

## Welcome to the Nevada Taxicab Authority



*The Taxicab Authority is committed to ensuring the wellbeing and safe passage of the taxi riding public. We accomplish this mission by mandating and enforcing very high standards of quality and conduct from our employees, certificate holders (cab company owners), and those that maintain Taxicab Authority permits (drivers licensed to operate taxicabs), in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code chapters 706.*

*The Taxicab Authority Website represents an important messaging tool, providing access to activities, services, and information relevant to the taxi industry in Clark County. As part of our goal to enhance communication, transparency and accountability, we've redesigned this website. Whether you are a taxi operator or a member of the taxi riding public, we hope you will find the information you are seeking. As you browse, keep in mind that we welcome your insight and appreciate your constructive comments.*

*We are a unique regulatory agency. Our team of sworn and civilian personnel is honored to serve the taxi riding public. It would take far too long to describe all of the duties and functions performed by this small yet very dedicated group of professionals. Provided below is an abbreviated description of their duties, along with a brief history of the Taxicab Authority.*

*Thank you for visiting our site. We encourage you to visit often and provide us with your feedback.*

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*The Taxicab Authority is charged with the responsibility of regulating the taxicab industry in any Nevada county with a population of 700,000 or more (NRS 706.881). Currently, only Clark County falls within that criterion, with Las Vegas being located in Clark County. There are currently sixteen (16) taxicab companies in Clark County; employing approximately ten thousand (10,000) drivers, and operating a taxicab fleet of approximately three thousand (3,000) vehicles.*

*The Taxicab Authority is governed by a five-member Board appointed by the Governor of Nevada (NRS 706.8818). No elected officer of the State or any political subdivision is eligible for appointment, and no more than three Board members may be of the same political party. Board members may serve up to six years on the Taxicab Authority Board. The Board conducts hearings and renders decisions regarding the administration and enforcement of NRS 706.881 through NRS 706.885, as well as the issuance and transfer of certificates of public convenience for taxicab companies. The Board determines the number of taxicabs authorized per certificated company and the fares to be charged (NRS 706.8819 & 706.8824). They also hear appeals involving the issuance, suspension and revocation of driver's permits.*

- *The Authority's thirty (30) P.O.S.T. I and P.O.S.T.II certified peace officers investigate violations of applicable Nevada laws and regulations within the taxicab industry. Nevada Taxicab Authority Investigators are on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.*
- *The Authority's nine (9) Vehicle Inspectors ensure regulatory compliance with the safety, comfort, and mechanical operating standards of taxicabs. Approximately seven hundred and fifty (750) of the fleet's three thousand (3,000) taxicabs require a full and complete inspection each quarter, which is one of the most stringent inspection schedules in the United States.*
- *The Authority also employs an administrative staff of eighteen (18) to support the various functions of the enforcement and inspection staff, as well as six (6) public safety dispatchers.*

### HISTORY OF THE NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

- *1969 – Nevada Legislature approved the establishment of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority, which began operations on July 1, 1969. The Authority began operation with a staff of 8, regulating 8 cab companies utilizing 275 medallions and 600 permitted drivers.*
- *1971 – Taxicab Authority became a completely self/fee funded agency, receiving no financial support from the Nevada General Fund, or Nevada Highway Fund.*

- 1973 – Taxicab Authority began regulating taxicab loading areas at McCarran Airport, at the request of the Clark County Commission.
- 1992 – Taxicab Authority Board mandated use of geographically restricted medallions for operation on the weekends as a strategy to increase customer service without having too many cabs on the street during the relatively low weekday demand for cabs in Las Vegas.
- 1993 – Time restricted medallions were allocated as a strategy to satisfy the peak demand for taxi service in the evenings, without impacting the supply of taxicabs during the day.
- 1993 – Taxicab Authority joined the Nevada Department of Business and Industry.
- 2009 – Clark County (Las Vegas, Mesquite, & Laughlin) taxicabs completed 23,571,704 trips.
- 2013 – The Taxicab Authority currently regulates 16 taxicab companies operating in the Clark County area, utilizing approximately 1,850 Full-Time equivalent medallions, 3,000 taxicabs, and approximately 10,000 permitted drivers.
- 2013 - Clark County (Las Vegas, Mesquite, & Laughlin) taxicabs completed over 26,400,000 trips.

#### *Nevada Facts and Figures*

- Nevada is the seventh largest state in the United States, covering 110,540 square miles. The state's long western border is shared with California. On its northern and eastern borders are the states of Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona. The state's longest distance from the northwest corner to the southern tip is approximately 600 miles. At the widest point it is nearly 350 miles. It is the most arid state in the country, receiving less than ten inches of precipitation per year.
- Nevada consists of seventeen counties, ranging in size from 153 square miles for the state capitol of Carson City to over 18,000 square miles for Nye County, one of the largest counties in the United States. Of Nevada's total land area, 85.3% is controlled by the federal government. State and local governments control 0.3% and 1.6% falls under the jurisdiction of 22 American Indian Reservations. The United States military, which has a significant presence, has also reserved large areas.
- In 2013, Nevada had an estimated population of 2,790,135 (Ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in U.S.) Nevada's population increased by over 54% between 1980 and 1990 (from 800,508 to 1,236,130) and by 60.0% from 1990 to 2000

*(1,236,130 to 2,065,610). Nevada remains one of the most sparsely populated states, with about 24 people per square mile. 88% of the state's total population (2,461,599) is located in the counties of Clark (2,027,868 – 73%) and Washoe (433,731 – 15%).*

- *The United States Census Bureau estimated the following population composition for Nevada in 2013: White = 77%; Hispanic or Latino = 28%; African American = 9%; Asian & Pacific Islanders = 9%; American Indian/Alaska Native = 2%; ages under 5 = 6%; ages under 18 = 24%; ages 65 and over = 14%; Males = 50.4%; and Females = 49.6%.*
- *Tourism and gaming are the state's largest industries. The gaming industry generated revenue of \$111,145,385,723 in 2013. Approximately 52.1 million people visited Nevada in 2013, the majority of whom chose Las Vegas as their destination. A substantial ongoing effort has been undertaken to diversify Nevada's economy. Hundreds of out-of-state firms have relocated to Nevada and thousands of new businesses have opened.*
- *Nevada is the largest gold producer in the United States, and ranks in the top ten in the world. The bulk of this boom has occurred within the past fifteen years and has primarily taken place in the rural northern part of Nevada.*