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## ELECTION OVER – BIG CHANGES AHEAD

The 2016 General Election is now in the history books. Donald J. Trump garnered enough Electoral votes to become the next President of the United States.

With this change in administration, a new Secretary of Transportation as well as a new administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will be selected. The President-elect has already selected Kansas Congressman Mike Pompeo to head the Central Intelligence Agency creating the need for a special election in Kansas' 4th Congressional District. More nominees will come but all must be confirmed by the United States Senate.

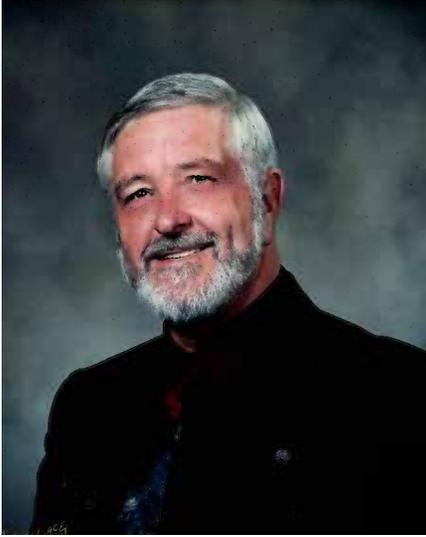
In Kansas, Democrats picked up one seat in the Kansas Senate, giving the Republicans a 31-9 majority. Democrats also picked up 12 seats in the Kansas House of Representatives leaving Republicans with an 85-40 majority. In all, there are 50 new members of the Kansas Legislature.

Most of the 2017 Kansas Legislature have moved away from Governor Brownback's policies to a more moderate policy direction. Already staring at the 2017 Legislature is the projection of a \$345 million budget shortfall that must be addressed before June 30, 2017. In addition, the Governor and Legislature are awaiting a decision from the Kansas Supreme Court on the adequacy of school funding which could further add to the budget shortfall. This time around they can't tap the Bank of KDOT for additional funds. Previous Legislature has already diverted all the sales tax revenue dedicated to the State Highway Fund for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

Leadership election for both the Kansas House and Senate are scheduled for December 5th. Current House Transportation Committee Chairman Richard Proehl and Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Mike Petersen won re-election. Whether they remain as Chairmen for the 2017 and 2018 Session of the Kansas Legislature will depend on the Leadership elections.

KMCA is busy getting to know the new members of the Kansas Legislature. Stay tuned for updates following the Leadership elections.

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN GERALD LATHROP



GAINSVILLE, Florida -John Gerald Lathrop, 70, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2016, at Select Specialty Hospital in Gainesville, Florida.

He leaves his wife, Roberta ( Johnson) Lathrop; sister, Donna (Mickey); brother, Donald Ooann); daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Shawn; daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Les; six grandchildren, Tabitha (Alex), Jonathan (Shelby), Aidan, Whitney (Eddie), Lauren, United States Army Spc. Dylan; two great-grandchildren, Jack and Georgianna; and countless close friends.

Born Sept. 25, 1945, in Davenport, John graduated from Central High School in 1963. After graduating, he met his wife, Bobbie Johnson, through mutual friends and they married in 1966 at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Soon after, he started his career at Roadway Express in Rock Island, which led to a promotion and transfer to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1983.

John retired from Roadway in 2001, and lived out his dream of moving to Florida. John loved watching sports and was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan who spent every non-football Sunday watching NASCAR races. While belonging to the McAlpin Community Center for years, John was voted in as president, and until just recently held that position.

John's wishes were to be cremated , so a Celebration of Life gathering took place July 21, 2016, at the McAlpin Community Center. The Kansas Motor Carriers Association was just recently made aware of John's passing. John served as KMCA President from 2000-2001.

## IN MEMORY OF HAROLD V. GREEN

Harold V. Green, 95, formerly of Basehor, Kansas, passed away November 14, 2016. A funeral service will be held Friday, November 18, 2016 at 11 a.m.

Harold was born March 18, 1921 in Sweet Springs, Missouri to George and Maude (Harris) Green. He was a member of First Christian Church in Bonner Springs, KS. On June 30, 1945, Harold married Doris E. Heerwald, who he often referred to as his "lovely bride".

Harold was well respected and successful in the insurance business for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Kansas Motor Carrier's Association and in his free time, enjoyed playing the fiddle, baseball, traveling, fishing and spending time with family and friends. Harold was an inspiration to all who knew him.

## IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE UNRUH

COPELAND, Kansas - Gertrude Unruh, 88, died Nov. 9, 2016, in Garden City. She was born July 21, 1928, in Merced, Calif.

Survivors: husband, Leslie; daughter, Gina Cash and husband Terry, Copeland; a daughter-in-law, Joan Unruh, Copeland; brother, Sam Fricke and wife Sandy, Ontario, Calif.; sisters, Annabelle Smith, Chico, Calif., Johanna Schmidt and husband Earl, ElCampo, Texas, Helen Koehn, Montezuma, and Clara Koehn and husband Barton, Montezuma; seven grandchildren, Jeff Unruh and wife Sharleen, Kelly Unruh and wife Diana, Zachary Cash and wife Cassandra, Wesley Cash and wife Tiffany, Krysta Cash and husband Kevin Palmer, James Unruh and wife Breanna, and Chloe Unruh; nine greatgrandchildren, Katelyn and Makayla Unruh, Bekah and Mason Unruh, Kadence and Keira Palmer, Titus Cash, Michael Cash, and Grace Unruh.

Gertrude was the wife of KMCA past president Leslie Unruh. Leslie and Gertrude had recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

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# FMCSA, NHTSA Extend Speed Limiter Comment Period

Today, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced they were extending the comment period on the proposed speed limiter rule by 30 days. The new deadline for comments is December 7.

ATA had requested the extension in September to allow for more discussion among our members and in order to provide more robust and useful comments on the proposal.

The proposal was thoroughly discussed at the recent ATA Management Conference and Exhibition, where ATA maintained its policies supporting the use of speed limiters and for reducing the speed of all traffic. However, ATA President and CEO Chris Spear said the federation cannot support the rule as proposed because it fails to recognize the risks of speed differentials and several other factors.

For more information or questions please contact KMCA at 785-267-1641.

## How To Submit Your Comments

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

NHTSA and FMCSA are proposing regulations that would require new Class 7 & 8 trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds to be equipped with a speed limiting device initially set to a speed no greater than a speed to be specified in a final rule. Such regulations would require motor carriers operating such vehicles in interstate commerce to maintain functional speed limiting devices for the life of the vehicle. No actual speed setting was addressed FMCSA proposed 62,65 or 68 mph.

While the Kansas Motor Carriers Association supports uniform speed limits for all motor vehicles and strict enforcement of the posted speed limit, we oppose efforts by FMCSA and NHTSA to adopt rules that require Class 7 and 8 trucks to have their top speed electronically limited.

### SHARE YOUR COMMENTS

Currently, comments are being accepted on the proposed regulation. The comments deadline is has been extended to December 7, 2016. It is important to provide references or studies supporting your comments if possible. You may submit comments, identified by one or both of the following docket numbers:

Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0087

Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0083

### COMMENTS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001
- Hand Delivery or Courier: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 30, 2016**

KMCA Board of Directors Meeting - Wichita, KS

**November 31, 2016**

KLA Coffee Bar - Wichita, KS

**February 13, 2017**

KMCA Day at the Capitol - Topeka, KS

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**March 1, 2017**

Truck Registration Renewals Grace Period Ends

## NEW KMCA MEMBERS

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# KANSAS TURNPIKE'S VIDEO ENFORCEMENT REACHES NEW MILESTONE

The Kansas Turnpike Authority's video enforcement pilot project reached a new milestone with violation statements being mailed in mid-October.

Customers who have used a video enforced electronic lane at a toll plaza without a compatible transponder (like K-TAG) will receive a mailed notice. See a list of compatible tags at: <https://www.ksturnpike.com/commercial-travel/interoperability>

Drivers who receive a violation statement, should pay the bill as it keeps tolls lower for everyone. In the future, they should get a K-TAG or compatible transponder, or stop to pay at the toll booth. Those who choose to ignore the notice, and continue to use electronic lanes without a compatible device, are subject to higher tolls and potential penalties.

"Commercial drivers are important to us," said Steve Hewitt, KTA's Chief Executive Officer. "Using video enforcement rather than gates and expanding our transponder services helps keep traffic flowing."

Customers who have questions about their toll violation statement should call customer service at 316-652-2652 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Currently, KTA uses video enforcement at its three mainline plazas located near the Oklahoma border (Southern Terminal mile marker 04), east Topeka (mile marker 183) and west Kansas City (Eastern Terminal mile marker 236). In the future, video enforcement will be implemented as needed to help improve the driving experience at other toll plazas.



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## **OOIDA Challenge to ELDs Rejected by Court**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit rejected a challenge to the electronic logging device rule by the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, clearing the way for the final rule to be implemented next year.

In its decision, the Court held that the rule issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in December 2015 did not violate the Fourth Amendment and that the rule was reasonable.

In response to media inquiries, ATA has said we are “pleased that the court has cleared the way for this important regulation and we look forward to its implementation.”

OOIDA may ask the full Seventh Circuit or the Supreme Court to review this latest ruling, but ATA believes this would be unlikely and carriers will need to be in compliance with the ELD mandate by December 2017. For more information contact KMCA at 785-267-1641.

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## **America’s Road Team Finalists Announced by ATA**

Arlington, Va. – American Trucking Associations named 33 professional truck drivers as finalists in the selection process to become Captains on the 2017-2018 America’s Road Team.

“These professional drivers were chosen as finalists for America’s Road Team because they are proven industry ambassadors with long safety records and professionalism that projects a positive image of our industry’s 3.5 million truck drivers,” said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. “America’s Road Team will continue to serve as a voice for the trucking industry and build on its 30-year legacy of educating the public on highway safety and the trucking industry’s important role in our economy. We are honored to have these finalists participate in this prestigious selection process and I look forward to meeting them in January.”

America’s Road Team, a group of professional truck drivers with superior safety records, was created in 1986 to represent the trucking industry and is sponsored by Volvo Trucks.

“America’s Road Team’s grassroots efforts are closely aligned with our mission at Volvo Trucks,” said Göran Nyberg, president of Volvo Trucks North America. “From conversations with a Captain, a member of the media or public official can walk away with an entirely different perspective of our industry. Those types of impressions are invaluable and help change the national conversation about trucking.”

The 33 professional truck drivers now move on to the final round of the selection process, being held January 8-12 in Arlington, Va. A panel of industry officials and trucking news media will judge the contestants on their knowledge of the trucking industry, dedication to safety, ability to communicate the industry’s messages and overall safe driving record. The finalists, with a combined total of 77.6 million safe-driving miles and 893 years as professional truck drivers, are highway safety experts eager to share their message with the motoring public.

The newly chosen 2017-2018 America’s Road Team will be announced on January 12. New Captains, after receiving their signature navy blue America’s Road Team blazer, will begin working to share the industry’s message of safety, essentiality and sustainability with the motoring public, media, business groups, public officials and their fellow truck drivers around the country.

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“Being named a finalist for America’s Road Team is a major achievement for professional truck drivers and ATA congratulates each of them for this accomplishment,” said ATA COO and Executive Vice President of Industry Affairs Elisabeth Barna. “On this list you’ll find drivers with millions of safe-driving miles, state truck driving championship winners, community leaders and role models in their companies.”

To be nominated to serve as an America’s Road Team Captain, professional truck drivers must be employed or leased to an ATA member company. Each nominee should have an excellent safety record, and should demonstrate an ability to communicate his or her commitment to safety and passion for the industry. Nominees should also portray a positive image of the professional truck driver in all that they do.

**The finalists include:**

The America’s Road Team, sponsored by Volvo Trucks, is a national public outreach program led by a small

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| Steve Brand, FedEx Freight, Union, Ohio                        | Tim Melody, ABF Freight, Payette, Idaho                        |
| Jon Brockway, Walmart Transportation, Westbrook, Maine         | James Moore, Saia LTL Freight, Magnolia, Texas                 |
| Brad Coffey, TCW, Murfreesboro, Tennessee                      | Chris Outen, FedEx Freight, Vancouver, Washington              |
| Bobby Covert, UPS Freight, Lexington, Kentucky                 | Charlton Paul Jr., UPS Freight, Chester, New York              |
| Scott Davis, ABF Freight, Kearney, Missouri                    | Jeff Payne, Reddaway, Cedar City, Utah                         |
| Duane Donner, Walmart Transportation, Litchfield Park, Arizona | James Quarles, Walmart Transportation, Laurens, South Carolina |
| Donald Forrest, FedEx Freight, Winter Haven, Florida           | Larry Rhein, FedEx Freight, Harrison, Arkansas                 |
| John Gaddy, Carbon Express, Asbury, New Jersey                 | Stephen Richardson, Big G Express, Decatur, Alabama            |
| W. Scott Harrison, K-Limited Carriers, Cincinnati, Ohio        | Michael Sheeds, Werner Enterprises, Bandera, Texas             |
| Rhonda Hartman, Old Dominion Freight Line, Des Moines, Iowa    | Steven Smalley, ABF Freight, Mesa, Arizona                     |
| Gary Helms, Covenant Transport, Cleveland, Tennessee           | Gary Smith, Garner Trucking, Gomer, Ohio                       |
| Duane “Rusty” Holmes, UPS Freight, Odenville, Alabama          | James Starr, Groendyke Transport, Wichita, Kansas              |
| Bill Krouse, YRC Freight, Shakopee, Minnesota                  | Chris Sutton, UPS Freight, Erie, Pennsylvania                  |
| David Livingston, TCW, Springfield, Georgia                    | Barney “Earl” Taylor, Penske Logistics, Orlando, Florida       |
| Charles Lobsiger, Walmart Transportation, Alachua, Florida     | Tim Taylor, FedEx Freight, Valdosta, Georgia                   |
| Ronnie Luckadoo, UPS Freight, Forest City, North Carolina      | Jimmie Wisley, YRC Freight, Wichita, Kansas                    |
| Thomas McIntosh, YRC Freight, Aurora, Colorado                 |  |

group of professional truck drivers who share superior driving skills, remarkable safety records and a strong desire to spread the word about safety on the highway. Follow America’s Road Team on Facebook or Twitter.

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