



2026 Safety Conference Agenda

Wednesday, March 4th

- 2:00 pm** **Council of Safety Supervisors Meeting (In-person Only)**
Grand Glaize 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, March 5th

- 8:00 am** **Registration and Networking Breakfast**
1st Floor Elevators and Lakeside Room
- 9:00 am** **Welcome Remarks – Andy Bradford, Tri-State Motor Transit Co.**
Gravois / Osage Room (1st Floor)
- 9:05 am** **Opening Presentation –**
Inside FMCSA: Current Regulatory Updates & What They Mean For You
Amanda Bax-Whittle, FMCSA Missouri Division Office
Gravois / Osage Room
Amanda will share the latest updates regarding the medical card submission process, National Consumer Complaint Database modernization, Motus, ELDT, Split Duty Period Pilot Program and any other regulatory changes on the horizon.
- 10:00 am** **Break**

10:15 am Part 1: Building Blocks of a Safety Culture

Adam Tallmon, Alliance Interstate Risk

Gravois / Osage Room

Part 2: Work Comp Claims Management Best Practices

Suzie Baker, Alliance Interstate Risk

Gravois / Osage Room

This two-part presentation highlights how building a strong safety culture can reduce risk, protect employees, and improve overall operational performance in the trucking and transportation industry. It shares practical best practices for managing workers' compensation claims, including early reporting, clear communication, and coordinated return-to-work strategies. Attendees will gain actionable insights to help lower claim costs, improve compliance, and support a safer, more resilient workforce.

12:00 pm Lunch

Lakeside Room

1:00 pm Assessing Driver Impairment Like Never Before

PJ Barclay, Impirica

Gravois / Osage Room

PJ will share new insights into assessing driver impairment, all the data behind it and how to overcome it. This will be a very engaging session that allows for Q&A from the audience!

2:00 pm The Road to Talent:

How Missouri Can Grow the Next Generation of Trucking Professionals

Lindsey Trent, Next Generation in Trucking Association

Dr. Oscar Carter, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Gravois / Osage Room

Missouri's trucking and supply chain industries are facing a critical workforce shortage—and the solution starts with early, intentional engagement in education. In this session, Lindsey will share how employers can partner with schools across MO to introduce students to careers in trucking, logistics, and diesel technology. Attendees will learn practical ways to get involved through advisory boards, classroom visits, career fairs, CTSO engagement, curriculum support, and community partnerships that create clear, life-changing career pathways for students. The session will also feature a special update on Career Technical Education in MO from Dr. Oscar Carter, Skilled Technical Sciences Director with the Missouri DESE.

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Navigating Today's Safety Regulations

Moderator – Andy Bradford, Tri-State Motor Transit Co.

- Captain Kevin Kelley, MSHP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
- Gina Wisch, DOR Motor Vehicle and Driver License Division
- Chris Luebbert, FMCSA Missouri Division Office

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This panel of experts, from the various governmental agencies, will brief on key industry issues (English language proficiency, non-domiciled CDLs, etc.), followed by Q&A.

- 4:15 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, March 6th

- 8:00 am** **Networking Breakfast**
Lakeside Room
- 9:00 am** **Wider Lanes, Safer Miles: How Improve I-70 Supports Truck Safety**
Eric Kopinski, P.E., MoDOT
Gravois / Osage Room
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 phases that are underway and what is yet to come. He will also share efforts being made for the I-70 statewide truck parking project.
- 9:45 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am** **Closing Presentation –**
Motor Carrier Lessons Learned from Six Fatigue-Crash NTSB Investigations
Rodolfo Giacomani, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Gravois / Osage Room
During this session, Rodolfo will talk about six NTSB crash investigations and the important lessons we can learn from each of them. This will be a very interactive and audience engaged session!
- 11:30 am** **Closing Remarks - Andy Bradford, Tri-State Motor Transit Co.**