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Should-Have-Been Notifications from the NRS

The NRS system is equipped to send notification emails to motor carriers whose records indicate that a previous roadside inspection should have resulted in a violation but did not. These emails will be automatically sent from the system to carriers when a Should-Have-Been is identified. The below is a sample of the notification for your reference.

*Dear [Motor Carrier Name]
USDOT # [# Inserted Here]*

On [Inspection Date], you were inspected in the state of [State Name].

*Even though you did not receive a UCR violation at the time of inspection, it is believed that you are in violation of **49 C.F.R. § 392.2 Failure to Pay UCR Fees** based on the information provided by the FMCSA.*

If you have not already registered for UCR, you may go to <https://www.ucr.gov/> now and complete your registration. If your USDOT number was issued prior to January 1st of this year, you may also need to register for the prior year.

For any questions about the UCR Plan, you may visit the UCR Plan website at <https://plan.ucr.gov/>.

For additional questions, you may call our helpdesk at 1-833-827-7526. High call volumes are anticipated at certain times during the year. To avoid hold times, please email us at helpdesk@ucr.gov or use our chat feature on <https://www.ucr.gov/>.

Sincerely,

UCR at the CVSA Annual Conference

UCR will be attending and participating in the CVSA Annual Conference starting Sunday, September 17, in Grapevine, TX.

The CVSA Annual Conference and Exhibition provides the opportunity for government officials, enforcement and industry to gather together to affect meaningful changes to the overall culture of transportation safety throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States. This annual event includes roll-up-your-sleeves meetings of CVSA's membership, elected leadership, technical working committees, program committees and task forces.

[Learn more about the Conference](#)

TIA Hosts UCR Board Representatives

Chris Burroughs, Vice President of Government Affairs for TIA, welcomed representatives of the UCR Board of Directors to TIA's office in Alexandria, VA last month. The UCR program and the growing concern of fraud in the marketplace were main topics of discussion. There was ample conversation surrounding fraud and the need to get carriers, brokers and bus companies registered for the UCR



program. Not only to meet the benefits of the safety of the program, and allocating resources, but also that UCR registration could be used as an additional step to combat fraudulent actors in the supply chain by verifying UCR compliance. The Industry Advisory Subcommittee will begin by examining ways to increase compliance amongst the stakeholders to meet these shared goals.

Special thank you to Mr. Burroughs who also serves on the UCR Board and Chairs the Industry Advisory Subcommittee. Attendees included Avelino Gutierrez, UCR Executive Director; Mathew Perkinson, UCR Board; Crystal Stevens, UCR Board; Matt Mantione, UCR Staff; John Macwan UCR staff; Tom Lawrence, UCR Staff.

UCR Policy Spotlight: The UCR Handbook



[The UCR Handbook](#) is intended to provide authoritative guidance on the Unified Carrier Registration program, both for the states that participate in the program and for the transportation businesses that are subject to its requirements. The Handbook, subject to the provisions of federal statute and regulation and to future decisions and promulgations by the Board, is the law of the UCR program. The Handbook is currently published in the UCR website as

an interim document pending publication in the Federal Register for the purpose of soliciting and receiving public comment and after consideration of the filed comments, final approval from the UCR Board.

[View the UCR Handbook](#), as well as all of the policies and procedures adopted by the UCR Board of Directors [in the Policies & Procedures section of the UCR website](#).

Industry News

This Week: National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

Events and promotions across the country are taking place in celebration of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week. The St. Christopher Truckers Relief Fund is receiving donations from numerous sponsors to continue its support of truckers taken off the road due to injury or illness. The ATA invited lawmakers to test their trucking skills in Washington, DC. Pilot, Denny's, Motel 6, and Love's are offering promotions to truckers throughout the month.

[Learn More](#)

Source: Truckers News Staff. "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week begins; busy week ahead." Truckers News. September 11, 2023, updated September 12, 2023. www.truckersnews.com

Truckload carriers see market moving toward equilibrium

A few truckload carriers said the bottom of the cycle has likely occurred but acknowledged that any material positive inflection in fundamentals won't happen until sometime in 2024. That likely means a "muted peak season" again this year. Schneider National CFO Steve Bruffett said, "I think that sets us up for a more constructive start to 2024. I wouldn't call it robust but I would call it a more balanced and more in equilibrium type of setup than what's been in place entering any of the last ... four years."

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Todd Maiden. "Truckload carriers see market moving toward equilibrium." Freightwaves. September 13, 2023. www.freightwaves.com/



2023

This calendar at a glance is subject to change. For the most up-to-date meeting and event information, [please check the UCR website](#).

September 28: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

November 2: [Education and Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

November 7: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Salt Lake City, UT

November 9: [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

December 4: [Industry Advisory Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

December 7: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
San Antonio, TX