Minnesota Truck Weight Education Training

Hosted by Minnesota Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota.
Sponsored and subsidized by Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).
Presented by Alexandria Technical and Community College.
Facilitated by the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, University of Minnesota.
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

mnltap.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 mnltap.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

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

Additional information on the permitting classes can be obtained by calling Brian Kuschel, 651-355-0247, 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 (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.

**For Program Information**

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**For Registration Information**

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Name (Last)* (First)*

Employer Organization (optional) Title

Address*

City* State* Zip Code*

Email*

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:

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__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)

Register online: mnltap.umn.edu/truckweight

Register by fax: 612-624-5359

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Saint Paul, MN 55108
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