Minnesota Statewide
Truck-Weight Compliance Training

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Each year, truck traffic is increasing in Minnesota. Recently, new legislation has changed some long standing truck weight laws. Additional gross weights are possible for several commodities providing the trucks are configured correctly and the additional weight is authorized by the regulating road authority. The Minnesota Truck Weight Education Program addresses concerns from state, county, city, and township transportation authorities regarding damage from heavy trucks. Explanations are provided which describe road weights during various times of the year, including the winter load increase and spring load restrictions. The program promotes voluntary compliance in order to reduce damage to public roads and highways from overweight vehicles. The goal of this training is to provide information and explanations to attendees on how to haul the maximum legal weight without violating the truck weight laws. How you configure your truck, with proper axle spacing and tire size, makes a difference.

About the Workshop

The workshop was developed by Greg A. Hayes in 2001 to help anyone understand the technical criteria of the truck-weight laws in Minnesota. Greg’s career in law enforcement continually focused on truck weight issues and the need to work with the industry to share the knowledge necessary to get the greatest possible legal weight from various truck configurations.

This program is presented by the Alexandria Technical and Community College.

Who Should Attend

Trucking entities that want to load to the maximum legal weight possible, scale operators, farm truck owners and operators, aggregate haulers, truck manufacturers who configure truck axles and tires, township and county authorities who influence truck route weights, any company representatives who influence the purchase or alteration of new trucks, out-of-state companies that need to understand and comply with Minnesota’s legal weight limits, and truck driving students.

Roads Scholar Program

This workshop (1.0 credit) is an Elective in fulfilling the required portion of the Roads Scholar Program. For Roads Scholar Program information and enrollment forms, contact Mindy Carlson with Minnesota LTAP at 612-625-1813 or online at www.mnltap.umn.edu/roadsscholar.
Dated and Locations

September 3, 2015
Winona County Highway Department
Winona, MN 55987

September 9, 2015
Redwood Area Community Center
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

September 16, 2015
MnDOT District 3B
St. Cloud, MN 56303

September 24, 2015
MnDOT District 2A
Bemidji, MN 56601

March 9, 2016
Alexandria Technical & Community College
Alexandria, MN 56308

March 10, 2016
MnDOT District 3B
St. Cloud, MN 56303

March 16, 2016
MnDOT Training & Conference Center
Arden Hills, MN 55126

March 17, 2016
City of Bloomington Public Works
Bloomington, MN 55431

March 23, 2016
Olmsted County Public Works Service Center
Rochester, MN 55904

March 24, 2016
Freeborn County Highway Department
Albert Lea, MN 56007

March 30, 2016
Polk County Human Service Center
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

March 31, 2016
Gene’s
Roseau, MN 56751

April 6, 2016
Mankato City Center Hotel
Mankato, MN 56001

April 7, 2016
Lyon County Law Enforcement Center
Marshall, MN 56258

April 13, 2016
MnDOT District 2A
Bemidji, MN 56601

April 14, 2016
Holiday Inn
Duluth, MN 55802

Workshop Schedule
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Workshops are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Instructors
Greg Hayes, program developer, coordinator, instructor
Paul Robischon, instructor
Keith Williamson, instructor

Please Note: This is not a “permitting” class for those who haul over-dimensional or overweight equipment that requires an oversize permit from either the state or county agencies. The class does cover the permit requirement for harvest and timber commodities, the raw or unprocessed agricultural permit criteria, and the 10 percent winter-load-increase (WLI) permit for trucks operating on interstate highways.

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**Topics Covered**

- An update of road weight limits and differences between the state and local systems
- Laws governing gross weights, axle weights, tire weights, road-restriction weights, and seasonally increased (winter and harvest) weights
- Road damage issues: how overweight trucks cost us all
- Overweight truck issues go beyond just gross and axle weights
- Classroom exercises to help you identify concerns in your own trucks
- What’s different with axle spacing? Do I have the right tires for the weight?
- Issues to consider when purchasing a new truck or altering a current truck

Professional, easy-to-understand “take home” materials to assist you with your own configurations and options will be provided.

This training has been updated to reflect current truck-weight legislative changes.

**Registration and Fees**

Truck-Weight workshops are free for participants. Funding is provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with Alexandria Technical and Community College, and the University of Minnesota.

Workshops include coffee breaks and program materials. Registrants are on their own for lunch. Mail or fax the registration form or register online no later than one week prior to the workshop. Preregistration allows us to contact you if the course must be postponed due to weather or other factors. Disability accommodations are available upon request. **Registration of more than three members from the same company requires instructor approval.**

Limit of 25 students per class.

**Professional Development Hours (PDHs)**

To the best of our knowledge, this course/activity meets the continuing education requirements for 6.0 PDHs as outlined in Minnesota Statute 326.107. More information concerning continuing education for professionals is online at [www.aelslagid.state.mn.us](http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us).

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**For Registration Information Contact**

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Name (Last)* (First)*
Employer Organization (optional) Title
Address*
City* State* ZIP Code*
E-mail*
Telephone Fax

*Information in the section above is private data. Items marked by an asterisk (*) are required for identification and to establish your student record. Information is shared with the registrar’s office, your instructor, and other University offices for the purposes of record keeping, affirmative action, and reporting.

There is no fee for this workshop.

Please select location:

2015 Workshops

☐ September 3, Winona (Section 089)
☐ September 9, Redwood Falls (Section 090)
☐ September 16, St. Cloud (Section 091)
☐ September 24, Bemidji (Section 092)

2016 Workshops

☐ March 9, Alexandria (Section 093)
☐ March 10, St. Cloud (Section 094)
☐ March 16, Arden Hills (Section 095)
☐ March 17, Bloomington (Section 096)
☐ March 23, Rochester (Section 097)
☐ March 24, Albert Lea (Section 098)
☐ March 30, East Grand Forks (Section 099)
☐ March 31, Roseau (Section 100)
☐ April 6, Mankato (Section 101)
☐ April 7, Marshall (Section 102)
☐ April 13, Bemidji (Section 103)
☐ April 14, Duluth (Section 104)

Register online: www.mnltp.umn.edu/truckweight
Register by fax: 612-624-5359
Register by mail: CCE Registration Center University of Minnesota 201 Coffey Hall 1420 Eckles Avenue. St. Paul, MN 55108-6069