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TRAA OPPOSES FEDERAL REPORT ON CONSENT TOWING

The House Committee on Appropriations passed its annual spending bill last month. Unfortunately, this year's Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill includes report language that encourages the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to consider implementing a "consent towing fraud prevention outreach campaign to inform the public about excessive consent towing fees charged by dishonest tow truck operators and educate them on resources to protect themselves from these predatory practices".

While disappointing, it is important to note that report language does not have rule of law. However, FMCSA could choose to move forward with the recommendation, or it can be used as a foundation for future legislative proposals. TRAA has submitted a formal letter to the House Committee on Appropriations on behalf of the industry in opposition to the report.

As you likely recall, last Congress there was an effort to allow states to regulate consensual towing – and TRAA took a lead effort in preventing that provision from being included in the infrastructure bill that was eventually signed into law. Unfortunately, Washington DC is not the place where bad ideas go to die. The continued push on this issue means we will be keeping a keen eye and also give it increased attention at next year's Legislative Action Workshop & Hill Day.



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Message From MPTA President, Ron Gardas Jr.

Hello Everyone,

This past June, MPTA hosted its first Electric Vehicle Training Course. Although MPTA did not teach the class, we brought in two experts from Wisconsin to talk about electric vehicles. The dangers they have and the things to look for. We had three Tesla vehicles and even loaded and unloaded the cars to see first-hand how it is done. Historically the end of summer into fall is MPTA's training time. On September 12th and 13th MPTA is hosting its 2-day Advanced light duty training class and just like in years past, this will focus on recovery techniques, rigging, and ratings. We have had a successful class year after year and hope to continue that.

On the night of the 12th after the first day of the advanced light duty training class, MPTA is hosting the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet. I highly recommend everyone to attend. This is to see how the association is doing now and with the hall of fame is a way to not forget about the people that have paved the way for us all. Then after the advanced class we have our Elko event on September 16th at Elko Speedway. If you have not attended, once again I recommend going. We have in the past had 200 to 300 towers and families attend. It's great for comradery for the Minnesota towing industry. Plus, even if you didn't want to talk to anyone you can still watch the "Eve of Destruction" and some great racing.

See everyone soon at the next MPTA event!



Ron Gardas Jr
President - Minnesota Professional Towing Association
Vice President - Heavy Operations
Twin Cities Transport & Recovery

2023 MPTA Scholarship Winners

As an annual tradition, the Minnesota Professional Towing Association awards scholarships funding the future of our members and employees children. These young adults deserve the same, if not a better opportunity in life to improve themselves. The scholarship program assists and rewards the children of our association for their hard work in all extracurricular activities and accomplishments in and outside of the classroom.

Congratulations to, Peytyn Shevchuk, Brandon Karels, and Miguel Ebel each winning a \$500 MPTA scholarship award.

Peytyn Shevchuk, Hooked Up Towing & Recovery.

Peytyn, daughter of Marty & Brenda Johnson, is currently attending Coe College.

Peytyn's extra curricular activities includes Tidelta (Sorority supporting St. Judes), Exec Member of Dance Marathon (supports childrens hospital in Iowa City), Coe Wellness Club Vice President, Choir, and Volunteers in the Emergency Department at St. Lukes.

Peytyn's future goal is to become a Physicians Assistant.



Brandon Karels, Affordable Towing of Mankato, Inc.



Brandon, son of Tom Karels, is recent Graduate of St. Clair High School

Brandon currently works part-time at D Drummers Garden Center. Brandon also excelled playing Football, Basketball, Track & Field and received many awards and honors.

Brandon plans on attend Minnesota State University College in Mankato, MN to receive a degree in Construction Management.

Miguel Ebel, Frovik's Towing

Miguel, son of Justin & Marta Ebel, is a current student at Anoka Technical College.

Miguel currently works for Frovik's, overseeing all the detailing and metal polishing, serving as their event coordinator. In addition, Miguel is the lead sandblaster at DCF Manufacturing.

Miguel's future goal is to complete Construction Electrical School.

Miguel plans on using his scholarship money to cover the cost of books and tuition.



MNDOT's Traffic Incident Management Website is live and Accessible

MPTA members should check out MNDOT's Traffic incident Management website is live and accessible. Website is www.mntim.org

Minnesota Traffic Management Newsletter

The Minnesota Traffic Incident Management website is now live! The link is below. The new State of Minnesota TIM website was launched earlier this month as part of the Minnesota TZD webpage. A workgroup with representatives from MNDOT and MSP coordinated for many months to successfully get this website up and running. The home page sums up what TIM is and what the goals are. There is also a link for responders to report a struck-by or near-miss incident with the Emergency Responder Safety Institute. Features of the TIM website are:

- Know the Law: Ted Foss Move Over Law and Minnesota's Quick Clearance Law along with the Open Roads policy.
- Training: Training information and requests for training can be made here.
- Dashboard: State and National stats regarding responder crashes.
- Focus Areas: Policy, training and data.
- News & Resources: DPS TIM Newsletter, Responder Incident Reporting, Videos and Websites
- Contact: Statewide TIM coordinator and the TIM email address for MNDOT/MSP
<https://www.minnesotatzd.org/tim>

Statewide TIM Training : The Minnesota TIM team is getting closer to completing an all-encompassing Traffic Incident Management training course. The course will be four hours in length and will be applicable to all TIM stakeholders (listed on page 1). Below are current national training maps from FHWA showing the percentage of MN responders who have been TIM trained. MN currently sits around 19% of its responders TIM trained.

MPTA EV Training: The Minnesota Professional Towing Association sponsored a training on Electric Vehicles on June 28th in Roseville, MN. The training included a classroom portion and hands on component, instructed by EV Safe. Towing operators from around the state attended to learn more about safety precautions when dealing with EV's. Currently, about 5% of vehicles sales are EV's. Tesla (most common) has about 4.5 million vehicles on

MPTA Hosts First EV Training Class



On June 28th the MPTA hosted its first EV training class with EVsafe. A great diverse group ranging from AAA Minneapolis, MNDOT, State Patrol and many towing owners and operators. A lot of information in a short amount of time!

Class included Steps to immobilize an EV, proper lift areas, EV breaking, total power disablement, hook ups, proper towing procedures, best practices and draining water from an EV. A class with lots of content promising a better solution to recovering/transporting an EV.

Thank you to Josh Vadnais of TCTR for assisting in the hands-on portion and always, thanks to MPTA members for making this happen! Special thank you to our instructors Michael and Brandon of EVsafe traveling from south-east Wisconsin!



2-Day Advanced Light Duty Hands-On Training Class

Presented By: Western National Insurance

September 12th & 13th, 2023

Held at "Together Place Church" - 3860 Flowerfield Road, Blaine, MN 55014

This two day course will focus on the advanced towing and recovery including basic/advanced hook-ups and roll-overs/embankments with hands-on training instructed by Ron Feist, Ron Gardas Jr. and the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Board of Directors.



Please send completed form to:

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Hands-On Training
Members: \$350.00 per student
Non-members: \$450.00 per student

- Minimum of 15 participants to hold class
- Cancellation Policy - credit only for future schools

Hotel:

Country Inn & Suites
5995 Rice Creek Pkwy
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651-784-6000

September 12, 2023 Agenda

7:30am Registration
8:00am to 5:00pm Classroom & Hands-on Training
6:30pm Annual Meeting at:
Trappers Bar & Grill
6810 Lake Drive
Lino Lakes, MN 55104

September 13, 2023 Agenda

8:00am to 4:00pm Classroom & Hands-on Training

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day
- A pair of gloves and work clothes will be needed, expect to get dirty.

All Participants will receive MPTA Certification Of Attendance

Registration Form

Business Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of Student (s): _____ Total \$ _____

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Method of Payment: Discover MasterCard Visa Check

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Media Leaders Team Up to Promote WRECK WEEK

Premiering in 2024 For Collision and Auto Repair Shop Owners

Body Shop Business and *American Towman* magazines have formed a marketing alliance on the promotion of a new trade show and conference for body shop and auto repair business owners.

Wreck Week, the Exhibition for Collision and Auto Repair, will debut June 20-22, 2024 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The trade show will feature suppliers to the collision and repair markets while a conference segment will focus on shop owners' management skills and increasing their business success.

Body Shop Business is designated as the **Official Sponsor of Wreck Week**.

"We are excited to partner with *American Towman* on their event next June, to help shops find efficiencies and more ways to improve their bottom line," says Dean Martin, Publisher of *BodyShop Business*, "We look forward to a long partnership with **Wreck Week**."

"Teaming with *Body Shop Business*, helps anchor **Wreck Week** as a premium resource for body shop owners," says Henri "Doc" Calitri, president of A.T. Expo Corp., *American Towman's* show division. "*Body Shop Business* is the preeminent publication in the auto body repair industry."

"Dallas-Fort Worth's growth will soon overtake Chicago as the nation's third largest metropolitan area," said Calitri. "In fact, all the cities in the Texas triangle are booming, giving Wreck Week a strong base of collision and repair centers close by. The many direct flights into Dallas-Fort Worth are another key ingredient for building a broad attendance base."

American Towman produces the world's largest trade shows and conventions for the towing and recovery industry in Baltimore, Las Vegas, and Fort Worth. TowXpo, *American Towman's* 26-year old tradeshow, will be located in halls adjacent to **Wreck Week** inside the Fort Worth Convention Center. All attendees will have easy access to each hall. "Both shows," says Calitri, "will enhance each other's draw."

American Towman surveys indicate 60% of tow business owners also operate auto body or mechanical repair shops. Most independent towing operations have a working relationship with collision repair shops. "There are business relationships and commonalities between the two trades that feed each other's success," states Calitri. "While TowXpo attracts tow-business owners (many operating body and auto repair shops) **Wreck Week** will target all collision and auto-repair shop owners in the nation."

A comprehensive advertising and marketing program has been designed for **Wreck Week** to take advantage of the unparalleled impact *Body Shop Business* has on its market. "It will include print, digital, direct mail and social media marketing through *Body Shop Business* channels to reach shop owners across the country," Calitri said.

Body Shop Business, with a monthly circulation of more than 32,000, is published by Babcox Media, one of the nation's leading publishers of automotive service magazines. *American Towman Magazine* is the towing industry's oldest and largest circulated monthly trade publication with more than 33,000 print and 40,000 digital readers. Exhibit information may be found at WreckWeek.com.





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Recreational Cannabis in Minnesota

August 1, 2023 is the first day of legalization of recreational cannabis in MN. MPTA members consist of towing operators and auto repair specialists, please read some the information below. Note- as everyone knows if you are in transportation, towing etc. there is a “no-tolerance policy” when it comes to DOT. You will also see below, retail employees (Auto techs and/or dispatchers qualify) may be able to use recreationally. However, an employer may test them, maybe more testing, or update your company’s employee handbook to reflect these changes. (Please read below).

Please read below more information about the legalization of Cannabis. This information is used as a guide, each MPTA member needs to establish their own guidelines.

Recreational cannabis is now legal in Minnesota. Here’s what we know

Cannabis is now legal for adults 21 and older to use and possess in Minnesota, making it the 23rd state in the country to legalize cannabis for recreational use.

The first dispensary selling marijuana for recreational use is now open and selling to people on the Red Lake Nation in north-central Minnesota.

Here’s what we know so far about the legalization of recreational cannabis in Minnesota. Check back for updates.

When did Minnesota legalize cannabis?

Minnesota lawmakers approved a bill in 2014 that legalized the limited use of some forms of medical marijuana, and products became available in 2015. That program started with oils, pills and other non-smokable forms. Leaf form was authorized for that program in 2021.

In 2022, Minnesota legalized the sale and consumption of edibles containing small amounts of hemp-derived THC.

On May 30, Gov. Tim Walz signed an expansive cannabis legalization bill into law, allowing the recreational use of cannabis for adults 21 and older starting Aug. 1. The Legislature passed the bill earlier that month, with a handful of Republicans joining a nearly united Democratic vote in favor.

When and where will recreational dispensaries open?

Dispensaries can’t open until the state figures out a licensing system for the businesses, so they won’t open for at least another year — some estimate in early 2025. However, tribal governments don’t have to wait for the state’s licensing system to open dispensaries. Minnesota’s 11 Native American tribal nations are sovereign, meaning they can operate independently from state laws and regulations.

The first recreational marijuana dispensary opened Aug. 1 on the Red Lake Nation in north central Minnesota. The Red Lake dispensary is called NativeCare and has been providing medical marijuana to band members and non-members since April. Anyone 21 and older will be able to shop there.

The White Earth Nation also recently legalized adult-use recreational cannabis and will begin selling it sometime in the first half of August. Both tribal members and non-tribal adults 21 years and older will be able to purchase from the nation’s dispensary.

White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks told MPR News in late July that White Earth may soon enter into agreements with other tribal nations across the state to supply them with cannabis products for retail.

Fairbanks also confirmed that White Earth, along with other tribal nations in Minnesota, are negotiating a compact with the state that would allow tribes to operate dispensaries off-reservation.

What is legal for me to have and do?

Even though recreational dispensaries aren’t widely available for Minnesotans to buy cannabis, people are allowed to possess, use and grow it.

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Possession of two ounces or less in public is no longer a crime. People are also permitted to have two pounds at home. They'll also be able to grow up to eight marijuana plants. Only four can be mature enough to be flowering at once. Exceeding the limit could bring a civil penalty of \$500 per plant.

The law allows for use by adults 21 and older, but there are limits. It can't be: on public school grounds; where smoking is otherwise prohibited; in places where smoke or vapor could be inhaled by a minor; or behind the wheel of a car or boat.

And without a license to do so, selling it could result in escalating criminal and financial sanctions based on the amount illegally sold.

Some people prepared their home-grow setups in advance so they could begin growing cannabis at home starting Aug. 1.

What is the tax rate on cannabis in Minnesota?

Adults buying cannabis gummies, seltzers and other retail products in Minnesota pay a 10 percent tax. This is lower than a lot of other places where it is sold legally. Eighty percent of proceeds are expected to cover state costs of regulation while the remaining 20 percent will spill down to local governments.

Products sold on tribal land are exempt but could include taxes issued by tribal government.

How will the state regulate the legal cannabis industry?

Money from taxing cannabis sales will flow from the state's general fund to the new Office of Cannabis Management to get it up and running. This year that amount will be \$21.6 million, followed by \$17.9 million next year. The office will set cannabis industry standards, prohibit packaging that could be attractive to children and set personal use limits. It will eventually license marijuana dispensaries, but it's expected to take up longer for dispensaries to open — around a year to 18 months, the law's authors say. The state's medical marijuana system will continue.

The money will also fund public health awareness campaigns, drug recognition evaluator training, startup funding for new cannabis retailers and producers, a state board tasked with expunging prior low-level marijuana charges, as well as research on cannabis and roadside testing to detect potential impairment.

"There's a whole lot that needs to be done, not the least of which is to also hire the 100 to 125 people that are going to staff this office that are going to be the experts in inspections and licensing and technical assistance," Charlene Briner, interim director of the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, said in late July.

Gov. Tim Walz intends to appoint an executive director of the state's new Office of Cannabis Management by early fall, according to his office.

How will law enforcement monitor impaired driving involving cannabis?

Ingesting cannabis products while driving remains illegal. So does having marijuana easily accessible in a moving vehicle. And as Minnesota State Patrol chief Colonel Matt Langer says, "It's illegal to drive impaired, regardless of what substance you're on."

Minnesota plans to dramatically build up the ranks of officers with skills as a drug recognition evaluator, or DRE. There were about 300 DREs across the state as of July, with one-third of them working for the State Patrol and the rest for local police or sheriff's departments. The plan is to certify up to 100 more in the next year toward a goal of having 500 before long.

For marijuana, there's no standard breath test to tell if somebody is above a set limit like the 0.08 percent threshold for alcohol.

In September, Minnesota will begin a yearlong experiment with an oral fluid test to detect marijuana, but that won't be admissible as evidence for now.

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So DWI enforcement for marijuana will lean heavily on squad or bodycam video and officer observations.

“That roadside interaction and the driving conduct is really critical for all drug-impaired driving,” said the State Patrol’s Langer. “Cannabis is unique in that we have to prove impairment, not just the presence.”

Langer also said people need to be aware of both the cap of two ounces of possession in public and how they’re moving it around.

“If you’re growing it at home and just transporting it in ziplock baggies, which would be legal under a certain amount come August 1, you got to pay attention to the open-container law because the only way that you can transport that as if it’s in the farthest point away from you,” Langer said. “Keep it simple. It’s just like a 12-ounce can of beer; if it’s cracked open, you can’t have it in your console.”

In other words, have it in the trunk, not the glove compartment.

Will recreational cannabis sales and rules vary by city?

Yes. Local municipalities are allowed to temporarily restrict recreational marijuana sales until Jan. 1, 2025. At least 10 Minnesota cities and towns have adopted or are considering adopting similar measures. Local governments will also be able to limit the number of retail shops tied to their population. There are local zoning ordinances that will also apply. Some decisions about where pot can be used and sold are left to municipalities.

“The law allows cities to pass an ordinance making it a petty misdemeanor to use cannabis in public. So cities are trying to figure that out: whether or not they want to limit where cannabis can be used within their city,” said Kyle Hartnett, assistant research manager with the League of Minnesota Cities.

The limits would be just like rules on where you can smoke cigarettes in public spaces. Already, local officials in Duluth, Alexandria, Minn., and Detroit Lakes, Minn., are considering such measures.

And then come longer-term decisions about where retailers can open, Hartnett said.

Hartnett said cities are considering questions such as: “Where are these businesses going to be set up within our city? Where are the dispensaries going to be? Are we going to have manufacturers, processors?”

For instance, Hartnett said the law allows cities to limit the number of retailers to one for every 12,500 people in the city, with a minimum of one dispensary.

Can employers prohibit the use of marijuana by their employees?

Here’s what State Sen. Lindsey Port, DFL-Burnsville, who sponsored the bill, told MPR News in June:

“So we specified a group of safety-related jobs. If you care for children, if you care for medical patients, if you drive a truck, if you drive a school bus, sort of those safety-dependent jobs — and there’s a list of them in the bill — then your employer can still do regular drug testing. They do have to let you know that they will continue to do regular drug testing or if they’re going to.”

“But if you have a job outside of that, so you work in retail or you work in manufacturing or at a warehouse and you are not in one of those safety-related jobs, you are able to use cannabis in your off time.”

“Obviously, you can’t use it while at work, your employer can still prohibit that and just like you couldn’t show up to work intoxicated on alcohol, you also can’t and your employer could fire you for showing up intoxicated on marijuana.”

Are hemp-derived THC products going away?

Minnesotans will still be able to use and sell the hemp-derived THC products that became legal in 2022. In fact, the law now lets liquor stores sell hemp-derived edibles.

1-Day Basic Heavy Duty Hands-On Training Class

Presented By: Western National Insurance

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Held at "Together Place Church"

3860 Flowerfield Road

Blaine, MN 55014



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Hands-On Training:

Members: \$320.00 per student
Non-members: \$420.00 per student

- Minimum of 15 participants to hold class
- Cancellation Policy - credit only for future schools

Hotel:

Country Inn & Suites

5995 Rice Creek Pkwy
Shoreview, MN 55126
651-784-6000

The one day course will focus on the basics of everyday towing of heavy duty equipment with hands-on training instructed by the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Board of Directors.

October 17, 2023 Agenda

7:30am Registration

8:00am to 4:30pm Classroom and Extensive Hands-On Training

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- A pair of gloves and work clothes will be needed, expect to get dirty.

****All Participants will receive MPTA Certification of Attendance****

Registration Form

Business Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of Student (s):

Total \$

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Minnesota Court Upholds Search at Impound Lot

In a court decision in Minnesota involving searches of impound lots, a court of appeals affirmed the legality of reasonable searches, including admitting evidence discovered from a vehicle days after it was first impounded.

The case involved defendant Andrew Schell, who was stopped for brake light and license plate violations. When the deputy approached the vehicle, he noticed a gun in the vehicle. Neither Schell nor his passenger had a permit for it. Subsequently, the deputy searched the vehicle for weapons. During this search, the deputy discovered drug paraphernalia, heroin, and methamphetamine. Schell and his passenger were arrested, and the vehicle was impounded.

The passenger posted bail and asked to remove some personal items from the impounded vehicle, accompanied by a deputy and then proceeded to remove some items, concealing them in a jacket covering a lockbox that contained drugs. Evidently while the passenger was doing this, he was in communication with Schell via text messaging, which led to further charges against Schell when the contraband was found on the passenger.

Schell claimed it was unlawful search and seizure because the search was conducted after the fact. However, the state struck down this argument, finding the search was lawful under probable cause and Schell was found guilty of further charges and sentenced to 110 months in prison.

Source: minnlawyer.com

Minnesota Professional Towing Association Presents

“The Eve Of Destruction”

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Elko Speedway

26350 France Avenue

Elko, MN

Picnic begins at 3:00pm - Racing begins at 5:00pm

**** Registration Form and Sponsorship Form are on next page****

Minnesota Professional Towing Association "Eve of Destruction" Registration form

MPTA Member (Company Name) _____

Name of Participant (s)	Race Admission	Food Voucher	Total \$
_____ (Free)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
_____ (Free)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
_____	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$28.00
_____	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$28.00
_____	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$28.00
_____	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$28.00

Total # of tickets _____ x \$28.00 = _____

Credit Card Payment (we accept Visa, Discover, and Mastercard)

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____

3-digit code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please fax or mail registration form to:

MPTA
2886 Middle Street
Little Canada, MN 55117
Fax: 651-487-2447

Yes, Sign my company up for the "Spectator Drags" **Number of entries:** _____
(maximum of 20 participants)

Rules :

- First twenty MPTA members sending in their entry forms for this event will be able to participate.
- All cars must be in "drivable" condition, and appropriate looking (No bad images, etc.) You may place numbers or artwork on them (maybe your towing company)
- "Top 3" winners of the Spectator Race will receive a prize. **Please keep race safe and professional.**

Yes, sign me up for the "Pre Race" Parade lap during Star Spangled Banner
(maximum of 25 participants)

Rules:

- All sizes of tow trucks, wreckers, flat beds are encouraged to participate.
- Only one vehicle per company.
- First 25 MPTA members that mail, fax, or email their forms in will participate in the Parade Lap during the Star Spangled Banner.
- All trucks must be clean, present and meet at the racecar entrance gates by 4:00pm to be parked

**** All MPTA members are able to bring a truck to park out on the Plaza****

All event information, admission, and food vouchers will be mailed out to each MPTA member's and guests before the event. Additional passes can be purchased at the gate for \$15 each. For more information about MPTA 's "Eve of Destruction" please contact the MPTA office at 651-487-2231.

2023 MPTA

“The Eve of Destruction”

Towing Members and Associate Members

Sponsorship Form

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Member Directory

Aitkin	Dennis' Towing 320-684-2825	Coon Rapids	Highway 10 Towing 763-757-6789	Loretto	Burdas Towing 320-257-5525
Albert Lea	T&W Towing LLC 507-402-9829		Corky's Towing 612-919-1106	Mankato	Affordable Towing 507-388-8697
Alexandria	Dan's Diesel, Inc. 320-995-6108	Crystal	North Suburban Towing 763-535-2201	Marshall	Pulver Towing 507-828-5720
Anoka	North Star Towing 763-427-4160		Schmit Towing 763-253-1568	Minneapolis	Blaine Brothers 763-780-5130
Apple Valley	Dick's Valley Service 952-432-2848	Dayton	North Suburban Towing 763-428-8940		Bobby & Steve's Auto World West Minneapolis 612-377-4743
Austin	Otomo's Auto Towing 507-450-0051	Duluth	Dukes Towing 218-722-8885		Bobby & Steve's Auto World Downtown Minneapolis 612-333-8900
Big Lake	Bob's Towing & Recovery 763-262-8697	Eagan	Mark's Towing 651-454-1533		Bobby & Steve's Auto World South Minneapolis 612-861-6133
Blackduck	Bogart's Towing 218-835-4548		Magnum Towing 651-423-7201		City of Minneapolis Public Works 612-704-0428
Blaine	Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc. 651-642-1446	East Bethel	Schmit Towing 763-253-1568		Miller Towing 612-827-5591
	Dan's Complete Auto Care 763-784-8668	Eden Prairie			Schmit Towing 763-253-1568
	Frovik's Towing 763-786-9220		Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-944-1690		
	Citywide Service Corp 763-786-9020	Eden Valley	Jack's Towing 320-453-6560		
	Hooked Up Towing & Recovery 612-913-0702	Elk River	Collins Brothers Towing 763-241-9177	Minnetonka	Kustom Karriers 952-938-4680
Bloomington		Faribault	Glenn's Service LLC 507-334-4202	Monticello	Burdas Towing 320-257-5525
	Darrick's Preferred Auto 507-583-9994	Fergus Falls	Beyer Towing 218-205-6137	Moorhead	
		Forest Lake	Dan's Towing 654-464-5551		Aggressive Towing & Recovery 218-287-2344
Bloomington			Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc 651-642-1446		Ed's Towing Service 218-233-7740
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-831-8833	Golden Valley	Feist Automotive 763-544-5512	Motley	
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World West Bloomington 952-881-1024	Grand Marais	Cook County Towing 218-663-7475		Collins Brothers Towing Of Motley 320-257-5525
	Chief's Towing, Inc. 952-888-2201	Hamel	MN Towing and Repair 612-326-6687	Mountain Iron	
Brooklyn Park		Inver Grove Heights			Iron Range Towing and Automotive 218-780-1726
	Citywide Service 763-424-4900		South East Towing 651-451-9721	New Brighton	Freeway Towing 651-633-5525
Brainerd		Ironton	AutoSmith Service Group 1-218-545-5715		Statewide Towing 651-633-4262
	Collins Brothers Towing Of St. Cloud, 218-822-5525	Lafayette	Five Star Towing 507-843-2677	Newport	
Burnsville		Kasson	T & K Towing Service 507-250-4573		Absolute Towing & Recovery 651-337-2149
	Captain Towing 952-856-2901	Lakeville	Marek's Towing & Repair 952-469-3182	Oakdale	
Cannon Falls	Siewert's Towing 507-263-4791	Little Falls	Collins Brother Towing Of Little Falls 320-257-5525		Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc. 651-642-1446
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Columbia Heights					
	Bobby & Steve's Auto World 952-944-1690				

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320-257-5525

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Plymouth Automotive
763-544-3202
Frankies Towing Co
763-595-0321

Ramsey
Nicety Towing
763-245-2619

Red Wing
Siewerts Garage
651-388-9163

Rochester
CSC Towing
507-289-8344
Rochester Towing, LLC
507-288-7317
Pulver Towing
507-282-3851

Rogers
Burdas Towing
763-428-9911

Sauk Centre
Centre Towing Inc.
320-352-1500

Savage
Allen's Service Inc.
952-894-1000

Scanlon
Blaine Brothers
218-879-6681

Spring Lake Park
Citywide Service
763-432-4550

St. Anthony
Twin Cities Transport
& Recovery, Inc.
651-642-1446

St. Cloud
Collins Brothers Towing
Of St. Cloud, Inc.
320-257-5525
Andy's Towing
320-251-5691

St. Francis
Ark Towing & Recovery
763-434-1686

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Twin Cities Transport &
Recovery, Inc.
651-642-1446
Elite Towing of Minnesota, Inc.
952-808-0808

Stillwater
Stillwater Towing
651-439-5744

Strandquist
Nordic Towing
1-833-667-3421

Sunburg
Dans Diesel Inc
320-264-5852

Vernon Center
Giefer Towing & Service, Inc.
507-549-3300

Virginia
Armory Shell Towing & Service
218-741-6050

Waseca
Bocks Service Inc.
507-835-5407
Tesch Service Center
507-835-4610

West St Paul
Bobby & Steve's Auto World
651-455-2788

White Bear Lake
Twin Cities Transport &
Recovery, Inc.
651-642-1446

Willmar
City Line Towing
320-231-3869
Dans Diesel Inc
320-995-6108
Ed's Service Center & Sales
320-235-5945

Winona
Borkowski Towing & Salvage
507-452-9073

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Bergs Towing & Repair
507-732-5613

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Hanifen Co, Inc
515-243-3205

Sioux City
Meier Towing Inc
712-258-0609

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Berg's 24 Hour Towing
701-663-6491

Grand Forks
Nordic Towing
1-833-667-3421

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Big Stone
The Shop, Inc.
605-862-8215

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Baldwin
Day & Nite Towing, LLC
715-684-3359

Balsam Lake
Lake Services Unlimited
715-857-5753

LaCrosse
Goldbeck Towing Service
608-781-4869

Hixton
Jensen Towing and Repair
715-963-3431

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Kabus Auto Body & Recovery
715-985-2252

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Jerry's Towing
715-749-4450

Superior
Lake City Towing
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Twin Cities Wrecker Sales
Rod Pellow 651-488-4210
Worldwide Equipment Sales
Jeff Irr 815-725-4400
Zip's Truck Equipment
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Health & Life Financial Services
Kevin Urlaub 763-287-0055

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Rick McIntosh 952-469-0425
Midwest Insurance Service
John Hall 651-439-5939

Management Consulting

Professional Transport Management
Company
Steve Schmit 612-366-0525

Uniforms

Cintas
Brad Beyer 763-391-5266

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPTA Board Meeting

August 23, 2023

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm

MPTA Office
Little Canada, MN

2-Day Advanced Light Duty Tow School

September 12-13, 2023

7:30am Registration
8:00am-5:00pm Classroom
&
Hands-On Training

**Please see registration
form on Page 7**

Annual Membership Meeting and Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Trappers Bar & Grill located at
6810 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes,
MN 55104

Intro to Heavy Duty Tow School

October 17, 2023

7:30am Registration
8:00am-5:00pm Classroom
&
Hands-On Training

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