



2026 IFTA Educational Forum
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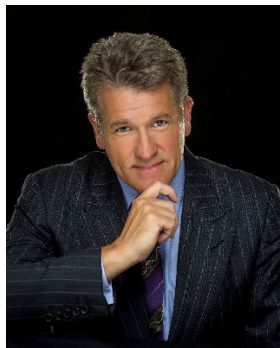
Sunday, May 31, 2026	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center</i>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Presenter’s Meeting <i>General Session – Indigo B, C, F, G</i>
Monday, June 1, 2026 - ORIENTATION DAY	
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	<i>On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center</i>
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	<i>Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room</i> <i>Indigo 206</i>
7:00 am – 8:30 am	<i>Breakfast (90 minutes)</i> <i>Indigo Terrace</i>
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	<p>Orientation Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• History of IFTA and IRP, the Governing Documents of IFTA. Presenter: Carmen Martorana <i>Indigo B, C, F, G General Session</i></p> <p>How did we get here? Find out about the background of these two unique government programs, the regulatory language that guides each of us, and how to discharge your duties compliantly!</p> <p>• The Fuel Tax Cycle. Presenter: Kelly Heaton <i>Indigo A</i></p> <p>From the ground to the tax return, find out how that fuel is distributed, traced, reported and why that is important!</p> <p>• The IFTA Clearinghouse, the IFTA Website, TRUedu, and more. Presenter: Rick LaRose <i>Indigo D&H</i></p> <p>Find out how to use these membership tools and where to find and access information to help you be a successful stakeholder in this Agreement!</p> <p>• A Day In The Life. <i>Indigo E</i> Presenters: Tom McDaniel (Admin-Managers), Michelle Fassbender (Industry-Carriers), Billy Johnson (Law Enforcement), Emily Ulmen (Audit)</p> <p>• Field Trip –No school curriculum would be complete without offering field trips to enhance the educational experience. At IFTA University, you’ll have the opportunity to visit multiple stations to inform and educate in areas such as vehicle inspections and a hands-on demonstration of how GPS and ELD’s actually work. Find out what happens during roadside enforcement and in the cab of that 18-wheeler when critical data is collected.</p>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<i>Beverage Break</i> <i>Indigo Foyer</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch (on your own 90 minutes)</i>



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3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Networking Beverage and Snack Break</i>	<i>Indigo Foyer</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00pm	<i>Reconvene in General Session</i>	
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<i>Opening Reception Sponsored by ProMiles</i>	<i>Indigo Terrace</i>
Tuesday, June 2, 2026		
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	<i>On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center</i>	
7:00 am – 4:30 pm	<i>Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room</i>	<i>Indigo 206</i>
6:30 am – 8:00 am	<i>Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes)</i>	<i>Indigo Terrace</i>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>General Session (135 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome – Board President Darrin Gerry • National Anthems/Color Guard – Greg Peake & San Diego Police Department • California Welcome – Ben Moore (Global Affairs Officer for the Mayor of San Diego) • Housekeeping/Overview of the Day’s Schedule/Breakouts – Nicole Alvey • Results at Hand App – Kelly Heaton <p>Experience the Extraordinary and Ignite Your Intuition with Mr. Craig Karges Craig Karges combines the art of magic with the science of psychology and the power of intuition to create the impression that nothing is impossible. As a mentalist and illusionist, he creates amazing and impossible looking happenings onstage while making the point that nothing is impossible – anything is possible! We are truly extraordinary and we have the ability to create the future through our decisions, actions and beliefs. During the presentation, you will learn memory techniques, your intuition will be tested and you will be taught how to tap into your subconscious mind to enhance creativity, intuition and decision making. This will be a highly interactive session filled with audience participation.</p>	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<i>Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes)</i>	<i>Indigo Foyer</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>CLASS TIME (90 minutes)</p> <p>Admin 101 <i>Indigo D&H</i> Presenters: Jeff Salzman (SD), Dwayne Wilder (KY), Latasha Williams (KY), Stephen Wiyanski (PA), Alicia Ruiz (CA)</p> <p>Theory of Audit <i>General Session Indigo B, C, F, G</i> Presenters: Scott Kohnen (IN) & Richard DeMuyneck (IA)</p> <p>Roadside Technology <i>Indigo E</i> Presenters: Dave Carver (WEX, Inc.) & Bob Andress (MT)</p> <p>Mock DRC Hearing <i>Indigo A</i> Presenters: Tom McDaniel (KY), Jody Isaak (ND), Tracy Voegele (ND), Darrin Gerry (SD), Carmen Martorana (IFTA, Inc.), Sarah Kamhi (IN), David Perry (IN), Christie Chewning (NC)</p>	
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	<i>Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence – General Session Room Indigo B, C, F, G</i>	
12:30 pm – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch (Provided 60 minutes)</i>	
		<i>Indigo Terrace</i>





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1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>CLASS TIME (90 minutes)</p> <p>Audit Management/Audit Program <i>Indigo E</i> Presenters: Emily Ulmen (ND) & Nate Bett (WI)</p> <p>Licensing <i>Indigo A</i> Presenters: Michelle Fassbender (J.J. Keller), Dwayne Wilder (KY), Stephen Wisyanski (PA)</p> <p>Data Queues <i>Indigo D&H</i> Presenter: Billy Johnson</p> <p>IFTA Tax Returns <i>General Session Indigo B, C, F, G</i> Presenter: Christie Chewning (NC) & Marisa Elliott (NC)</p>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes) <i>Indigo Foyer</i>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>RUSH (60 minutes) <i>Indigo D&H</i></p> <p>Early in the “school year” students in universities across the nation spend time in “rush”. Visiting with representatives from various fraternities, sororities, and clubs, they emerge equipped with essential information to help guide them throughout their career. It’s time to visit the “auditorium” and stroll around to our various stakeholder tables to learn much more about IFTA or IRP. Learn more about the structure of IFTA, IRP, and the Standing Committees of both. Whether it’s audit, administrative, law enforcement, motor carrier, or service provider oriented, allow our experts to spend a few minutes with you, one on one, to get you the answers you need.</p>
7:30 pm-10:00 pm	<p>Karaoke Night for Charity- “IFTA’s Got Talent!”-Sponsored by FAST Enterprises. Join us for an evening of fun, music, and more all for charity! This year, we’ll reach into our hearts to support a cause that truly affects our community, Truckers Against Trafficking. Our DJ host will keep the hits spinning and who knows, maybe you’ll showcase your vocal talents on the big stage! <i>(Indigo B, C, F, G - General Session Room)</i></p>
Wednesday, June 3, 2026	
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	On-Site Check-in and Assistance Center
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room <i>Indigo 206</i>
6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes) <i>Indigo Terrace</i>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>General Session (90 minutes)</p> <p>Real vs Fake - Billy Johnson (VA)</p> <p>Always a GREAT presentation! Find out the latest in how fake documents and credentials continue to evolve and affect our membership. Learn how to detect fake documents from an expert in Law Enforcement. Can you tell what’s real and what’s fake?</p> <p>Fuel Chain Cycle (If not presented Monday) – Kelly Heaton Bulk Fuel Fraud Case - Rick LaRose</p>



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	All may not be as it appears. Hear about a real-life case where those dreaded audits actually became a welcomed process and revealed the theft of millions from an unsuspecting motor carrier!	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes)	Indigo Foyer
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>CLASS TIME (90 minutes)</p> <p>Admin 201 General Session Indigo B, C, F, G Presenters: Tracy Voegele (ND) & Jeff Salzman (SD)</p> <p>ELD/GPS Indigo D&H Presenters: Mason Simpson (TN), Matthew Kirkpatrick (AR), Dave Carver (WEX, Inc.)</p> <p>What To Expect In An Inspection Indigo E Presenter: Billy Johnson</p> <p>Bulk Fuel Indigo A Presenters: Michelle Fassbender (J.J. Keller), Della Golden (OH), Richard DeMuynck (IA)</p>	
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own (90 minutes)	
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>CLASS TIME (90 minutes)</p> <p>Jurisdiction and Industry – Bridging the Gap General Session - Indigo B, C, F, G Presenters: Mason Simpson (TN), Richard DeMuynck (IA), Margie Hughes (ComData), Darrin Gerry (SD)</p> <p>Audit Appeals Indigo D&H Presenters: David Perry (IN), Alicia Ruiz (CA), Christie Chewning (NC), Tatrika Graphenreed (MI)</p> <p>Legal Sufficiency Indigo E Presenters: Sarah Kamhi (IN), Bob Andress (MT), Jason Springfield (AL), Tom McDaniel (KY)</p> <p>Dyed Fuel Indigo A Presenters: Len McLaughlin (WA), Salvador Sanchez (TX), Craig Quinn (AB)</p>	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Beverage and Snack Break (30 minutes)	Indigo Foyer
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>June Madness (90 minutes) (General Session Room- Indigo B, C, F, G)</p> <p>Welcome to IFTA’s trivia tournament! “Universities” battling for the Championship! This is going to be a terrific networking opportunity as your Team will take part in an IFTA themed game designed to educate, interact, and provide a fun learning environment! Get your game on!</p>	
5:00 pm – 5:45pm	IAC Meeting	Indigo A



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Thursday, June 4, 2026	
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	On-Site Check-In and Assistance Center
7:00am – 4:30 pm	Law Enforcement Fallen Heroes Reflection Room Indigo 206
6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast (Provided) (90 minutes) Indigo Terrace
8:00 am – 10:00 am	General Session (90 minutes) Truckers Against Trafficking – Heather Fry IFTA Update - Carmen Martorana Welcome to the IFTA 2027 Educational Forum - Rick LaRose
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Networking Beverage Break (15 minutes) Indigo Foyer
10:15 am – 11:15 am	CLASS TIME (60 minutes) Admin 301 Indigo D&H Presenters: Alicia Ruiz (CA), Latasha Williams (KY), Dywane Wilder (KY), Tom McDaniel (KY) Leases and Rentals Indigo E Presenters: Darrin Gerry (SD), Sarah Kamhi (IN), Nikki Cockrell (Ryder) IFTA, IRP, and Other Violations Indigo A Presenters: Billy Johnson (VA) & Len McLaghlin (WA) Adequate vs Inadequate General Session – Indigo B, C, F, G Presenters: Tatrika Graphenreed (MI) & Marisa Elliott (NC)
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Transition to Breakout Rooms (15 minutes)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	CLASS TIME (60 minutes) New Program Compliance Review General Session – Indigo B, C, F, G Presenter: Jody Isaak (ND) Records Reviews Indigo E Presenters: Emily Ulmen (ND) & Craig Quinn (AB) Alternative Records Indigo D&H Presenters: Della Golden (OH), Richard DeMuyneck (IA), Margie Hughes (ComData) Hot Shots Indigo A Presenters: Salvador Sanchez (TX), Jason Springfield (AL), Jesse Roberts (AR)
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Provided (60 minutes) Indigo Terrace
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	LABS (90 minutes) Excel 101 Indigo E Presenters: Jesse Roberts (AR) & Mason Simpson (TN) Excel 301 General Session – Indigo B, C, F, G



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	<p>Presenters: Craig Quinn (AB), Matthew Kirkpatrick (AR)</p> <p>Ask an Attorney <i>Indigo A</i> Presenters: Ray Proctor (DISA) & Sarah Kamhi (IN)</p> <p>Sponsor Question and Answer <i>Indigo D, Indigo H, Indigo 202 B, and Reflection Room</i> Presenters: ProMiles, i3 Verticals, FAST, Solera Explore</p> <p>From Demo to Dialogue (Law Enforcement Only) <i>Indigo 202 A</i> Presenters: Bob Andress (MT) & Len McLaughlin (WA)</p>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Beverage Break (30 minutes) <i>Indigo Foyer</i>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>FINALS (60 minutes)</p> <p>After a long “semester”, it’s time for your finals. We’ll divide into specific “majors” (Audit, Admin, Law Enforcement, Industry) to dive into a series of real-life scenarios to work through each one to arrive at an answer. You’ve worked hard for this all week, time to “ace” your final exams!</p> <p>Admin/Managers <i>General Session Indigo B, C, F, G</i> Presenters: Tom McDaniel (KY) & Christie Chewning (NC)</p> <p>Audit <i>Indigo E</i> Presenters: Jesse Roberts (AR) & Craig Quinn (AB)</p> <p>Law Enforcement <i>Indigo D&H</i> Presenters: Bob Andress (MT) & Len McLaughlin (WA)</p> <p>Industry/Carriers <i>Indigo A</i> Presenters: Margie Hughes (ComData), Nikki Cockrell (Ryder), Brad Bordelon (ProMiles), Dave Carver (WEX, Inc.)</p>
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	<p>Evening GRADUATION - Sponsored by i3Verticals <i>(Tom’s Watch Bar)</i></p> <p>At the end of a very successful week, join us for graduation! We are taking the show across from the hotel at Tom’s Watch Bar at Petco Park! After a short walk across the bridge to Petco Park, this will be a terrific way to network with your fellow graduates, honor the faculty, hear from the University President, the Registrar of Students, and much, much more! Food and beverages will be served, and we’ll have surprise entertainment to celebrate the IFTA Class of 2026!</p>
Friday, June 5, 2025	
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	IFTA Assistance Center
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Beverages Provided – Coffee Only <i>Indigo Foyer</i>
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>EXTRA CREDIT</p> <p>Optional Stakeholder Meetings</p>



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