As the Council grew to include transportation specialists and related service providers well beyond “driver trainers,” the need arose to change the organization’s name. At a meeting in Kingston in 2008, the name was changed to Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario (THSAO) Fleet Safety Council. When the Council went through organizational changes in 2010 to become part of IHSA, the name became the Fleet Safety Council.

Membership
The Fleet Safety Council is open to anyone interested in promoting safety in the transportation industry. Currently, the Council enjoys membership from 300 transportation companies. Members include

- Driver trainers
- Directors of safety
- Labour safety personnel
- Human resource management
- Individuals concerned with occupational health and safety
- Various government agencies
- Industry suppliers.

The chapters have representatives from local and regional police forces, the OPP, the Ministry of Transportation, and various government agencies.

Established in 1965, the Fleet Safety Council is an association of driver trainers and professional drivers that works to promote safety in the transportation and transport industry.

The Council encourages the improvement of driver behaviour through training and increased awareness of safety issues by transportation employers. Working with IHSA, government agencies, and private organizations, the Council strives for a uniform system of safety requirements for drivers in Ontario.

History
The Fleet Safety Council began with the formation of the Council of Driver Trainers – Toronto Chapter. At the same time, regional groups began developing in other areas across the province to address local issues. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the membership expanded, not only in locations but also in vocational specialization, such as school bus and municipal interests, leading to the development of other new chapters.
Join the Fleet Safety Council

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Chapters in Ontario

- Central Ontario Chapter
  Kitchener
- Central Eastern Ontario Chapter
  Peterborough area
- Eastern Ontario Chapter
  Ottawa area
- Hamilton Niagara Chapter
  Hamilton area
- Northern Chapter
  Sudbury area
- Southern Chapter
  Windsor area
- Southwestern Ontario Chapter
  London
- Toronto Chapter
  Toronto

Benefits

Health and safety networking through the Fleet Safety Council has quickly become an effective means of sharing knowledge. Programs such as Safety Groups and the Safe Communities Incentive Program (SCIP) as well as events such as the Ontario Truck Driving Championships, Safe Driving/Safe Worker Awards Banquets, and various health and safety presentations and training courses provide opportunities for collaboration and cooperation. Council members throughout the province meet at chapter meetings and share concerns and solutions. In this way, they keep current with the latest health and safety issues.

The Fleet Safety Council even has its own website. Visit fleetsafetycouncil.com for information on each chapter, the latest news and upcoming events, and health and safety resources relevant to the industry. The Fleet Safety Council belongs to IHSA’s network of industry partners (such as Advisory Councils and Labour-Management groups), which continues to grow and flourish.

FSC Educational Conference

Each year the Fleet Safety Council holds an educational conference that provides delegates with information and tools that will allow them to improve health and safety in their work environment. In addition to allowing the delegates to hear from industry experts about the most current issues of concern, the conference offers a variety of valuable sponsorship opportunities.

The 2014 Fleet Safety Council Annual Educational Conference will be held at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from November 7 to 9. With added promotional support from IHSA and Truck News, nearly two hundred delegates are expected to attend. For conference and sponsorship details, contact Betty Taylor at 1-800-263-5024 ext. 7936.

Contact info

To join a Fleet Safety Council Chapter in your region or for more information, call 1-800-263-5024 ext. 7936. Membership fees range from $40 to $60 per year depending on the individual chapter.

There are 11 chapters throughout the province, each with an administrator who is an IHSA consultant. Each chapter operates independently with its own executive but in accordance with the constitution that has been developed by members of the Fleet Safety Council. Chapters report their monthly activities to the Fleet Safety Council Executive Administrator, who sends that information to other chapters and to IHSA senior management.

School Bus & Coach Divisions:

- Central Ontario School Bus Chapter
  Guelph
- SW Ontario School Bus Chapter
  London
- Hamilton Niagara Bus Division
  Hamilton area

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