

# NEWSBREAK

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### 2026 Minnesota Legislative End of Session Report



With the Legislature now adjourned until January of 2027, the leaders of the four legislative caucuses have been out offering their perspectives of the last two years, and the incredibly challenging environment they faced. The GOP Leaders of the House seem the most positive and have talked about the bipartisan working environment required in a tied House. DFL Leaders in both chambers of the legislature have expressed greater disappointment with what they were unable to get passed over the last two years. Specifically, focusing on their inability to pass bills related to gun control, to address the economic impacts of the metro surge, legislation limiting federal immigration enforcement and a handful of new labor mandates. While members of the GOP appreciated the need to work together, members of the DFL in recent public events have longed for the days where they could go-it-alone, without the need to work across the aisle.

With the dust settled, we are now able to summarize the outcome of the last two years of legislative activity in Minnesota. More specifically, we can identify legislation introduced, considered and in some cases adopted which has the potential to impact the membership of the Minnesota Professional Towing Association. Here are several of the proposals adopted this year:

- A two-year retroactive extension of the Minnesota Pass-Through-Entity Tax (PTE) through the end of 2027. This tax change impacts nearly 60,000 Minnesota businesses and will save those businesses millions of dollars they would otherwise be sending to the federal government. The House DFL refused to make this change permanent, even though it has no fiscal impact on state revenue.

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efforts, please send your donations to:**

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## Message From Executive Director, Lance Klatt

Hello everyone,

As usual, been a busy couple of months at the MPTA! Back on May 13<sup>th</sup>, MPTA hosted the first of several Western National training classes, the one-day intro to light duty training class. Every Spring the MPTA hosts this class knowing its time to educate more of our students as we can never have enough good help. This class allows beginners the basic knowledge of winching, use of dollies, working load limits, basic hook-ups but more importantly, safety and professionalism in our industry. MPTA thanks our members and friends in the Association for coming out to support us!

For the first time, MPTA hosted its first inaugural picnic at Fair on 4 located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mall of America. I will tell you this, a lot of members and guests lost out on something really fun and exciting! The go-karts of course were a huge hit, the unlimited two hours of arcade games, axe-throwing and a unlimited pizza and app buffet. I ask myself, for \$65 where can one play unlimited arcade games, drive go-karts, eat as much pizza, salad, wings, apps, throw axes, play darts, participate in a free raffle and load the kiddo's up with sugar? MPTA will be back. Looking at October 2027 for the next MPTA annual picnic. Mark your calendars! It is a Blast!!

Whenever the MPTA hosts events, it takes participation from our members, guests and our Associate partners. Our Associate partners realize the importance of the glue the MPTA provides to our industry. Whether supporting a Tow school, Annual picnic or our Annual meeting/Hall of Fame, great to know the MPTA has the support of these great organizations, the support in our towing communities. We are forever thankful for all of you! You know who you are!!

Please see inside the Newsbreak our Hall of Fame nominating packet. Please send in your nominee before August 5<sup>th</sup>. Interested in running for board seat, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks for keeping it real in our industry and our Association. Always about the quality of the people, not the number....

Hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Lance



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- Modifications to Minnesota's PFAS regulations, requiring only those products manufactured after July 1, 2023, to be included in PFAS reporting. The PFAS product bans and future reporting remain in place.
- A one-year reduction of \$256 million in vehicle tab fees, returning to the pre-2023 depreciation structure. The changes will take place on all renewals made in calendar year 2027, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Allowing messaging boards to be installed and used on back of tow trucks. (AAA introduced legislation as MPTA supported through letters of testimony)

There were thousands of additional bills introduced and, in many instances, heard over the last two years which will not become law. We have broken those proposals into two buckets; bills we were supporting (Proactive) and those we opposed (Defensive).

### **Proactive Legislation**

- Initiatives to address concerns with the Minnesota Earned Safe and Sick Time and Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.
- A proposal to adopt complete federal tax conformity and the elimination of the income tax on tips and overtime.
- The establishment within the Department of Public Safety of an Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crimes Advisory Board.

### **Defensive Legislation**

- Governor Walz's initiative to broaden the sales tax base to a handful of services (legal, banking, financial services) and dedicating a portion of that revenue to reduce the overall sales tax rate. The proposal, however, is not revenue neutral.
- DFL proposals to increase revenues by creating new taxes on digital advertising, social media companies and raising both the individual and corporate tax rates.
- Proposals regulating the use of chatbots in a variety of settings and applications.
- Several new labor mandates, minimum wage increases and modifications to the definition of an employee.
- A prohibition on the use of surveillance pricing.
- The creation of a new Greenhouse Gas Pollution Cost-Recovery Program which would have a significant impact on the cost of motor fuels.
- The creation of a tire stewardship program which would require tire manufacturers and retailers to cover the cost of establishing and maintaining a program for recycling used tires.
- The creation of a battery stewardship program which would require battery manufacturers and retailers to cover the cost of establishing and maintaining a program for recycling used batteries.
- A requirement that all retail businesses must accept cash for payments.

There were other proposals worth noting, which MPTA did not necessarily have a position. The last issue is a priority; however, it was introduced too late in the process to be considered.

- A DFL initiative to establish a \$100 million fund to support individuals and businesses impacted by the metro surge and federal immigration enforcement. This legislation failed to pass in the Minnesota House.
- Provisions raising or authorizing any new local sales, food, or beverage taxes were not included in the Omnibus Tax Bill and failed to pass.
- Legislation was introduced after the committee deadlines which would prohibit swipe fees from being applied to tips and sales taxes. This legislation was not heard in either body.

The Legislature is set to return for the 95<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session at noon on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Please reach out to Lance Klatt at MPTA or MPTA Lobbyist Rob Leighton with any questions or concerns MPTA members may have.



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# 2-Day Advanced Light Duty Hands-On Training Class

## September 9th & 10th, 2026

Held at the DoubleTree Hotel - 2540 Cleveland Ave, Roseville, MN 55113

*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.*



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**September 9, 2026 Agenda**

7:30am Registration  
8:00am-4:00pm Classroom & Hands-on Training  
5:00pm Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Induction  
6:30 Dinner

**DoubleTree Hotel**  
2540 Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113

**September 10, 2026 Agenda**

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

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day
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**Registration Form**

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## The Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance - The Q&A explains what a MRO is not to consider when verifying a marijuana positive result.

### QUESTION:

- Recently, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued an order (Order) that reclassified FDA approved drug products derived from marijuana and marijuana products regulated by a State medical marijuana license from Schedule I to Schedule III drugs under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). When reviewing a laboratory reported marijuana positive drug test result, can a Medical Review Officer (MRO) deem the test a “negative” if the employee alleges the positive resulted from consuming a State licensed marijuana product?



### ANSWER:

- No. Currently, there is no instance when the MRO could verify a laboratory-confirmed marijuana positive drug test result as “negative” when an employee claims the positive was caused by a State licensed marijuana product.
- Even after rescheduling, State-dispensed marijuana does not constitute an FDA-approved drug. Without FDA approval for a controlled substance, it cannot be prescribed.
- A “legitimate medical explanation” requires use of a legally prescribed controlled substance in compliance with Federal laws governing such a prescription. 49 CFR §§ 40.137(a); 40.141(b).
- Although the MRO may be presented with documentation such as State-issued medical marijuana cards, physician recommendations or certifications, or dispensary records or receipts, these documents do not satisfy part 40 requirements for a “legitimate medical explanation.”
- Marijuana use under State marijuana programs or other non-prescription sources do not qualify as a “legitimate medical explanation” under 49 CFR § 40.137(a). In addition, marijuana use is not compatible with safety-sensitive functions.



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## 2026 MPTA Scholarship Winners

As an annual tradition, the Minnesota Professional Towing Association awards scholarships funding the future of our members and their 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, Jensen Vadnais, Garrett Schafer, Isaac Kreitinger and Isabel Kreitinger each winning a \$400 MPTA scholarship award.

### **Jensen Vadnais, Twin Cities Transport and Recovery**

Jensen, the son of Josh & Katie Vadnais, is a recent Graduate of White Bear Lake High School.

Jensen earned a 3-time Student of the Month Achievement, was in the top 5% of his class in 2026 as well as being the President of the Student Council and MMEA All State Choir Participant.

Jensen will be attending University of Minnesota Duluth to earn a Bachelor Degree in Finance.



### **Garrett Schafer, Pulver Towing**

Garrett, the son of Josh & Bethany Schafer , and a recent graduate of Lakeville High School.

Garrett currently is employed part-time at Pulver Towing and in the future would like to own and operate Pulver Towing.

Garrett will be applying his scholarship money towards tuition costs at Southwest Minnesota State University while he pursues a Business Management Degree along with a minor in Culinology.



## 2026 MPTA Scholarship Winners

### **Isaac Kreitinger, Dean's Towing**

Isaac, the son of Noah & Jenna Kreitinger, is a recent Owatonna High School.

Isaac received a Sports Letter in Lacrosse and the Clay Target Team as well as being involved with The Owatonna Fishing Team

Isaac will be attending North Dakota State College of Science to obtain a 2-year degree in Diesel Technology to become a diesel technician.



### **Isabel Kreitinger, Dean's Towing**

Isabel, the daughter of Noah & Jenna Kreitinger, and a recent graduate of Owatonna High School.

Isabel currently is employed for the City of Owatonna as a Lifeguard and Swimming Lessons Teacher.

Isabel will be applying her scholarship money towards tuition costs at Minnesota State University Mankato while she pursues a Dental Hygienist Degree.



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# **Your Unpaid Recovery Bill Just Got a New Defendant: SCOTUS Removes Federal Preemption Shield on Negligent Hiring Claims Against Freight Brokers**

*A unanimous Supreme Court ruling opened freight brokers to negligent hiring claims. You did the cleanup. State law puts the bill on the carrier. The insurer denied the claim and the carrier is gone. Can you send the bill upstream to the broker who put the carrier on the road?*

## **The Bill That Never Gets Paid**

Every heavy duty recovery operator in the country has the same set of files in the back office. A wreck on the interstate at 2 a.m. State troopers call dispatch. The operator rolls a rotator and two flatbeds. They work the scene for nine hours, generate an itemized incident-management invoice for \$42,000, store the wrecked tractor and trailer, and send the file to collections.

The file never closes. The carrier was a single-truck LLC with the federal-minimum 49 C.F.R. § 387.9 coverage on paper. The liability insurer denies the claim. The application misrepresented the operation. The policy lapsed for nonpayment. The driver behind the wheel was not the named driver on the policy. An exclusion applies. Pick a reason; recovery operators have seen all of them. Thirty days later, the carrier files Chapter 7. Sixty days after that, the same DOT number is back on the road under a slightly different LLC name with the same equipment and the same drivers. The broker who hired the carrier in the first place has moved on to the next load.

The recovery operator eats the \$42,000.

That is the towing industry's structural exposure to chameleon carriers and undercapitalized motor carriers. It is invisible to the freight press because freight publications cover the broker, the carrier, and the cargo owner. It is the operating reality for every heavy-recovery firm in America.

In a 9-0 ruling written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the United States Supreme Court took down the federal preemption shield that prevented the next legal question from even being asked: can the recovery operator, or the storage facility, sue the broker who put that judgment-proof carrier on the road in the first place?

*“The Court’s decision today should not be read to mean that brokers will routinely be subject to state tort liability in the wake of truck accidents. As even plaintiff’s counsel stressed, brokers should be able to successfully defend against state tort suits if the brokers have acted reasonably and arranged transportation with reputable trucking companies.”*

— Justice Brett Kavanaugh, concurring (joined by Justice Alito)

The opinion does not answer that question. The freight industry is reading the case for what it does answer, which is bodily-injury liability for brokers. But the door for the economic-harm question is now open. Whether the tow industry walks through it depends on the bar pressing the theory in the right cases over the next several years.

This article is the framework for that conversation.

Read the full article here: <https://www.towshark.com/stories/2026-05-14-your-unpaid-recovery-bill-just-got-a-new-defendant.html>



## MPTA Members & Guests have a blast at The Fair on 4 at Mall of America



MPTA hosted its Annual Picnic for the first time at Fair on Four at the Mall of America. Where else for a small price someone can ride go-karts, play unlimited arcade games for two hours, throw unlimited darts, participate in axe-throwing, win fantastic prizes, all while kids get the sugar rush for the ages! At the annual MPTA Picnic of course! Let's not forget the unlimited pizza, wings and appetizer buffet! Oh... let's not forget about a few adult beverages and pull-tabs.



Although it was steamy outside, the go-kart track was on fire inside! Many kids and adults acting like kids had a great time in the competitive event. Team Pulver grabbed the top two spots as Greg Shafer conquered the competition as the inaugural champion strutting his driving skills winning \$100 cash! Second place winner was Max Shafer winning \$50 cash finishing in third place was Ray Steger winning \$25 cash!



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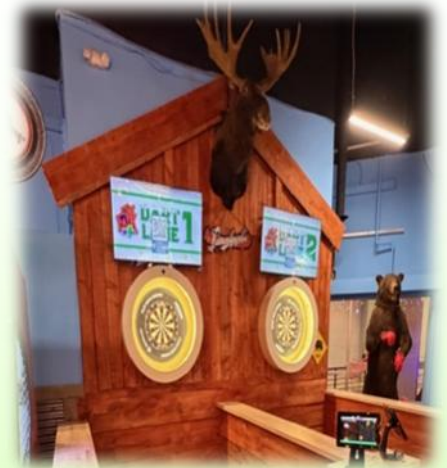
As usual, MPTA hosted a 50/25/25 number board. Congratulations to Debra Krackow of Borkowski Towing & Salvage winning both squares and cool \$500 in cash. The fun was just beginning! The MPTA “no-cost” raffle had every one edge! Phil Collins winning the 65” TV, as others won Solo beats, Airpods, Bluetooth speakers, and several gift cards including over \$500 in Fair on 4 gift cards!

At the end, the young and older kids experienced a sugar-rush for the ages. Sending them home with plenty of memories, bellies filled with pizza, pop, appetizers and candy, most importantly, many memories of MPTA’s first Inaugural Picnic with many memories!



## SUGAR RUSH

Thank you to all MPTA members and guests taking time in making this event one to remember! Special Thank you to all Annual Picnic Sponsors in making this event better than we could have hoped for! Without great members and guests of the MPTA and our contributing partners, the towing industry wouldn't be as great as it is today. Without you, the towing world and MPTA wouldn't be as successful as it was yesterday and today. Tomorrow is very promising!



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# TRAA MEMBER ALERT

## *Electric Vehicle Fire Response Working Group Act*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee (SST) successfully adopted an amendment offered by Congressman Jay Obernolte (R-CA-08) to include the Electric Vehicle Fire Response Working Group Act (H.R. 8307) into the Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2026 (H.R. 8748). This EV bill was one of TRAA's top legislative priorities for 2026, and we are thrilled to see the positive momentum on this bipartisan, bicameral bill.

As many of you know, after hearing from TRAA Members about the dangers and challenges posed by EVs, we have been working on developing bipartisan champions for this issue. This bill and the adoption of this amendment is a direct result of work TRAA has done on the Hill over the past few years. TRAA's ever-growing D.C. Hill Days are a major catalyst for getting Members excited about TRAA's legislative agenda, including creating safer EV regulations. Make no mistake, this bill is just a first step towards making EV tows safer for everyone, but this is a critical first step down the road.

The Surface Transportation Research and Development Act will eventually be included in the more comprehensive Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, which we wrote about in our last Member Alert. The amendment was adopted by the committee on a bipartisan basis, without any major opposition.

As a reminder, the Electric Vehicle Fire Response Working Group Act would establish a coordinated, expert-driven federal effort to improve roadside EV fire response, strengthen responder safety, and ensure that best practices keep pace with rapidly changing vehicle technologies. In order to accomplish this, the legislation would require the Secretary of Transportation to convene a multidisciplinary working group composed of experts directly involved in roadside EV fire response, including:

- **Towing and recovery professionals**, who are frequently directed to clear EVs from active roadways following fires or crashes
- **Fire service and emergency response personnel**, including both career and volunteer responders
- **Research, training, and standards organizations** with expertise in EV fire risks and response
- **Federal safety agencies**, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- **Manufacturers** of electric vehicles and EV batteries
- Other relevant Department of Transportation agencies, as appropriate

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your continued support in these legislative efforts.





## Minnesota Professional Towing Association Hall of Fame Nomination

### **MPTA Annual Hall of Fame Inductee count and sponsorship**

- Maximum of three Inductees enshrined Annually.
- Inductees must earn a minimum of 4 votes to be elected.
- Voting by Peers.
- Voting to be overseen by MPTA Legal Counsel.

### **Voting on candidates will be determined by:**

- MPTA President
- MPTA Executive Director
- (3) MPTA Retail members at-large or retired selected at random
- A Maximum of ten applicants/nominees are voted on (1<sup>st</sup> ten applicants received will be considered, any applications after, will be returned to sender.
- Each selected voter will receive a total of 3 votes (Total of 15 votes by committee)
- Bottom two nominations (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place) votes not receiving the required votes, votes get carried over to following years ballot. Nomination will stay on ballot for additional two years max.

**Instructions:** Fill out these forms entirely and use additional pages as needed. This application should be submitted with a photo of the nominee as well as any related documentation that may be available. Newspaper articles, magazine coverage, letters of recommendation, etc. are encouraged. Considering the number of nominees, the forms alone are not typically enough information to adequately provide the selection committee with the materials needed to make a favorable decision. Please make copies of all submissions. Originals are not returned and if nominee is not selected a new submission will be required next year. More information about Nominee the better. Nominees may be deceased or living.

**Packets must be submitted to the Minnesota Professional Towing Association postmarked no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

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## **Minnesota Professional Towing Association Hall of Fame Nomination**

**Each year, the Minnesota Professional Towing Association recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the towing and recovery industry. A tradition starting in 2021, MPTA realizing it was time to display the roots of our membership and profession. Each year, three nominees who have made a difference in our industry as well as the MPTA are to be enshrined into the MPTA Hall of Fame. Each August/ September a new class is inducted at the MPTA Annual Meeting.**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for inclusion in the MPTA Hall of Fame, nominees must meet at least one of the following criteria:**

- **Tow Equipment/Product Innovation**

Innovation of a product sold in the marketplace that has helped move the industry forward. Candidate must have a minimum of 10 years of service to the industry.

- **Exemplary Dedication**

Candidate must have 10 years running a towing business in an outstanding and exemplary manner, promoting a positive image of the towing industry and have positive relations with the community, i.e., performing services for the community about and beyond the services for hire.

- **Industry Leadership/ Professional Achievement**

Leadership involved with an outstanding project that has had a dynamic and lasting effect on the towing industry. Candidate must have minimum 10 years of service to the towing industry.

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## Minnesota Professional Towing Association Hall of Fame Nominee Form

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

First Year in the Industry: \_\_\_\_\_ First Employer / Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee meets the eligibility requirement(s) checked below:

Tow Equipment / Product Innovation

Exemplary Dedication

Industry Leadership/ Professional Achievement Describe how nominee meets this(these) requirements:

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Nominator Information: Nominator must be a towing member or Associate member of the MPTA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominating Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Is/was the nominee currently or previously a member of the MPTA? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee currently a member of the ITRHFM? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee currently a member of the TRAA? \_\_\_\_\_

List other association memberships:

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Positions held in associations or other affiliations:

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List significant contributions to the towing & recovery industry:

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List special recognition(s) for service or contributions to the towing & recovery industry:

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List any other special recognition(s) to be considered:

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Describe nominee's community involvement:

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List special training, education, or certification(s):

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Provide any additional comments:

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Attach any additional pages if needed

# MPTA Hosts One-Light Duty Training Class



On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, MPTA hosted its first Western National Insurance training class of 2026. One-Day Basic Light Duty Training Class brought out the best in basic light duty towing. MPTA board directors taught the early classroom portion of the school with new information and safety statistics as well as the everyday basics of getting ready for each towers shift. With new towing employees always start with the essentials. Students were taught everything from the size of chains, straps, pressure points, and even how to better prepare yourself mentally and professionally.

With nearly thirty students in attendance, MPTA board directors hosted several training sessions featuring basic hook ups, use of dollies, scales and working load limits while experiencing use of chains and straps getting a feel for what our industry has to offer. Although the school gives you a great “Hands on” experience, it can only prepare you for the “real thing!” Teaching students the basics and advanced lessons of hooking up from the streets /parking lots, sides of a busy highway while learning the “Do’s and Do not’s” of our industry.



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MPTA Board Directors providing many vehicles and the use of their equipment. Promising the students, they will get hands on training while getting dirty- just like every MPTA hosted towing training session. Every school the MPTA conducts, all of us learn more from the instructors as well as from our students.

Thank you to the MPTA Board Directors, MNDOT and State Patrol for their time and knowledge! Together we continue to support our industry but more importantly, our professionalism one training class at a time!

Special Thank you To Western National Insurance, Kapnick Insurance, and Auto Data Direct for providing breakfast, lunch and beverages.

Hope to see you or your employees at the next MPTA endorsed training class!



# Member Directory

<b>Albert Lea</b>	T&W Towing 507-473-2999	<b>Coon Rapids</b>	Corky's Towing 612-919-1106	<b>Lakeville</b>	Marek's Towing & Repair 952-469-3182
<b>Anoka</b>	North Star Towing 763-427-4160	<b>Crystal</b>	Twin Cities Transport & Recovery 651-642-1446	<b>Mankato</b>	Affordable Towing 507-388-8697
<b>Apple Valley</b>	Dick's Valley Service 952-432-2848	<b>Currie</b>	Radke Wheel Service 507-763-3129	<b>Marshall</b>	Pulver Towing 507-828-5720
<b>Arlington</b>	After Burner Auto Body & Towing 507-964-2809	<b>Dayton</b>	MN Towing and Repair 612-326-6687	<b>Minneapolis</b>	Blaine Brothers 763-780-5130 612-333-8900
<b>Austin</b>	Otomo's Auto Towing 507-450-0051		Twin Cities Transport & Recovery 651-642-1446		Bobby & Steve's Auto World South Minneapolis 612-861-6133
<b>Blackduck</b>	Bogart's Towing 218-835-4548	<b>Detroit Lakes</b>	DL Towing 218-847-6362		Metro Wreckers Services 612-330-0013
<b>Blaine</b>	Citywide Service Corp 763-786-9020	<b>Duluth</b>	Dukes Towing 218-722-8885	<b>Minnetonka</b>	Kustom Karriers 952-938-4680
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	Hooked Up Towing & Recovery 612-913-0702	<b>Elk River</b>		<b>Moorhead</b>	Aggressive Towing & Recovery 218-287-2344
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<b>Bloomington</b>	Darrick's Preferred Auto 507-583-9994		Lynch Wrecker Services 612-578-5168	<b>Mountain Iron</b>	Iron Range Towing and Automotive 218-780-1726
<b>Bloomington</b>	Chief's Towing, Inc. 952-888-2201	<b>Faribault</b>	Glenn's Service LLC 507-334-4202	<b>New Brighton</b>	Freeway Towing 651-633-5525
<b>Brooklyn Center</b>	Sandoval Services 612-845-0623	<b>Fergus Falls</b>	Beyer Towing 218-205-6137	<b>Oakdale</b>	Twin Cities Transport & Recovery, Inc. 651-642-1446
<b>Brooklyn Park</b>	Citywide Service 763-424-4900	<b>Forest Lake</b>	Dan's Towing 651-464-5551	<b>Owatonna</b>	Dean's Westside Service 507-455-1950
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507-289-8344  
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507-272-4088  
Rochester Towing, LLC  
507-288-7317  
Pulver Towing  
507-282-3851

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

**Scanlon** Blaine Brothers  
218-879-6681

**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  
701-663-6491

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Big Stone** The Shop, Inc.  
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**Ashland** Tomlinson's Inc.  
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**Balsam Lake** Lake Services Unlimited  
715-857-5753

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

**LaCrosse** Goldbeck Towing Service  
608-781-4869

**Roberts** Star Equipment  
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**Superior** Lake City Towing  
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Corporate Four Insurance  
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Steve & Sue Schmit 612-366-0525

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **MPTA Board Meeting**

August 18, 2026

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm

MPTA Office  
Little Canada, MN

## **2-Day Advanced Light Duty Hands-On Training Class**

September 9 -10, 2026

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

## **MPTA Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Ceremony**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Held at DoubleTree by Hilton  
2540 North Cleveland Ave  
Roseville, MN 55113

Meeting/Hall of Fame Ceremony  
at **5:00pm**  
Dinner to follow

**\*\*Invite to follow\*\***