alertness.Pro, he spent seven years delivering specialized fatigue management training to motor carriers and commercial drivers.

Ben Greenberg **SESSIONS:** *State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable;*
Combating Human Trafficking Through Public-Private Partnerships

President and CEO
North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA)

Ben joined the NCTA as President and CEO in October 2022. Prior to accepting this role, Ben served the NCTA in a variety of capacities, including the Allied Chairman position in 2020 and service on the Board of Directors as well as the SHRC Advisory Board. Ben started his professional career as an attorney servicing the transportation industry.

Kevin Grove **SESSION:** *Technology Panel*

Director of Safety and Technology Policy
American Trucking Associations

Kevin Grove is director of safety and technology policy with the American Trucking Associations. Since 2021, Kevin has managed ATA's policy positions on a variety of regulatory issues including safety technology, automated vehicle technology, communication technology, and cybersecurity. Prior to joining ATA, Kevin was a senior research associate at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Kevin holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in industrial & systems engineering from Virginia Tech.

Marina Ivanov **SESSION:** *The Rules and Realities of the Road*

CEO
APEX Transit Solutions

Marina Ivanov is the CEO and Co Founder of APEX Transit Solutions, a WBENC certified woman owned, asset based logistics company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. Raised in the trucking industry as the daughter of an owner operator, she brings a lifelong understanding of transportation, operations, and leadership to the business. With hands-on experience across operations, safety, workforce development, customer relations, and strategic growth, Marina is passionate about building sustainable transportation businesses and strengthening the future of the industry. She currently serves on the Boards of the North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA), the North Carolina LTL Association (NCLTL), and NAWBDO, and previously served as Chair of the NC Women in Trucking Council. Her leadership and community impact have been recognized through honors including the 100 Women to KNOW Award and the Crowns of Enterprise Award.

John Lohmeyer **SESSION:** *FMCSA Grants*

Chief, State Programs Division
FMCSA

John Lohmeyer is an experienced leader in the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) industry, with over 20 years of expertise. As the Chief of the State Programs Division at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), he is committed to enhancing road safety. John focuses on reducing crashes involving trucks and buses and oversees essential FMCSA programs that provide states with resources for CMV and driver safety. His leadership includes the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), High Priority (HP), and Enforcement Training and Support (ETS) grants, all aimed at ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Additionally, he manages the Performance and Registration Information System Management (PRISM) program, collaborating with law enforcement to remove unsafe vehicles from the roads. Motivated by a passion for saving lives, John strives to create safer highways through partnerships with states, academia, and the industry.

Mike Lukuc **SESSION:** *Technology Panel*

Manager
FMCSA

Mike is a systems engineer with 30 years of research, development, and implementation experience working on cutting-edge transportation technologies. He joined the FMCSA Advanced Technology Division in 2021 as a senior engineer and manager of the Agency's Automated Commercial Motor Vehicle Evaluation (ACE) program. Mike spent the first part of his career in the automotive industry, developing new chassis control technologies for future Cadillacs at General Motors proving grounds. He moved to Delphi Automotive when the company was spun off from GM in 1998. In 2006, Mike moved to Mercedes-Benz Research & Development, focusing on advanced driver assistance and active systems, before joining NHTSA's Office of Crash Avoidance Research in 2009. Mike developed a passion for commercial motor vehicle safety while living in Texas, beginning at Texas A&M Transportation Institute in 2015, and then as the Texas Operations and Test Manager for Peloton Technology, a former automated commercial motor vehicle start-up company.

Seth Millican..... **SESSION:** *State of the Industry: Trucking Leadership Roundtable*
President & CEO
Georgia Trucking Association

Seth Millican is the President and CEO of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association based in Marietta, Georgia. Prior to joining GMTA, he served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Transportation Alliance, an affiliate of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Seth has also worked as a contract public affairs and political consultant as well as a staff-member in the Georgia State Senate.

A life-long Georgian, Seth earned his B.S. in Social Sciences from Thomas Edison State College. He and his high-school sweetheart, Kara, have four children: KJ, Eden Grace, Gabriel, and Hotchie. They live in Marietta, GA where they attend Christ the Redeemer Church of Marietta. Seth was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve on the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission and serves on the board of the Georgia Wildlife Federation. He also serves in a volunteer public affairs capacity with the American Enterprise Institute Leadership Network and several other family policy oriented non-profits.

Becky Mueller..... **SESSION:** *IIHS initiatives for Accelerating Commercial Vehicle Safety*
Senior Research Engineer
Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

Becky Mueller develops new crash tests for IIHS vehicle ratings that reflect unaddressed real-world scenarios in which injuries occur. Her work led to an updated side test and the first passenger-side frontal test in the Institute’s suite of evaluations. Ms. Mueller has also researched injuries of vulnerable road users, advanced crash test dummies and new injury metrics. She is a SAE Technical Fellow and member of Purdue’s Inaugural Neil Armstrong 38 x 38 class, recognizing outstanding engineering alumni.

George Seiler..... **SESSION:** *Florida Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence*
Sergeant First Class
Florida Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Intelligence

Detective Sergeant George Seiler is a 21-year veteran of Florida State Law Enforcement, currently serving with the Florida Highway Patrol. He leads the statewide Commercial Vehicle and Cargo Theft Task Force and oversees personnel assigned to multiple federal and multi-agency task forces. With 16 years of experience in cargo theft investigations, he is recognized as one of the agency’s leading subject matter experts and has provided guidance and presentations to numerous government and professional organizations. His background also includes retail asset protection, patrol operations, commercial vehicle enforcement, general investigations, narcotics enforcement, and dignitary protection. He additionally holds FBI certifications in digital forensics and cellular analysis, strengthening his effectiveness in complex investigations.

Bart Teeter..... **SESSION:** *Technology Panel*
Director of Fleet and Operational Safety
Bot Auto

Bart Teeter currently serves as the Director of Fleet and Operational Safety at Bot Auto. Prior to his time at Bot he spent 26 years with the Texas Highway Patrol. While with the Highway Patrol his areas of expertise were commercial and automated vehicle enforcement and regulation.

Sam White..... **SESSION:** *The Rules and Realities of the Road*
Engineering Psychologist
FMCSA

Samuel White serves as an engineering psychologist and project manager in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA’s) Applied Research Division. He is responsible for overseeing work being carried out for studies on issues related to commercial motor vehicle and driver safety. His most recent work includes managing FMCSA’s “Flexible Sleeper Berth” and “Split Duty Period” Pilot Programs, both of which are aimed at assessing whether providing drivers with additional flexibility in scheduling their work and rest results in equal or greater levels of safety relative to compliance with the current regulations.

Chris Woody

SESSION: *Cargo Theft*

Director of Safety

Logistics Group, Inc.

Chris has been employed by The M&W Logistics Group for 14 years and served as the Director of Safety for the past 6. He oversees a fleet of 130 trucks and two warehouses. Under his leadership, M&W has earned 4 fleet safety awards and a Grand Champion Trophy from the Tennessee Trucking Association, and 6 fleet safety awards from The American Trucking Associations. Chris was named the TTA Safety Professional of the Year in 2021, and M&W received the ATA President's Trophy, trucking's highest honor, in 2022.

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