

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RECORDS SUPPORT

Sample timeline & records checklist

A fictional, reusable example for showing how a records review can be organized.

FICTIONAL DEMONSTRATION ONLY

All case names, dates, unit identifiers, records, and event details below are invented. No real claim, person, or client is represented.

Example matter	FIC-026 - fictional flatbed load-shift report	Review boundary	Document organization and factual chronology only
Event date	May 12, 2026 (fictional)	Time basis	Times shown as recorded; time zone not stated in sample records

Example timeline

Each entry attributes a statement to a sample record. Notes identify document gaps or questions for follow-up; they are not findings about cause or fault.

TIME	SAMPLE SOURCE	WHAT THE SAMPLE RECORD STATES	REVIEW NOTE
06:10	Dispatch sheet	Lists tractor TR-204 and flatbed TL-118 for a steel-beam load.	Compare unit details with the ELD export and vehicle records.
06:32	Bill of lading	Describes six bundles of steel beams.	No loading diagram appears in this fictional packet.
06:47	Pre-trip DVIR	Sample form marks tractor and trailer with no defects noted.	This entry does not document cargo securement condition.
07:04	ELD excerpt	Shows trip movement beginning.	Time zone is not specified in the sample export.
08:16	Carrier incident report	Reports abrupt braking followed by cargo movement near mile marker 42.	Description is attributed to the report; underlying accounts are not included.
08:31	Post-event photos	Images show the stopped vehicle, load, and visible tie-down straps.	Original files and timestamp metadata are not in the sample packet.

Scope note: This example shows a format for organizing produced records, building a factual timeline, and flagging missing or unclear items. It does not determine causation, fault, regulatory compliance, or legal conclusions.

SAMPLE FILE REVIEW

Records checklist

The sample status reflects only the invented packet above. "Not provided" means absent from this example set; it does not mean a record does not exist.

RECORD GROUP	EXAMPLE RECORD	SAMPLE STATUS	REVIEW NOTE / FOLLOW-UP
Trip / assignment	Dispatch sheet and unit assignment	IN SAMPLE	Match tractor and trailer identifiers to other records.
Load description	Bill of lading or shipping paper	IN SAMPLE	Six steel bundles listed; no loading diagram in this packet.
Loading / securement	Loading photos, load plan, securement details	NOT PROVIDED	Request available records for the loading and securement process.
Driver inspection	Pre-trip DVIR	IN SAMPLE	Sample form notes no defects; confirm document date and unit.
Trip activity	ELD export and relevant activity records	IN SAMPLE	Confirm export range, time zone, and source.
Communications	Dispatch / driver messages or call records	NOT PROVIDED	Request relevant communications if retained and in scope.
Incident materials	Carrier incident report	IN SAMPLE	Record wording and attribution; seek underlying source records as applicable.
Photos	Original scene and post-event images with metadata	PARTIAL	Image copies are included; original files and metadata are not.
Vehicle condition	Inspection, maintenance, and repair records	NOT PROVIDED	Request the agreed date range and records for the identified units.
After-event records	Post-event inspection, tow, or roadside records	NOT PROVIDED	Check availability and preserve relevant records where appropriate.
Other sources	Police, witness, shipper, or third-party records, if applicable	NOT PROVIDED	Availability and relevance depend on the assignment scope.

How AFS can support a defined records assignment
AFS International Consulting provides nationwide remote support for commercial vehicle claims teams, attorneys handling commercial vehicle matters, and trucking fleets. Within an agreed scope, support may include organizing driver and vehicle records; reviewing ELD/HOS, DVIR, inspection, maintenance, repair, and cargo securement documents; preparing factual timelines; flagging missing or conflicting information; and producing concise review summaries.

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