

# MINNESOTA LTAP

## Minnesota Truck Weight Education Training



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Every year, truck traffic increases in Minnesota. Recent legislation has changed some long-standing truck weight laws. Additional gross weights are possible for several commodities *provided the trucks are configured correctly* and the additional weight is authorized by the governing road authority. The Minnesota Truck Weight Education program addresses issues and concerns from state, county, city, and township transportation authorities regarding truck weight. Information is provided which explains road weight regulations during various times of the year, including the winter load increase and spring load restrictions. This training promotes voluntary compliance to reduce damage to public roads and highways from overweight vehicles. The program's goal is to provide information and explain to attendees how to haul the most 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 was focused on truck weight issues and the need to work with the industry to share the knowledge necessary to get the most legal weight possible from various truck configurations.

## 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 representative who influences 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.

A video of the program can be seen at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/K5KdnAgbc3w>

[mnltp.umn.edu/truckweight](http://mnltp.umn.edu/truckweight)



## Roads Scholar Program

This workshop offers 1.0 credits in fulfilling the Roads Scholar Program. For Roads Scholar Program information and enrollment forms, contact Katherine Stanley with Minnesota LTAP at 612-626-1025 or online at [mnltp.umn.edu/roadsscholar](http://mnltp.umn.edu/roadsscholar).

## Dates and Locations

### March 13, 2019

Clay County  
Moorhead, MN 56560

### March 14, 2019

Alexandria Technical &  
Community College  
Alexandria, MN 56308

### March 20, 2019

Freeborn County Highway  
Engineers Office  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

### March 21, 2019

Shoreview Community Center  
Shoreview, MN 55126

### March 27, 2019

Cook County  
Community Center  
Grand Marais, MN

### March 28, 2019

MnDOT District 3B  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

### April 3, 2019

MnDOT District 7A  
Mankato, MN 56001

### April 4, 2019

City of Bloomington  
Public Works  
Bloomington, MN 55431

### April 10, 2019

MnDOT District 8B  
Marshall, MN 56258

### September 4, 2019

MnDOT District 6A  
Rochester, MN 55901

### September 11, 2019

MnDOT District 1  
Duluth, MN 55811

### September 12, 2019

MnDOT District 3B  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

## 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*, Director of Program Development and Program Support

*Tom Nelson*, Training 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, construction materials 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.

MnDOT does provide statewide permit training classes at the following website:

**[dot.state.mn.us/cvo/oversize/index.html](http://dot.state.mn.us/cvo/oversize/index.html)**

Additional information on the permitting classes can be obtained by calling Brian Kuschel, 651-355-0247, **[brian.kuschel@state.mn.us](mailto:brian.kuschel@state.mn.us)**.

## 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 are included. The training is updated frequently 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 & Community College and the University of Minnesota.

Workshop includes 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. Please call Tom Nelson training coordinator at 320-828-1809.**

Limit of 25 students per class.

**Cancellation Policy:** Since space in this course is limited and in high demand, we ask that you contact our office as soon as possible *if you do not plan to attend* so others on the waiting list will have an opportunity to attend. Please email: [ccapsreg@umn.edu](mailto:ccapsreg@umn.edu) (include name and class date) or call 612-625-2900.

## 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 [aelslagid.state.mn.us](http://aelslagid.state.mn.us).

### For Program Information

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City\* State\* Zip Code\*

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Email\*

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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:

## 2019 Truck Weight Education Training

\_\_\_ March 13, Moorhead  
(Section 139)

\_\_\_ March 27, Grand Marais  
(Section 143)

\_\_\_ April 10, Marshall  
(Section 147)

\_\_\_ March 14, Alexandria  
(Section 140)

\_\_\_ March 28, St. Cloud  
(Section 144)

\_\_\_ September 4, Rochester  
(Section 000)

\_\_\_ March 20, Albert Lea  
(Section 141)

\_\_\_ April 3, Mankato  
(Section 145)

\_\_\_ September 11, Duluth  
(Section 000)

\_\_\_ March 21, Shoreview  
(Section 142)

\_\_\_ April 4, Bloomington  
(Section 146)

\_\_\_ September 12, St. Cloud  
(Section 000)

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[mnltp.umn.edu/truckweight](http://mnltp.umn.edu/truckweight)

**Register by fax:**  
612-624-5359

**Register by mail:**  
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1994 Buford Avenue  
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