



2025 Safety Conference Agenda

Wednesday, February 26th

- 2:00 pm** **Council of Safety Supervisors Meeting (In-person Only)**
Gravois / Osage Room (1st Floor)
- 4:00 pm** **Hotel Check-In**
Main Lobby (4th Floor)
- 4:30 pm** **Conference Registration**
1st Floor Elevators
- 4:30 pm** **Welcome Reception - Cocktails and Appetizers**
Lakeside Room (1st Floor)
- 6:00 pm** **Free Time**

Thursday, February 27th

- 8:00 am** **Registration and Networking Breakfast**
1st Floor Elevators and Lakeside Room
- 9:00 am** **Welcome Remarks – Mike Coble, Convoy of Hope**
Gravois / Osage Room (1st Floor)
- 9:05 am** **Opening Keynote – 43 Key Seconds “What Legacy Are You Leaving?”**
Mike Lutzenkirchen, Lutzie 43 Foundation
Gravois / Osage Room
Mike spreads the word through the “43 Key Seconds” talk, which is his honest and courageous discussion of his son’s life and the car crash that led to his death. In his talk, Mike encourages people to learn from the mistakes his son made, while being inspired by his many positive character attributes.
- 10:00 am** **Break**

- 10:15 am** **Prioritization: Updating SMS & Crash Preventability Determination Program (CPDP) Changes**
Amanda Bax-Whittle & Chris Luebbert, FMCSA
Gravois / Osage Room
FMCSA will deliver the recent changes made to the SMS and CPDP programs.
- 11:15 pm** **Texas, the Mexican LFC, Corruption and its Threat to America**
Major Omar A. Villarreal, Texas Highway Patrol Division
Gravois / Osage Room
There a misconception that a commercial driver's license reciprocity agreement with Canada and Mexico implies that work authorization for Canadian and Mexican commercial drivers is included. The Major will explain the impact that misconception is having on the trucking industry.
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch**
Lakeside Room
- 1:00 pm** **Benefits of Building & Sustaining a Strong Safety Culture**
John Joines, Great West Casualty Company
Gravois / Osage Room
We frequently hear about the many benefits of building a strong culture, yet it can be hard to understand what exactly IT is. This presentation discusses the basic elements of culture, why it could be thought of as your company DNA and how to leverage culture to your advantage when seeking to realize your safety and risk management program goals.
- 2:00 pm** **Open Discussion Forum**
Moderator – Mike Coble, Convoy of Hope
Gravois / Osage Room
Sometimes we learn best from our peers. This forum is an opportunity for anyone in the room to ask questions/bring up issues they are faced with and get answers/advice from peers in the room. Ideas of topics may include: training and retraining, crashes, on-boarding procedures, cameras, equipment challenges, etc.
- 3:00 pm** **Free Time**
- 6:00 pm** **Cocktail Reception**
Harbor Ballroom (Bottom of H. Toad's)
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner and Safety Awards Banquet**
Harbor Ballroom

Friday, February 28th

8:00 am **Networking Breakfast**
Lakeside Room

9:00 am **Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA): The Latest in Speed Management Technology**
Callie Myers, E-Smart Control
Gravois / Osage Room

ISA has rapidly emerged as a key driver of significant advancements in safety technology. With its implementation mandated across much of Europe, this technology is gaining attention in research and development globally. This presentation will cover the three primary types of ISA and outline the advantages and disadvantages of each.

9:45 am **Break**

10:00 am **MoDOT Statewide Projects, Improve I-70 and I-44 Corridor**
Ed Hassinger, P.E., Eric Kopinski, P.E. & Kristi Bachman, P.E.
Gravois / Osage Room

Ed Hassinger became the new Director of MoDOT in November, following over 40 years of experience with the department. Ed will share MoDOT's vision to deliver the many, big infrastructure projects with the historic funding received. Eric Kopinski is the Program Director for the Improve I-70 program, adding a third lane across Missouri. He will give an update on the first few phases, that are underway, and what is yet to come. Kristi Bachman is the Southwest I-44 Project Director and will discuss the project to improve capacity, along Interstate 44 in Greene County, between Kansas Expressway and U.S. Route 65.

11:00 am **Closing Keynote –**
Modern Safety Playbook for Success: Strategies for Driving Safety Excellence
Jason Ahten, Senior Director of Fleet Safety, Walmart Transportation
Gravois / Osage Room

During this session, Jason will talk about the actionable items to improve your safety program whether you operate 15 or 15,000 trucks, how to use data and technology to transform a safety program, the strategies and best practices to focus on drivers at most risk and the important elements to focus on to avoid getting bogged down in the data. He will examine the challenge of change, the risk in not changing, and how to motivate drivers to be the owners of the safety culture.

12:00 pm **Closing Remarks - Mike Coble, Convoy of Hope**