

# NEWSBREAK

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### 2026 Legislative Session Begins



The 2026 Minnesota Legislative Session kicked off on February 17<sup>th</sup> focusing on safety/security at the Capitol, Democrats focusing primarily on Federal immigration reform as Republicans focus on fraud in taxpayer-funded programs. At the Minnesota Chamber pre-session kick off, questions asked of leadership if there would be a tax bill this session? The average answer on the panel was a “maybe”.

It's unclear whether any significant changes can pass the closely divided Legislature. The House is tied with a Republican speaker, while Democrats hold only a one-vote majority in the Senate. So, nothing can pass without bipartisan support. And it's an election year, with all 201 legislative seats on the ballot. House Speaker Lisa Demuth is among the GOP candidates running for governor and has expressed hope she will win Trump's endorsement. All of that could make compromise difficult.

Another question on the minds of Minnesota businesses and towing members, will there be any “tweaks” to Paid Family Leave? Republicans would like changes and of course, Democrats think things are moving along smoothly for Paid Family Medical Leave.

As for the towing world, MPTA lobbyist Rob Leighton and MPTA Executive Director Lance Klatt were approached by Rep. John Huot asking for opinions of a “lighting bill”. With the unfortunate loss of life of Speaker Hortman, her husband, Mark and their dog, the legislature may look at mandating certain color lights for emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks etc. For now, only a thought, but nice the MPTA was included in a discussion in its early stages.

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## Message From Executive Director, Lance Klatt

The Many Faces of Winter...

Here in Minnesota the towing industry loves winter and the many faces of winter. What's not to love? The cold, the snow, blizzard conditions, a mild day in the 30's with a glow of sunshine. Sunglasses are a must on most days reflecting many prisms of sunlight and a reflection of winter's white.

The calm before the storm. A mild day of 40 degrees with a shift in wind and as the afternoon draws to end the temps continue dropping. Up on the north shore, lake effect snow promising gloom to any travelers' delight, turning into a fright. The towing industry takes on these many faces of winter, challenging every moment, every obstacle while stopping at nothing.

The other faces of winter are not weather related. There are faces of defeat, bitterness, anxiety and of course determination. Faces of uncertainty of not coming home, or an oncoming driver not paying attention to the road in front of them.

The many faces of winter bring opportunity, reward and even excitement for our towers. Always remember to be professional, safe, and respectful to those around you! One never knows which of the many faces of winter you will see, could even be the expression on your bosses, your spouse or loved one's face. Welcome the many faces of winter, before long, wishing you could see those faces of winter again.

Stay warm, safe, enjoy the rest of your winter! God knows we needed this one!

Lance



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Minnesota Professional towing Association members have their work cut out for them, and so does the MPTA. MPTA continues discussions with key legislators regarding insurance companies subrogating claims, not paying claims, and lack of insurance coverage on transport carriers. Also revisiting the definition of a motor vehicle in Minnesota Statutes. One step at a time working with key legislators, Minnesota Insurance Federation, MPTA board directors and MPTA members.

The 2026 Minnesota Legislative Session adjourns May 18<sup>th</sup>. If Minnesota lawmakers need more time, a "Special Session" may be called by the Governor to extend the 2026 Legislative Session.

# Miller Industries becomes Official Towing and Recovery Equipment Partner of NASCAR

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 29, 2026)** — NASCAR announced today that Miller Industries Inc. (NYSE: MLR), the world’s leading manufacturer of towing and recovery equipment, has strengthened their presence in the sport and agreed to a long-term deal to serve as the Official Towing and Recovery Equipment Provider of NASCAR. Under the agreement, Miller Industries will provide NASCAR with a complete fleet of towing and recovery equipment to utilize at national series events across the country, building upon a long-standing relationship and expanding its support across the sport.

“Having the right equipment in place is essential for maintaining a safe, efficient and competitive racing product,” said John Probst, NASCAR Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Development Officer. “The best-in-class towing and recovery solutions from Miller Industries will play a key role in supporting our on-track operations and ensuring a consistent standard across our NASCAR national series races.”



Since the company’s inception in 1990, Miller Industries has provided innovative, high-quality towing and recovery equipment worldwide for commercial, municipal and military applications. As the World’s leader in towing and recovery equipment, Miller Industries provides a complete line of quality equipment, including carriers up to 30 feet in length with deck capabilities of up to 40,000 lbs. and towing recovery units with boom capacities of 100 tons.

Backed by industry-leading brands including Century, Vulcan, Chevron, Holmes, Boniface, Jigé and Omars, Miller Industries operates with a high standard of excellence across every product it delivers. By supplying NASCAR with a full fleet of best-in-class towing and recovery equipment, Miller Industries will help ensure efficient incident response, enhanced safety and operational consistency for the sport, its teams and fans. This expanded collaboration reflects a shared commitment to performance, reliability and service excellence while positioning the partnership for continued success in the years ahead.

“We’re thrilled to join forces with NASCAR in a partnership that highlights the strength, resilience and innovation of the towing and recovery industry,” said Kipp Felice, Vice President of Marketing at Miller Industries. “Together, we’re helping elevate operator awareness, safety initiatives and the future of the towing and recovery profession.”

Miller Industries’ equipment will make its 2026 debut at NASCAR’s Cook Out Clash Weekend at Bowman Gray Stadium. Action begins this Saturday, Jan. 31, with the Cook Out Madhouse Classic, featuring two action-packed races featuring Bowman Gray Stadium’s modified and sportsman divisions. Then on Sunday, Feb. 1, the stars of the NASCAR Cup Series will take center stage in the Cook Out Clash, the annual preseason classic that sets the stage for the DAYTONA 500 and the 2026 season.

Source: NASCAR.com



## 1– Day Basic Light Duty Hands-On Training Class

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

“DoubleTree by Hilton - 2540 Cleveland Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113

*The one day course focuses on the basics of everyday towing with a 1-ton, flatbed, basic hook-ups, use of dollies, and wheel lifts with limited classroom instructed by Ron Feist, Ron Gardas Jr. and the Minnesota Professional Towing Association Board of Directors.*

**\*\*Registration Forms need to be turned in no later than May 8th\*\***



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**Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Agenda**

7:30am Registration  
8:00am to 5:00pm Classroom & 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Winter Tow Truck Driver Safety Tips

For many MPTA tow truck drivers, winter is the busiest season. Although drafting this article, it's fifty degrees outside and the whole month of March ahead of us! With drivers sliding off the road, batteries failing in the cold, and more, there's a lot of towing to be done in the winter. Every MPTA training class we discuss these safety tips. Whether you're a roadside service driver or a repossession driver, here are a few winter tow truck driver safety tips to keep you on the road this winter.

## Before You Leave for Winter Towing Jobs

You can keep yourself safe this winter by taking a few extra steps before you hit the road. It doesn't matter what type of towing you're doing — from helping those who have been in accidents to towing repo vehicles — winter driver safety is always important.

## Stock Your Truck with First-Aid Kit

When the chilly weather hits, make sure your tow truck is stocked with a first-aid kit. Basic first-aid items like band-aids, gauze, and triple-antibiotic ointment can come in handy no matter the weather, but the threat of accidents is always greater in the winter.

## Keep Spare and Extra Warm Clothing in Your Truck

In the event that something does happen while you're driving this winter, it's important to make sure you've got everything you need. Always dress warmly for your winter workdays, and keep a spare pair of boots, gloves, and even a sweatshirt and extra pair of pants in your vehicle. As you know, towing isn't an easy job, and if something happens, you don't want to be stuck in the cold weather without warm, dry clothes.

## Check Your Truck Before You Leave

Your truck is your #1 asset on the road. If it's not working, you're not working. While most repo and roadside assistance companies keep their trucks in top shape, it's still worth it to give your truck a once-over before you head onto the wintry streets/roads. Not sure what you're looking for? If you have a wrecker, take a look at the manufacturer's website.

## While You're Towing Vehicles in the Winter

Once you've gone through the before-you-leave tips, you'll be ready to hit the road. Here are some tips to keep you safe while you're actually driving your tow truck this winter.

## Slow Down

It's a good reminder for everyone — not just tow truck drivers — but speed limits are posted for regular, non-snowy conditions. If the speed limit is 55, but it's snowing buckets, it's worth it to slow down. The slower you go, the more control you have, and the more reaction time you have if something goes wrong on the road ahead of you.

## Use Your Brakes Sparingly

In the winter, roads are slick and icy. The best way to avoid a dangerous situation is to drive slow, and avoid slamming on the brakes even if you do have an ABS system. Sudden pressure on your brakes can cause fishtailing, and the extra weight of another vehicle behind you adds up to a very bad situation. Drive slowly and use your brakes to gradually bring your truck to a stop.

## Give Yourself Plenty of Time

After ice and poor road conditions, other drivers are your biggest risk and challenge when driving in the winter. Always give yourself plenty of time to turn, brake, and accelerate. Turn your blinker on earlier than you might in good weather, and leave plenty of space between you and other drivers. The more space you put between your tow truck and other drivers, the safer you are likely to be.



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### **Watch Out for Black Ice**

Ice is one of the most dangerous hazards for winter tow truck drivers. Black ice is almost impossible to see. Know where to expect it — on overpasses and bridges where cool air below the road causes ice to form sooner. And to avoid any problems on ice and black ice, drive slowly and use your brakes cautiously.

### **Increase Your Visibility**

Tow truck drivers are in the most danger in the winter when they're outside of the vehicle. You have to get out to secure the towed vehicle to your tow truck, and that can be dangerous in bad weather, especially if you're on a busy road or expressway. Do your best to make you and your tow truck as visible as possible in the winter. Flashing lights, bright clothing, and orange construction cones do a great job of letting other drivers know where you are. When they know you're there, they can get over and let you do your work safely.

Winter tow truck driving is hard work. It's cold, and rough roads can make the job especially difficult.

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## **Judge OKs Kansas City Towing Ordinance**

A Jackson County, Missouri judge has cleared the way for Kansas City to enforce new ordinances aimed at curbing predatory towing, rejecting a legal challenge brought by a local tow company owner.

Judge Lauren Barrett ruled Tuesday that the ordinances, passed earlier this year, do not violate Missouri state law. The regulations include a new “Bill of Rights for Towed Vehicles,” which sets maximum towing fees, requires operators to provide vehicle owners with written notice of their rights, and allows drivers to stop a tow before it leaves private property.

Mayor Quinton Lucas pushed for the changes after the city received numerous complaints from residents about towing practices. “Kansas City will never stop protecting our community from predatory practices,” Lucas said in a statement, praising the court’s decision.

Tow operators have argued the rules expose them to new legal risks. Earlier this year, Private Party Impound and other companies sued the city, claiming the ordinance could force them to release vehicles to non-owners and conflict with state statutes. Operators have also voiced concerns about liability and lack of industry input. Despite the opposition, the ordinance was effective as of January 1, 2026.

Source: <https://fox4kc.com>

## U.S. DOT / FMCSA: Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Rates for Calendar Year 2026

**For your awareness:**

- For calendar year 2026 random testing rates for controlled substances and alcohol were posted today for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and other Department of Transportation (DOT) modes at the following public link: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/random-testing-rates>
- FMCSA: The random testing rate for controlled substances will ***remain*** at 50 percent, and the random testing rate for alcohol will ***remain*** at 10 percent for FMCSA regulated motor carriers.

The following chart outlines the annual minimum drug and alcohol random testing rates established within DOT Agencies for 2026.

DOT AGENCY	2026 RANDOM DRUG RATE	2026 RANDOM ALCOHOL RATE
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)	50%	10%
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	25%	10%
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	25% for Covered Service and MOW Employees	10% for Covered Service and MOW Employees
	50% for Mechanical Employees	10% for Mechanical Employees
Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)	50%	N/A
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	50%	10%

**NOTE:** Employers (and C/TPAs) subject to more than one DOT Agency drug and alcohol testing rule may continue to combine covered employees into a single random selection pool.

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## Tow Company Returns Vehicles After ICE Arrests

Juan Leon had only been running Leo's Towing in the Twin Cities for a few months when he began noticing a troubling pattern: cars left abandoned across the metro, sometimes for days. Many belonged to people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"Seeing there was a need for someone to help out, help clear the streets and get people back their vehicles, we stepped up," Leon said.

By late December, Leon and his small crew began tracking down the vehicles after tips from community members. If families contact them, the team returns the cars directly. If not, they work to identify owners and deliver the vehicles to relatives — free of charge.

Donations from across the country now help fund the effort, allowing the crew to operate around the clock. But the work has come with risks.

"When they doxxed me, they put all my information out there," Leon said. "We've been getting death threats."

So far, the team estimates it has returned about 250 vehicles, offering families relief during painful, uncertain times.

Source: <https://www.kimt.com>

# IRS Sets 2026 Business Standard Mileage Rate at 72.5 Cents Per Mile, up 2.5 cents

The Internal Revenue Service announced that the optional standard mileage rate for business use of automobiles will increase by 2.5 cents in 2026, while the mileage rate for vehicles used for medical purposes will decrease by half a cent, reflecting updated cost data and annual inflation adjustments.

Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable, and medical purposes. Additionally, the optional standard mileage rate may be used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and now, under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, certain members of the intelligence community.



Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 72.5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 2.5 cents from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, down a half cent from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces (and now certain members of the intelligence community), reduced by a half cent from last year.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2025.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.

Under the law, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses, except for certain educator expenses. However, deductions for expenses that are deductible in determining adjusted gross income remain allowable, such as for certain members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, certain state and local government officials, certain performing artists, and eligible educators. Alternatively, eligible educators may claim an itemized deduction for certain unreimbursed employee travel expenses. In addition, only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty or certain members of the intelligence community may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

Use of the standard mileage rates is optional. Taxpayers may instead choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle.

Taxpayers using the standard mileage rate for a vehicle they own and use for business must choose to use the rate in the first year the automobile is available for business use. Then, in later years, they can choose to use the standard mileage rate or actual expenses.

For a leased vehicle, taxpayers using the standard mileage rate must employ that method for the entire lease period, including renewals.

Notice-2026-10 PDF contains the optional 2026 standard mileage rates, as well as the maximum automobile cost used to calculate mileage reimbursement allowances under a fixed-and variable rate plan. The notice also provides the maximum fair market value of employer-provided automobiles first made available to employees for personal use in 2026 for which employers may calculate mileage allowances using a cents-per-mile valuation rule or the fleet-average-valuation rule.



# New Registration System Update

Motus is the start of a safer journey with USDOT

## RESOURCE FOR SUPPORTING COMPANIES



### Supporting company access begins December 2025

Motus, USDOT’s new registration system for FMCSA customers, will launch in December 2025 with limited access for supporting companies.

During the limited access period, supporting company administrators will be able to set up user profiles, create company accounts (business profiles), and invite authorized users. This action will ensure these stakeholders are prepared to continue delivering essential support to industry when the new system opens for all users.

In 2026, all other customers will be able to access the system, create user accounts, and complete identity and business verification.

#### Supporting companies include:

- Blanket companies (BOC-3 filers)
- Financial responsibility filers (insurance/surety companies and other financial institutions)
- Transportation service providers assisting motor carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, or other entities with FMCSA registration

### What type of user will I be in Motus as part of a supporting company?

Main Account Holder	Sub-Account Holder
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates and maintains the company account (business profile) in Motus</li> <li>• Has full access to company information and all functionality within the company account</li> <li>• Manages account access, including inviting additional users (other main account holders or sub-account holders) to join the company account</li> <li>• During company account creation, insurance and BOC-3 main account holders can claim the existing Licensing and Insurance (L&amp;I) filer account to link filings to the new Motus company account, and insurance filers must submit eligibility documents (e.g., State insurance license, banking certificate, or Federal/State charter)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any company employee or associate who needs access to the company account</li> <li>• Must be added by a main account holder</li> <li>• Should not create a user profile in Motus without an invitation</li> <li>• Not able to manage other users’ access to the company account</li> </ul>



## What can I do in Motus as part of a supporting company during the limited access period starting in December 2025?

Action	Financial Responsibility Filers	Blanket Companies	Transportation Service Providers
Create new company account (business profile)	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only
Claim existing L&I filer account	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only	✗
Submit eligibility documents	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only (optional)	✗
Invite and manage authorized users	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only	✓ Main account holder only
Create new user profile	✓ Sub-account holders by invitation only	✓ Sub-account holders by invitation only	✓ Sub-account holders by invitation only
Access company account in Motus	✓	✓	✓

The ability to make filings and/or assist with motor carrier registration and updates will not be available during the limited access period. Additional functionality will be available to supporting companies when the system launches to all users in 2026.

## What are my next steps as a supporting company main account holder?

To set up your company account in Motus, main account holders should take the steps below.

1

### Establish a user profile.

Enter Motus and create a user profile. You'll sign in with **Login.gov**, enter your information, and complete identity verification.

2

### Create a single company account.

Identify the company as a blanket company, financial responsibility filer, and/or transportation service provider. Insurance and BOC-3 filers, be sure to claim your L&I filer account and submit eligibility documents.

3

### Add other authorized users.

Add sub-account holders from the **Manage Users** function in your Motus account. These users will receive invitations to create user profiles and complete identity verification to access your company's account in Motus.



Supporting companies must continue to make filings in FMCSA's current systems until Motus is open for all users in 2026.



Supporting companies should keep business information (billing information, process agent listings, etc.) updated in both L&I and in Motus.

# Member Directory

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<b>Cannon Falls</b>	Siewert's Towing 507-263-4791	<b>Ironton</b>	AutoSmith Service Group 1-218-545-5715	<b>Red Wing</b>	Midway Auto 651-388-8296 Siewerts Garage 651-388-9163
<b>Clearwater</b>	Blaine Brothers 320-558-9966	<b>Lafayette</b>	Five Star Towing 507-843-2677		
<b>Columbus</b>	Blaine Brothers Truck Aline 763-786-8863	<b>Kasson</b>	T & K Towing Service 507-250-4573		

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Rochester Towing, LLC  
507-288-7317  
Pulver Towing  
507-282-3851

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

**Scanlon** Blaine Brothers  
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**Shafer** PLC Recovery  
651-257-3975

**Spring Lake Park** Citywide Service  
763-432-4550

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

**St. Cloud** Andy's Towing  
320-251-5691

**St. Paul** Twin Cities Transport  
& Recovery, Inc.  
651-642-1446  
PLC Recovery  
651-247-9783

**St. Charles** Whitewater Wrecker Service  
507-718-9669

**Virginia** Armory Shell Towing & Service  
218-741-6050

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

**White Bear Lake** Twin City Transport  
& Recovery, Inc.  
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**Willmar** City Line Towing  
320-231-3869  
Ed's Service Center & Sales  
320-235-5945

**Winona** Borkowski Towing & Salvage  
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**Bismarck** Berg's 24 Hour Towing  
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**Balsam Lake** Lake Services Unlimited  
715-857-5753

**Hixton** Jensen Towing and Repair  
715-963-3431

**LaCrosse** Goldbeck Towing Service  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MPTA Board Meeting

March 31, 2026  
Dinner: 6:00 pm  
Meeting: 6:30 pm

MPTA Office  
Little Canada, MN

## 1-Day Basic Light Duty Hands-On Training Class

May 13, 2026

Double Tree By Hilton  
2540 Cleveland Ave N  
Roseville, MN 55113

## Fun Facts about the month of February

### FEBRUARY BIRTH MONTH

- Birthstone is the Amethyst
- Flower is the Violet or Primrose
- Zodiac signs are Aquarius & Pisces

### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IN HISTORY

- February 3, 1913: Congress is granted the authority to collect income taxes through ratification of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution
- February 7, 1910: The Boy Scouts of America are incorporated
- February 8, 1952: Elizabeth II becomes Queen of the United Kingdom
- February 11, 1945: President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement
- February 14, 1912: Arizona becomes the 48th state of the union
- February 16, 1968: America's first 9-1-1 phone system goes into service in Haleyville, Alabama
- February 19, 1878: Thomas Edison receives his patent for the phonograph

### DID YOU KNOW???

The idea of using a kiss to sign off on valentines has a long history. The use of "X" came to represent Christianity, or the cross, in the Middle Ages. During the same time, the symbol was used to sign off on documents. After marking with an X, the writer would often kiss the mark as a sign of their oath. As the gesture grew among kings and commoners to certify books, letters and paperwork, these records were described as having been "sealed with a kiss."

