

# 2026 Transportation Safety Workshop

## A Tailored Industry Agenda

 **MAY 20-21, 2026**

 **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON  
DALLAS NEAR THE GALLERIA**  
4099 Valley View Lane | Dallas, Texas 75244

Two days built around the challenges you're actually facing — from nuclear verdict prevention and CSA reduction to driver coaching and live deposition training. Expect real conversations, practical strategies, and a plan you can put to work the moment you're back in the office.

### QUESTIONS?

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | **Registration**

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Sales Leadership and Kara Vines, Senior Safety Consultant, SMSC*

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | **Reducing the Likelihood of a Nuclear Verdict & Large Claims with Safety Audits**  
*Chad Hoppenjan, Vice President, SMSC*

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | **Break**

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM | **Fleetworthy Presentation**

10:50 AM – 12:00 PM | **What to Expect During A Compliance Review**  
*Robert Eshleman, Field Manager, Texas Department of Public Safety, Motor Carrier Bureau, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | **Lunch**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | **Breakout Sessions**

**Session A: Hours of Service & PC Round Table**  
*Kenneth Nolley, Safety Consultant, SMSC*

**Session B: Safety Bonus and Safety Scorecard Roundtable**  
*Matt Montgomery, Manager, Fleet Safety Services, SMSC*

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM | **Break**

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM | **Breakout Sessions**

**Session A: Safety Director 101 Round Table**  
*Kara Vines, Senior Safety Consultant, SMSC*

**Session B: CSA Reduction Strategies Round Table**  
*Kenneth Nolley, Safety Consultant, SMSC*

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | **Drivers Scorecards and Coaching Drivers**  
*Adam Lang, Director of Customer Advisory Services, Netradyne*

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM | **Open Forum Group Discussion and Wrap-Up**  
*Kara Vines, Senior Safety Consultant, SMSC*

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM | **Dinner**  
*Puttshack | 5100 Belt Line Rd, Addison, TX 75254 | Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel and the dinner venue.*

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | **Breakfast**

8:00 AM – 8:05 AM | **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Kara Vines, Senior Safety Consultant, SMSC*

8:05 AM – 9:30 AM | **Steps To Take After A Catastrophic Accident, Deposition Training, and How to Avoid Lawsuits and Beat the Lawyers**  
*Mike Basset, Founder, The Bassett Firm*

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | **Break**

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM | **Continued: Steps To Take After A Catastrophic Accident, Deposition Training, and How to Avoid Lawsuits and Beat the Lawyers**  
*Mike Basset, Founder, The Bassett Firm*

11:00 AM – 11:05 AM | **Final Thoughts and Closing**  
*Kara Vines, Senior Safety Consultant, SMSC*

