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## 2018 Kansas Truck Driving Championships results

The 2018 Kansas Truck Driving Championships are complete and the winners of each class will be competing at the National Truck Driving Championships in Columbus, Ohio on August 15-18, 2018.

In a repeat from last year, Don Logan of FedEx Freight won the grand prize trophy outscoring the other competitors in the written test, pre-trip inspection and driving course. (See full list of winners and placers on the subsequent pages).

Despite the hot temperatures several spectators including families, friends and co-workers cheered on their drivers under large tents. In addition to their role as judges, members of the Kansas Highway Patrol brought a sense of fun to the event with water spray cannons and a restored KHP patrol vehicle that ran the course during the lunch break.

A raffle offering a wide variety of prizes was announced several times an hour and a silent auction of vintage model trucks added to the festive atmosphere. These two fundraising events raised over \$1,500 toward the Kansas Motor Carriers Foundation Scholarship Fund and the KMCA's Public Education Program. A special thanks goes to TDC Chairman Kevin Hanschu for his donation of vintage trucks.



The two day event was capped by the awards banquet Saturday night. Technical Trooper Raul Carrillo of the Kansas Highway Patrol was honored for his bravery when he rescued a driver of a tanker from a fiery crash on Interstate 35 in February 2018.

By the end of the evening, the final winner of the raffle grand prize was drawn. Jeff Davis of Walmart Transportation won a photo suite of products including a Canon EOS Rebel T6 camera, laptop, printer and photo paper worth \$1,000. The grand prize was sponsored by Walmart Transportation.



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### Written Test (right to left):

1. Don Logan – FedEx Freight, Inc.
2. John Bouddhara – FedEx Freight, Inc.
3. Jimmy Wisley – YRC Freight



### Course Winner (right to left):

1. Don Logan - FedEx Freight Inc.
2. Jimmy Wisley - YRC Freight
3. Timothy Helus - FedEx Freight Inc.



### Pre-Trip Winner:

Don Logan – FedEx Freight Inc.

Not pictured.

**Rookie of the Year:**  
Larry Gamblin –  
Old Dominion Freight Line



### Small Fleet Winner:

Convoy Systems



### Large Fleet Winner:

FedEx Freight Inc.



**Straight Truck (right to left):**

1. Ronald Gabel – FedEx Freight, Inc.
2. Bryon Studley – Walmart Transportation
3. Robert Oswald – Walmart Transportation



**3-Axle Van (right to left):**

1. Jimmie Wisley – YRC Freight
2. Dean Harris – FedEx Freight Inc.
3. Howard Asbury – UPS Freight



**4-Axle Van (right to left):**

1. Timothy Helus – FedEx Freight, Inc.
2. Kevin Brownell – Old Dominion Freight Line
3. Jason Ramsdell – FedEx Freight Inc.



**Twins (right to left):**

1. John Bouddhara – FedEx Freight, Inc.
2. David Forbes – FedEx Freight Inc.
3. Larry Gamblin – Old Dominion Freight Line



**5-Axle Tractor Semi-Trailer:**

1. Jeff Davis – Walmart Transportation (center)
2. Richard Johnson – FedEx Freight Inc. (right)
3. Ken Saur – XPO Logistics (left)



**5-Axle Sleeper Berth Tractor Semi-Trailer (right to left):**

1. Jeffrey Dwerlkotte – UPS Freight
2. Mike Threlkeld – Great Plains Trucking, Inc.
3. Stevan Dixon – Walmart Transportation



Tank:

1. Donald Logan – FedEx Freight, Inc.
2. David Eckles – Old Dominion Freight Line
3. Dennis Schawe – Walmart Transportation



Flatbed:

1. Michael Appelman – YRC Freight (*right*)
2. Gregory O'Rear – Old Dominion Freight Line (*left*)
3. Sammy Pelton - FedEx Freight Inc. (*not pictured*)

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# *Say cheese! Photos from the 2018 Kansas TDC*





Thank you to everyone who made the 2018 Kansas TDC a success.

Good luck at NTDC!



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# Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's annual driver-focused enforcement blitz July 15th-21st

Operation Safe Driver Week, an annual enforcement spree put on by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, is set this year for July 15-21.

During the weeklong blitz, enforcers will be focusing on traffic violations, seat belt enforcement, driver roadside inspections and driver regulatory compliance. CVSA says driver behavior is the cause of more than 88 percent of large truck crashes and 93 percent of passenger vehicle crashes.

Driving behaviors that will be targeted during the week include speeding, distracted driving, texting, failure to use a seat belt, following too closely, improper lane change, failure to obey traffic control devices and more.

Last year, nearly 39,000 citations and warnings were issued to truck drivers during Operation Safe Driver Week. More than 84 percent of these violations were for state and local moving violations.

## KMCA Calendar of Events

**August 14, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg.  
Wichita

**September 25-27, 2018**

KMCA Annual Convention  
Salina

**December 11, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg.  
Salina

## Regulatory guidance: transportation of agricultural commodities including livestock

With the Electronic Logging Device rule now in effect for six months, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is continuing to work to provide support and clarity to the industry as well as its law enforcement partners. A review of the inspections completed since the rule went into effect indicates that less than one percent of those vehicles inspected were cited for not having an ELD when required. In addition, Hours of Service violations are less than half of what they were a year ago.

On December 20, 2017, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a Federal Register notice proposing regulatory guidance concerning the transportation of agricultural commodities, which includes livestock and requested public comment on the proposals. FMCSA sought to provide clarity on the use of this exception to both industry and law enforcement, and to provide as much flexibility as possible for the industry, while maintaining safety.

This guidance is applicable to all transporters of agricultural commodities, which is defined in 49 CFR Part 395.2 and includes the transportation of nonprocessed food, feed, fiber, or livestock and insects.



The final guidance clarifies the applicability of the "Agricultural commodity" exception in 49 CFR 395.1(k)(1) to the "Hours of Service of Drivers" regulations.

## *Regulatory guidance: transportation of agricultural commodities including livestock cont...*

- This guidance is limited to the application of the 150 air-mile exception for the transportation of “agricultural commodities.”
- This regulatory guidance clarifies that the following operations are not subject to the Hours-of-Service Regulations while operating within 150 air-mile radius of the source of the commodity:
  - Drivers operating unladen vehicles traveling either to pick up an agricultural commodity, as defined in § 395.2, or returning from a delivery point; and
  - Drivers engaged in trips beyond 150 air-miles from the source of the agricultural commodity are not subject to the hours of service regulations until they exit the 150 air-mile radius.



The guidance also clarifies many longstanding questions about what can be considered a “source” of an agricultural commodity:

- The guidance clarifies that a source may not only be the farm or ranch where the agricultural commodity originates, but also may include intermediate storage and loading facilities, such as grain elevators or sale barns, provided the product still meets the definition of an agricultural commodity.
- The guidance also clarifies that when agricultural commodities are loaded at multiple sources during a trip only the first loading point can be considered a source. While this guidance focuses specifically on how the agricultural commodities exception impacts a driver’s daily and weekly hours-of-service limits, it also should be considered when determining the applicability of the Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) rule more broadly. While transporters of livestock are not required to have an ELD until September 30, 2018, and transporters of other agricultural commodities are not required to have an ELD until June 18, 2018, this exception and the clarifications provided under this guidance may be used to determine applicability of the ELD requirements after these dates. Thus, motor carriers utilizing the agricultural commodities exception—like other exceptions to the HOS rule—will be able to take advantage of an exception from the ELD requirements if they do not operate outside of the 150-mile radius more than 8 days out of every 30. The Agency’s Agriculture webpage at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ag](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ag) provides a variety of resources to help with understanding all agriculture exemptions, the applicability of the rule and regulations to agriculture, and how to use your ELD when operating under an agricultural exception.

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- IRP/IFTA/UCR registration renewals
- IRP Temporary Registrations

# Regulatory Guidance: Personal Conveyance

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On December 19, 2017, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) proposed revisions to the regulatory guidance concerning driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for personal use while off-duty, referred to as "personal conveyance." This final guidance applies to any driver authorized to operate a commercial vehicle for personal, or non-business reasons.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) require drivers to document their Hours of Service (HOS) on records of duty status (RODS), identifying one of four duty status options:

1. on-duty not driving
2. driving
3. sleeper berth
4. off-duty

The use of personal conveyance is a method used to account for the movement of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) while the driver is off-duty. Motor carriers, at their discretion, may authorize their drivers to use a CMV while off-duty for personal conveyance. When this occurs, drivers are required to document such use as off-duty on their RODS, regardless of the method used to record the driver's HOS (e.g., paper logs, automatic on-board recording device, electronic logging devices (ELDs), etc.).

This revised guidance focuses on the reason the driver is operating a CMV while off-duty to determine if the movement is considered personal conveyance, regardless of whether the CMV is laden.

This final notice provides a variety of scenarios in the guidance as to when the use of personal conveyance is allowable, and, includes passenger carrier specific scenarios. Specifically, the guidance clarifies issues such as:

- when using personal conveyance to leave a shipper or receiver and travel to a safe location for rest is allowed
- when commuting to and from work can be considered personal conveyance
- the use of personal conveyance does not impact on-duty time

The ELD rule required manufacturers to include a special driving category for "authorized personal use" which includes personal conveyance. Drivers authorized to use personal conveyance may use this feature, or remain in off-duty status. In either case, the electronic record should be annotated to explain the circumstances.

This guidance is effective immediately. Please see the Personal Conveyance webpage at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/personal-conveyance](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/personal-conveyance) for more information.



# Members turn out to support Kansas PRO TRUCK PAC Golf Classic

On June 6th, 69 golfers participated in the Kansas PRO TRUCK PAC Golf Classic at Sand Creek Station in Newton. TRUCK PAC is the political action committee of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Kansans will select candidates for the 125 seats in the Kansas House of Representatives, the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner. PRO TRUCK PAC only makes contributions to those seeking state offices. We do not make contributions to those seeking Congressional office. While our contributions are small, they allow KMCA and the Kansas Trucking Industry to be visible during election year.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Winner:

Phil Bergkamp - Bergkamp Insurance

Rich Shelton - Advertising Specialist

John Blickenstaff - J&H Trucking

Kevin Hanschu - J&H Trucking

### 2nd Flight:

Mike Swartz - Wichita Kenworth  
Dylan Bauer - Sun Valley, Inc.  
Nate Lane - Wichita Kenworth  
Jason Morton - Midwest Bulk, Inc.

### HOLE CONTEST WINNERS

#### Longest putt:

Clint Hopkins - ACI Motor Freight

#### Closest to pin:

Michael Phelps

#### Longest drive:

John Blickenstaff - J&H Trucking

#### Longest putt:

Scott Krier - Truck Center Companies

#### Longest drive:

Kory Koehn - Mast Trucking Inc.

#### Closest to the pin:

Rich Shelton - Bergkamp Insurance

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The winning team - Phil Bergkamp, Bergkamp Insurance, Rich Shelton, Advertising Specialist, and John Blickenstaff and Kevin Hanschu of J&H Trucking

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