



Truckers Against Trafficking Training Competition Extended To February 3

For the past decade, truckers have had a major impact in combating human trafficking through simple online training offered by Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) and the situational awareness it promotes. ICSA Executive Director Karen Rasmussen has served on the TAT Board of Directors since 2017 and ICSA has supported TAT every year since we were chartered. We do this in two ways: by encouraging our members and their drivers and other personnel to take online TAT training and through a modest annual charitable contribution from ICSA to TAT.

If you're still wondering why you should take a few minutes to get TAT trained, we refer you back to this quote from TAT Executive Director Esther Goetsch in her December Landing Gear blog, "With one phone call, a trucker who saw some under-aged girls working a truck stop not only facilitated the recovery of those girls, but also that of seven other minors. Thirty-one offenders were arrested, and a 13-state prostitution ring was broken."

If you are not already TAT-trained, we urge you to take the training to learn how you can help prevent trafficking. ICSA members who complete the online training through February 3 will receive a brand new ICSA hat with our updated logo and be entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card.



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-Esther Goetsch

<https://education.truckersagainsttrafficking.org/icsa/>

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First Gear™ Driver Training Can Earn You \$100 Credit Toward ICSA Dues

Carriers who took early advantage of ICSA's First Gear™ training courses, tell us this FREE valuable training has helped them recognize safety improvements they can make at no cost.



Any carrier or drivers can

use First Gear and see immediate safety benefits. We are now offering members a \$100 credit on their annual ICSA dues if they complete at least half the segments of the 22-segment training. (If you're a single-truck operator, your dues are completely paid for one year upon completion of the training!)

First Gear is designed for everyone to learn something new or to refresh their knowledge, even if they've been behind the wheel for a while. Most importantly, the training can be easily accessed from a mobile phone or tablet – no computer necessary! Simply log in to safecarriers.org, click on the First Gear logo in your member dashboard and follow the prompts.

If you are a fleet owner, you may assign drivers the entire curriculum or customize assignments to those topics where you believe your drivers need additional training. Questions about First Gear training? Shoot us an email to contact@safecarriers.org and we will reach out with assistance.

Coaching Corner

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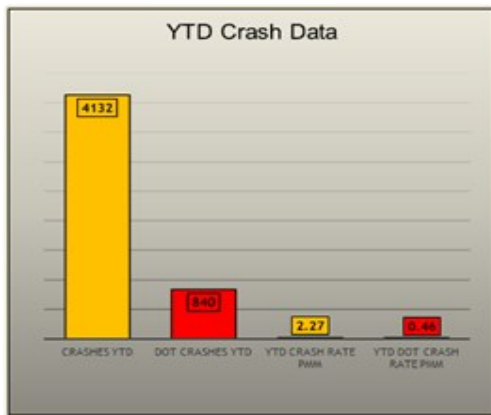


With the new year already well started, we know our members are already feeling the challenges posed by the current operating environment. We at ICSA share this feeling and want to let you know how your safety association ended the year in 2022 and what our goals are for 2023.

The members whose trucks are in SmartDrive ended 2022 with an overall crash rate of 2.27 per million miles traveled (pmm). This was slightly better than the goal of 2.50 pmm we set at the beginning of the year. The *DOT reportable (cont'd next page)

crash rate was 0.46 per million miles and was just over our goal of 0.45 crashes pmm. Our goal for 2022 was to have members' combined SmartDrive safety score under 50. Well, the members with SmartDrive cameras installed did great and achieved a score of 36!

For 2023, the ICSA safety team has been challenged by our Board to assist our members to achieve a crash rate under 2.0 pmm and a DOT Crash Rate under 0.38 pmm. To achieve these goals, we must ensure our members are utilizing the valuable data coming from their event recorders. Our goal for 2023 is to continue to educate and coach and drive our score down to under 25! As you know, the main contributor to a high SmartDrive score is excess speed and not enough following distance. Improvements in both areas reduce crashes and improve members' scores.



ICSA ended the year with over 18,300 trucks in our Risk Purchase Group and roughly 7,500 members. This is fantastic growth and our goal for this year is to grow to 11,000 members and 27,500 trucks while continuing to improve safety! Together we can make the highways safer while we work to change the environment under which you work.

In addition, ICSA will focus on helping members reduce distracted driving by getting every member company to adopt our model distracted driving policy and to encourage use of our free safety training courses available to you on the ICSA website. I want to also remind you that safety consulting is just a phone call or email away and is included in the dues you pay to belong to ICSA. The quickest way to request help is by calling the safety consultant assigned to your region or to email us at safety@safecarriers.org.

Here's to a safe and successful 2023!

**A DOT-recordable accident is one involving a commercial motor vehicle that results in either a fatality, personal injury to any person that requires immediate medical attention away from the scene of the accident or disabling damage to any vehicle that requires it to be towed from the scene.*

What to Do at the Scene of an Accident: How to Save Money on Insurance Claims, Part 3

This is the final installment of our three-part series explaining what to do at the scene of an accident – and how to save you and your company money on insurance claims at the same time. Even better, you will know you have done the right thing, for yourself and others involved. This is Step 3.

Need to be reminded of the first two steps right now? Here they are:

Step 1: Safety first.

Set your brakes. Turn off your engine. Watch out for oncoming traffic.

Note the time and location in writing. Turn on hazard flashers and set out warning flares or triangles.

Do not move vehicles unless necessary for safety or towards the law officer.

Do not move people who may be injured.

Step 2: Make these calls.

Call 911 for Emergency Assistance.

Call the Toll-Free Claims number immediately – 800-491-8421. They are the pros.

Call the dispatcher for assistance from your company.

Step 3: Take photos and document details.



Now in Step 3 you need to capture as much information as possible about the conditions at the time of the accident. Why? Because those conditions can change – quickly! That icy patch that caused the car to skid will melt. The picnic basket contents strewn across the interior of the car will have been cleaned up. The underage driver will have scooted over to the passenger seat. All this may happen before the insurance claims representative and your company's Go- Team can arrive on the scene.

The best way to capture accident scene details is with photographs. Know how to use the disposable camera in your accident kit or the camera built into your cell phone. Most

cameras have a time and date feature; make sure it is turned on. Start by photographing all four sides of the vehicles involved in the accident – your truck included. Include photos of the license plates.

Next, photograph anything distinctive about the accident scene... skid marks, debris, and traffic signs. Take shots so the positions of the vehicles are shown in context of the surroundings. Pretty soon law enforcement and tow trucks will be moving the disabled vehicles; capture those images now because conditions -- and memories of the event -- will change.



Not a good photographer? Don't worry; plain, ordinary photos are best. Take your shots on the same level as the object being photographed, at least three feet away to frame the object. Then take another photo from the left and one from the right.

Do not photograph injured parties. Give them some privacy.



But if the other driver or passengers are out, inspecting their vehicle, it's okay to take their pictures. They may still have some injuries, but at least your photos will show they are up and about.

Of course, you will be exchanging information with other involved drivers – license, address, phone number, and insurance. If your company Go-Team has arrived, ask your safety professional or company attorney to handle the info exchange. They can do it without any comments from you which other parties may later claim was an admission of fault.

Meanwhile, you and your team should gather names and contact information of anyone else at the scene – bystanders, law officers, tow truck driver, and EMTs. Their recollections of the accident scene could be helpful to your attorney and insurance claims agent.

Accidents happen quickly and unexpectedly. There may be many involved parties and certainly unsettled nerves. Just remember the three steps you should take:

- 1) Be safe
- 2) Make critical calls

- 3) Take photos and document details.

Those steps will bring you the support you need and will help save money on insurance claims

[Read Part 1:](https://www.safecarriers.org/industry-information-posts/what-to-do-at-the-scene-of-an-accident-or-how-to-save-money-on-insurance-claims-part-1/) <https://www.safecarriers.org/industry-information-posts/what-to-do-at-the-scene-of-an-accident-or-how-to-save-money-on-insurance-claims-part-1/>

[Read Part 2:](https://www.safecarriers.org/industry-information-posts/what-to-do-at-the-scene-of-an-accident-or-how-to-save-money-on-insurance-claims-part-2/) <https://www.safecarriers.org/industry-information-posts/what-to-do-at-the-scene-of-an-accident-or-how-to-save-money-on-insurance-claims-part-2/>

To report a claim, please call
800-491-8421.



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