

## Updates from North Carolina

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### LTR788™ Dual Wheel Load Scales

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol (NCSHP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section has introduced the [LTR788™ Dual Wheel Load Scales](#). The LTR788 is a solar-powered, low-profile scale created for direct measurement of individual tire loading in a dual-tire configuration. The newly introduced scales will provide inspectors with individual tire weights, allowing for tire rating compliance verification. Tire loading and tire conditions impact fuel economy and braking distance, and tire failure can lead to accidents and debris on roads.

First Sgt. Kendell E. Jackson approached Intercomp, a weighing and measurement solutions company, to create the LTR788 Dual Wheel Load Scales after determining there was no scale capable of weighing dual tires. NCSHP tested the scales in Hillsborough, North Carolina, in May 2021, becoming the first agency to utilize the LTR788. NCSHP deployed four additional systems in June 2022.



### North Carolina Trucking Association's Truck Driving Championship

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Section of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol (NCSHP) participated in the 2022 North Carolina Trucking Association's (NCTA) Truck Driving Championship (TDC), which took place June 10–11 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

The NCTA hosted CMV drivers from across North Carolina to compete in the TDC. The competition included a written examination that focused on safety rules and regulations, a pre-trip inspection, and a driving-skills test. Members of the CVE Section served as judges during the competition.

Competitors and their families participated in an awards luncheon on the last day of the event. NCSHP Col. Freddy L. Johnson Jr. presented the awards for first, second and third place in each of the following categories: Pre-Trip Inspection, Rookie of the Year and TDC Grand Champion. The TDC Grand Champion represented North Carolina at the American Trucking Associations' National Truck and Step Van Driving Championships. The TDC awards ceremony also allowed NCTA to recognize the Driver of the Month and Driver of the Year winners. These awards recognize and celebrate North Carolina truck drivers for their commitment to safety and professionalism.

The NCSHP was invited to present the "Just Drive: Deliver Distraction-Free" presentation, created by the University of California's Training, Research and Education for Driving Safety. Tpr. Christopher S. Baker was selected to provide this valuable training to

an audience of more than 300 CMV drivers and their families. The Just Drive Program is designed to increase driving-safety awareness and decrease distracted driving behaviors among commercial motor vehicle drivers. The presentation addressed the scope of the distracted and fatigued driving problem, the risks and consequences, and practical strategies to promote safe driving.

