



Regional Meeting Update
January 2020

BIG NEWS!!

CTSP and CTSC Exams were held on December 20th. This marked the first writing of the designation's exams in Edmonton and AMTA is proud to announce that there were 2 successful CTSP's and 1 CTSC awarded as a result.

Special congratulations to:

- ⇒ Murray Weisgerber, CTSP at NCSG Crane and Heavy Haul Services
- ⇒ Carl Cave, CTSP at Rosenau Transport
- ⇒ John Bickford, CTSC at Caron Transport Systems

Please join AMTA in recognizing them for this accomplishment.

Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Updates

- During the November 25-27th, 2019, Task Force on Weights and Dimensions, Mr. John Pearson reviewed changes and the future objectives of the National Task Force Memorandum of Understanding on weights and dimensions. The Federal Task Force will move forward with updating the performance testing of new technology to change how government and industry improve current weight allowance procedures across Canada.
- On November 26th, 2019, at the Task Force on Weights and Dimension, Andrew Barnes presented a motion to have auto tarp devices accepted across Canada under the MOU. This request was approved and Alberta Transport has issued a permit that will be in place until the MOU is changed.
- On November 18th, 2019, discussions with Andrew Pillman and Dawn Liska confirmed that there will not be access to 24-hour permit approvals. Key meeting takeaways included:
 - Over dimensional (OD) permits still require engineering approval, however some configurations for OD i.e. Jeeps / Boosters can be reviewed and approved by clerks.
 - For regularly transported loads and routes, clerks have the authority to reference a recent approved permit for approval.
 - Carriers also have the option of requesting pre-approval if they know the dimensions and routes of upcoming loads.
 - Permitting hours and approval process information have been communicated to carriers in the Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (CRA) December 2019 newsletter.
- On January 3, 2020, it was announced that carrier profiles requested online will be free of charge. This free service will be in effect January 13, 2020.
- **Next CRA Advisory Meeting** – March 11, 2020, at the AMTA Edmonton and Rocky View offices.





- **18th Annual Alberta Health and Safety Conference** – February 6 and 7, 2020, at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
 - 95% sold out for Safety Hauling (tradeshow)
 - Delegate registrations are still open
 - Still actively seeking sponsorship
- **Western Women with Drive (WWWD)** – will be held from 4:30-7:00 PM, February 20, 2020, at the Rosenau Transport’s new head office terminal located in Edmonton

COR Update

- January 21st is the deadline for submission of 2019 COR Audits. More than 100 audits are expected in the coming weeks. As this is the peak season for COR audits, AMTA’s audit handling times are longer than normal. Certification and Recertification audits are assigned the highest priority. If you are looking for an update on where your audit is in the queue, please contact cor@amta.ca for an update.
- AMTA is participating in 3 brand-new working groups intended to shape the next changes to the Certificate of Recognition programs. These groups are examining issues of harmonization across Certifying Partners and provinces, auditor qualifications and training, as well as a risk-based audit. These working groups will work over the next two years to improve every aspect of the COR programs.
 - Talk to your meeting coordinator about ways to provide input on this process and keep your eyes open for consultations later this year.
- AMTA is excited to announce that as of January 1st, the COR department has been rebranded to the Quality Assurance department. It signifies the changing nature of this teams’ responsibilities as AMTA prepares to welcome new auditing programs into the association.
 - cor@amta.ca continues to be the email you will use for submission of audit related documents and reports.
- As of January 1st, Canadian workers and employers will enjoy a slight decrease in employment insurance premiums in the new year. The premiums will drop 4 cents per \$100 of insurable earnings for workers and 6 cents per \$100 for employers compared to 2019 rates.

Injury Reduction and Training Update

- AMTA is kicking off 2020 with a new initiative aimed at building a deeper understanding of what’s happening in industry. We have started scheduling visits with members to discuss what the role of Driver means to them. From delivery and long-haul, to specialized heavy vehicles and transportation services, AMTA is on a mission to understand your unique training needs.





We're making a big investment in the development of Driver training this year. Help us do it right the first time. Talk to your regional meetings coordinator or send us an email at training@amta.ca to learn more about how you can be heard.

- AMTA has launched 6 new courses spanning the needs of Safety, HR, and Operations professionals alike.
 - Leadership in Transportation
 - Managing Injuries in the Workplace
 - Fundamentals of Investigation
 - Collision Investigation
 - Aggregate Hauling (**online**), and
 - Health and Safety Committee/Representative (**online**)
- Course information and training schedules have been provided to each attendee with even more information available at www.amta.ca

- **The IRT Advisory Council is recruiting new members. If you're looking for a way to have your finger on our pulse, the next meeting will be held on February 26, 2020 at the Edmonton and Rocky View offices.**
 - Contact info@amta.ca for more information

Event Activities

- Hopefully you noticed the new AMTA slides running as you came in today and during lunch. Please make note of this new format as it will be where you can catch event dates, special announcements, course updates and other timely information. Details are also listed on the amta.ca website.
- Three specific notes about events:
 - Registration is now open for the **Edmonton Draw Down Dinner** on April 2nd followed by the **82nd AMTA Leadership Conference and AGM** on April 17-18th.
 - The The AMTA 2020 Sponsorship Package is also on the website. Don't wait to sponsor events as these spots go quickly and are great way to co-market your organization.

