

GMTA Services



The Georgia Motor Trucking Association is the only organization in the state that provides full-time service and representation for the trucking industry. The Association serves as the “voice” of the trucking industry in Georgia representing more than 300 for-hire carriers, 250 private carriers, and 200 associate members. The Association provides numerous services for its membership.

Governmental Relations

While the Georgia General Assembly is in session, GMTA serves as the “watchdog” for the industry. GMTA representatives are there to facilitate the passage of legislation that will benefit transportation in the state. At the same time, diligent efforts are made to defeat legislation that would have a negative impact on the trucking industry. Whether you are a private or for-hire carrier you have a vital interest in legislation affecting the industry. GMTA’s efforts have resulted in relief from burdensome ad valorem taxes, subrogation, sales tax exemptions, and the exemption of owner-operators from workers’ compensation.

GMTA maintains an on-going rapport with federal, state and local agencies, including the American Trucking Associations, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Highway User’s Federation, National Safety Council, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Georgia Public Service Commission, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Revenue, Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Executive Department. To ensure that industry perspective is represented, the Association serves as a member of the Governor’s Motor Carrier Advisory Committee, Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, and Georgia’s Safety Management System.

Public Relations

To keep members apprised of transportation related issues, and do so in a timely manner, the Association publishes its bi-weekly newsletter the **GMTA INTERCOM**. The **INTERCOM**, keeps members up-to-date on laws, rules and regulations, trends and other information that is specifically of interest to truck operators and suppliers. On a quarterly basis, the Association publishes the “TRUX” magazine, which features information that is specifically of interest to Georgia trucking operations. The magazine is distributed to legislators, city and county officials and the media. Time sensitive issues are released as bulletins or special mailings to the members when needed.

To create a greater awareness of the economic and public service role of the trucking industry, GMTA develops and distributes press releases and articles to the electronic and print media statewide. The Association provides representatives and maintains a Speaker’s Bureau to make presentations before the media, civic groups, schools, and at conferences and meetings. In 1994, to expand public relations activities and continue to promote a “positive” image of the industry, the Association started **Georgia’s Road Team**. All Road Team members are professional truck drivers selected from GMTA member companies. Team members serve as spokespersons for the industry speaking at various types of meetings and functions across the state.

As a part of corporate Georgia, the trucking industry not only plays a vital role in the State’s economy but also provides support for worthwhile projects and endeavors. **The GMTA Foundation** plays an expanding role in the Association’s charitable activities. Founded in 1993, the Foundation supports the work of the GMTA Road Team, and also helps coordinate and respond to disaster relief needs. A relatively new entity, the Foundation will continue to play a major role in GMTA and its work for years to come.

Safety Promotions

Industry safety professionals join **GMTA's Safety Management Council** for the opportunity to promote improvement of vehicle, driver and highway safety. Each month, the Council offers various activities including cooperative commercial vehicle safety inspections, safety patrols, and informative monthly presentations to its membership. Annually, the Council recognizes the state's top safety and highway professionals through its sponsorship of the Georgia Truck Driving Championships, Driver of-the-Year and Safety Professional of-the-Year. The Council has been the recipient of the American Trucking Associations, *Summa Cum Laude Award*, the highest honor given to state association councils, for the last sixteen years.

GMTA also offers an array of safety and compliance services designed to help our members meet and exceed federal and state guidelines and industry standards. We offer retained monthly consulting, safety reviews, employee training and paperwork auditing designed to fit your schedule, your budget, and most of all your needs as a motor carrier. In addition, GMTA sponsors management seminars on industry basics, hazardous materials, driver retention, drug and alcohol testing, defensive driving and hours-of-service. And our supply department offers one-stop shopping with a full line of safety training guidebooks, forms, driver logbooks, vehicle inspections, and training videos.

Fleet Maintenance

The **Fleet Maintenance Council of GMTA** has been working for the advancement of professional skills of fleet maintenance personnel for more than fifty years. This 200-member organization meets the third Tuesday of each month from January through October. These meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet and exchange ideas in a professional yet relaxed atmosphere, and to hear a guest speaker address current developments that affect fleet maintenance. Membership is equally balanced between maintenance personnel and people on the supply side of the industry, so all GMTA members are urged to get involved in the Fleet Maintenance Council.

Affinity Programs

GMTA's purchasing strength benefits all of the members through its "Affinity" (money saving) programs. These include:

- **National Fleet Services** – Registration and Fleet Management Services, IRP & Base Plate Registration, Permitting and More.
- **Hire Right** –Background Check & Drug Screening solutions.
- **GMTA Insurance Management** – Health, Disability, Life Insurance.
- **PrePass** – Weigh Station By-pass Services.
- **US Legal Services** – Affordable legal protection for your employees.
- **PeopLease** – Transportation industry management for all payroll, benefits and human resource needs.
- **AdvanceOnline** – Compliance & Safety Training.
- **TransCom** – Huge Savings for all of your Telecom needs. Mobile, Local, Long Distance and Internet.
- **UPS** – Savings on UPS Next Day Air & package services.

We are always striving to add services that provide savings to members!