

# MINNESOTA LTAP

## Minnesota Truck-Weight Education Training



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Each year, truck traffic is increasing 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 2017 Minnesota legislature made changes to increase weights in the dairy industry; effective 2018, legislative changes will allow additional weight to the transportation of construction materials. 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. The program promotes voluntary compliance to reduce damage to public roads and highways from overweight vehicles. The program goal is to provide information and explanations to attendees on how to haul the greatest 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 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.

## 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.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5KdnAgbc3w>

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



## Roads Scholar Program

This workshop offers 1.0 credit in fulfilling 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 [mnltpap.umn.edu/roadsscholar](http://mnltpap.umn.edu/roadsscholar).

## Dates and Locations

### March 7, 2018

Alexandria Technical & Community College  
Alexandria, MN 56308

### March 8, 2018

MnDOT Training & Conference Center  
Arden Hills, MN 55126

### March 14, 2018

MnDOT District 1  
Duluth, MN 55811

### March 15, 2018

Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes  
Baxter, MN 56425

### March 21, 2018

Olmsted County Public Works Service Center  
Rochester, MN 55904

### March 22, 2018

Mankato City Center Hotel  
Mankato, MN 56001

### March 28, 2018

Northland Community & Technical College  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

### March 29, 2018

MnDOT District 4A  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

### April 4, 2018

MnDOT District 7B  
Windom, MN 56101

### April 5, 2018

Renville Community Center  
Renville, MN 56284

### April 11, 2018

City of Bloomington Public Works  
Bloomington, MN 55431

### April 12, 2018

MnDOT District 3B  
Saint 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 or over-dimensional permit from either state or local agencies. The class does cover the permit requirement for the harvest and timber commodities, the raw or unprocessed agricultural commodities, the construction material commodities, and also the 10 percent winter load increase (WLI) permit for trucks that operate on interstate highways.

MnDOT does provide statewide permit training classes at the following website:  
[www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/oversize/index.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/oversize/index.html)

Additional information on the permitting classes can be obtained by calling Debra Starr at 651-355-0246 or emailing [Debbie.Starr@state.mn.us](mailto:Debbie.Starr@state.mn.us).

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## Topics Covered

- 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 gross and axle weights
- Classroom exercises to help you identify concerns in your own trucks
- What's different in 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.

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, 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.**

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).

## For Program Information Contact

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*Tom Nelson*                      320-828-1809                      [Thomas.Nelson@alextech.edu](mailto:Thomas.Nelson@alextech.edu)

## For Registration Information Contact

612-625-2900                      [ccapsconf2@umn.edu](mailto:ccapsconf2@umn.edu)

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*Limit 25 per workshop.*

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**There is no fee for this workshop.**

Please select location:

## 2018 Workshops

March 7, Alexandria  
(Section 123)

March 21, Rochester  
(Section 127)

April 4, Windom  
(Section 131)

March 8, Arden Hills  
(Section 124)

March 22, Mankato  
(Section 128)

April 5, Renville  
(Section 132)

March 14, Duluth  
(Section 125)

March 28, Thief River Falls  
(Section 129)

April 11, Bloomington  
(Section 133)

March 15, Baxter  
(Section 126)

March 29, Detroit Lakes  
(Section 130)

April 12, Saint Cloud  
(Section 134)

### Register online:

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

### Register by fax:

612-624-5359

### Register by mail:

CCAPS Registration Center  
University of Minnesota  
353 Ruttan Hall  
1994 Buford Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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