

# State of Nevada Taxicab Authority News



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## TA Installs Airport Signage

As of January 17, 2014 signs like this one were posted at McCarran International Airport informing passengers of approximate fares for specific downtown and strip property destinations. Airport signage is being installed to inform the taxi riding public of their rights under Nevada Law. They will be displayed on doors 1 and 4 of Terminal 1 and outside the taxi staging area at Terminal 3.

Fares originating from McCarran include an initial "drop" charge of \$3.30 and a \$2.00 airport surcharge. After the initial "drop", the taximeter calculates a combination fare of \$2.60 per mile and wait time at \$.50 per minute. Passengers paying by credit card are also subjected to a \$3.00 fee.



## Accidents





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## Taxicab Authority Bicycle Patrol Unit

In the fall of 2012, the Nevada Taxicab Authority created a bicycle unit to patrol areas that regular police vehicles had trouble maneuvering due to large crowds and heavy vehicle traffic.

The unit is comprised of TA Investigators who have successfully completed a 40-hour law enforcement bicycle certification course.

Since its inception, the unit's highly trained investigators and their mobility on bicycles has resulted in success in the following areas:

1. Better service to the riding public and taxicab drivers.
2. Quicker response to calls for service during peak hours in and around the Las Vegas Strip corridor.
3. Effective and efficient enforcement activities during conventions, concerts, special events, sporting events, Spring Break, and on weekends and holidays.
4. Maintaining a covert profile while patrolling and monitoring driver activities in and around the Las Vegas Strip corridor and Downtown Las Vegas (Freemont Street). This has led to detecting and citing violators of Nevada motor carrier laws; and State/County criminal laws.



## LONG HAULING FINES AND PENALTIES



Department of Business and Industry, Taxicab Authority Administrator Charles Harvey

**NRS 706.8846** - With respect to a passenger's destination, a driver shall not:

Take a longer route to the passenger's destination than is necessary, unless specifically requested to do so by the passenger:

If a driver violates any provisions of NRS 706.8846 (Long Hauling) the TA Administrator may impose the following sanctions:

- A.) First offense: Warning notice or a fine of not more than \$100.00 or both a warning and a fine.
- B.) Second offense; 1 to 3 days suspension of a driver's

permit or a fine of not more than \$200.00 or both suspension and fine.

C.) Third offense: 4 to 6 days suspension of a driver's permit or a fine of not more than \$300.00 or both suspension and fine.

D.) Fourth offense: 10 days suspension of a driver's permit or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both suspension and fine.

E.) Fifth offense: Revocation of a driver's permit or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or both revocation and fine.

Only violations occurring in the 12 months immediately

preceding the most current violation shall be considered for the purposes of subsection one (1). The TA Administrator shall inspect the driver's record for that period to compute the number of offenses committed.

The TA Administrator shall conduct a hearing prior to suspension or revocation of a driver's permit or imposing a fine under this section or NRS 706.8849.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1247; A 1977, 750)



Before leaving the cab yard, it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that these five required items are functional on their assigned cab.

- A. Headlights, brakes, taximeter, radiator, and fan belt.
- B. Trunk release, meter, horn, four-way flashers, and two-way radio.
- C. Green Distress Light, two-way radio, door locks, seat belts, and trunk release.
- D. Trip sheet, door locks, seat belts, brakes and Green Distress Light.



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### Taxicab Driver Safety Tips

For Driving on a Wet Roadway:

- Accelerate smoothly to prevent wheel spin.
- Turn your headlights on to increase your visibility to other drivers
- Reduce your speed and slow down when cornering
- Allow a greater distance between vehicles when following to stop and apply

brakes gently.

- Avoid braking on painted lines they are very slippery compared to the main road surface.

When Transporting Wheelchair Passengers:

- Drivers operating a handicapped accessible van (wheel chair van) must ensure the required equipment is inside the vehicle before starting their shift.

(Tie down straps).

When Someone Gets Sick in Your Cab:

- NRS 706.8845-12 Standards of conduct while on duty— "Safety Comfort & Convenience." You are not allowed to charge a clean up fee for passengers who get sick in your cab. This is a **Bio-Hazard**; you could end up getting sick and/or transmitting a disease to your family.



Driving on wet roads in Nevada is challenging due to the rising oil which makes the pavement extremely slippery.



### Making Your Visit Easier at the Taxicab Authority

by Kelly Kuzik

The following information will make your visit to the Nevada Taxicab Authority quick and easy.

#### Physicals:

- Completed physical examination documents must be submitted to the Nevada Taxicab Authority.
- Medical certification form/ **card alone is not sufficient.**
- DOT Physical examination documents must be certified as true by Nevada licensed M.D. or Chiropractor only.

#### Application for Taxicab Driver Permits:

When applying for a new driver's permit, or renewal of an existing permit, you should:

- List the specific name of the company that will/does employ you.

- Example: Listing YCS, Frias etc. will cause the document to be returned for correction.

#### Temporary Permits:

- When extending a 90 day temporary driver's permit, the applicant should mark the "Extended Temps" box on the licensing sign-in sheet, and NOT the renewal box.

#### Payments:

- When making a payment to the TA with cash, remember to have the exact change, especially early morning (office does not open with cash on hand).
- The credit or debit card

owner must be present or the card must be in the name of the person presenting the card for payment.

#### Residency:

- To establish proof of 30 day residency, the applicant should provide to staff: 1) Current utility bill (e.g. power bill, water bill or gas bill). 2) Telephone bill (cell phone bill is NOT acceptable).

#### Referrals:

When do I need one?

- New application for driver permit.
- Lost or stolen permit.
- Expired permit.
- Change of company, even if it is within the same owner group

(e.g. Frias, YCS)

- Referrals are only valid for 30 days.

#### Reminders:

For quicker and more expedient processing at the TA, remember:

- Bring a pen.
- Have your Nevada Driver's License with you.
- Have all necessary and required documents with you

The correct answer to the question on pg. 2 is C

# ZERO TOLERANCE ON "ILLEGAL" LONG HAULING

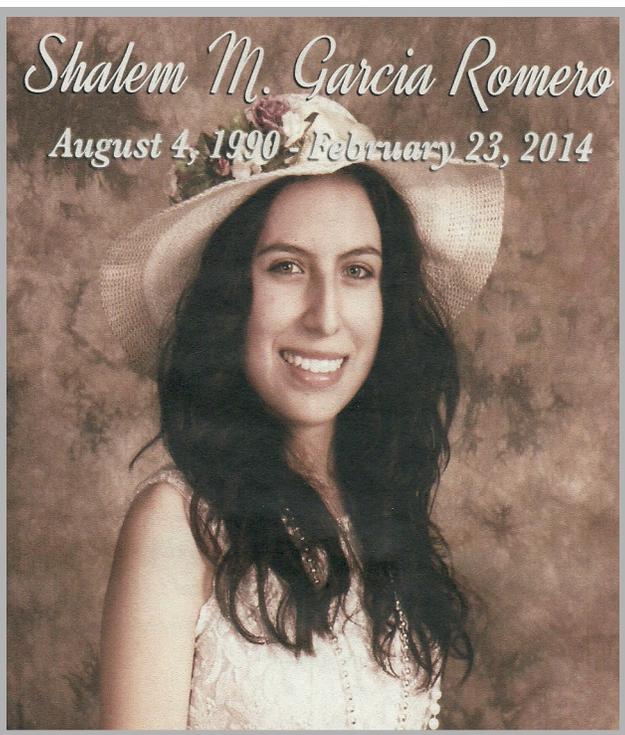


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**We are MOVING to a new location! To help serve you better, we will be relocating the TA offices to 2090 E. Flamingo with a projected grand opening date of Summer 2014.**



*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 chapter 706.*



### *Remembering*

The State of Nevada Taxicab Authority is mourning the passing of Shalem Garcia Romero.

During the short time Shalem worked at the Taxicab Authority, she touched everyone she met with her caring, kindness, intelligence and thoughtfulness.

She was genuinely beautiful inside and out. Shalem had a truly compassionate soul, and willing heart to help anyone in need, and even after death, she continues to be a blessing to others by giving life through the donation of her organs, corneas,

and bone marrow.

At the young age of 23, she died in Las Vegas and is survived by her parents, two siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, countless friends, co-workers, and supervisors.

Shalem, whose name is a composition of the words "Shalom," which means "peace" and "Jerusalem" which means "city of peace", truly lived up to her name and will be deeply missed.

