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NPTC & SMARTDRIVE PRESENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The National Private Truck Council (NPTC) and SmartDrive Systems, award program sponsor, recognized six private fleet professionals for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community during NPTC's recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition. Since 1990, the NPTC Private Fleet Professional Leadership Awards have recognized those individuals who have positively impacted NPTC, their profession, and private trucking.

"Private fleets play a critical role in our national transportation infrastructure, and the professionals who support this sector demonstrate their commitment to safety, efficiency and productivity every day," stated NPTC president Gary Petty. "We are honored to acknowledge the efforts of these outstanding professionals who have made significant contribution to NPTC, their profession and

the private trucking community."

The Dan Smith Life Achievement Award, the council's highest and most prestigious honor, was awarded to **Gary Strausbaugh, CTP**, The Mennel Milling Co. Recognized as the Private Fleet Executive of the Year was **Mari Roberts, CTP**, Frito-Lay Inc. **Mike Little, CTP**, Service First Distribution, was honored as the NPTC Fleet Member of the Year.

The NPTC Allied Member of the year was presented to CPC Logistics. Accepting the award on behalf of CPC was **Bob Boyich, CTP**. The NPTC Excellence in Backhauling Award went to **Mike Schwersenska, CTP**, Brakebush Brothers Transportation. **Victor Hart**, Dot Transportation Inc., was named the Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year. **Brian Holley, CTP**, Whiteline Express Ltd., was the recipient of the NPTC Excellence in Membership Award.

2017 SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

During the group's recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, NPTC recognized those fleet members who continue to elevate safety performance.

The NPTC/Lytx® Fleet Safety Awards program recognizes NPTC member companies that work to make safety a priority in their private fleets' operations. The Fleet of the Year Awards in particular recognize companies with the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year. The winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2016) are:

- ▶ **Local operations (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)**—American Proteins Inc. (first place); Blain Supply Inc. (second place)
- ▶ **Regional operations**—Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin Williams Co. (first place)
- ▶ **Mixed operations (small fleet – less than 50 vehicles)**—Sugar Foods Corp. (first place); Moen Inc. (second place); FTC Transport Inc. (third place)
- ▶ **Mixed operations (large fleet – 50 vehicles or more)**—New South Express Inc. (first place); Baxter Healthcare Corp. (second place); Koch Foods (third place)

NATIONAL DRIVER ALL STARS

Applications for NPTC's National Driver All Stars program are now available. Co-sponsored by International Trucks/Navistar Inc., this unique program is designed to recognize private fleet drivers for meeting high performance standards in the fields of customer service, safety and compliance. It provides a way to recognize private fleet drivers for delivering the high levels of customer service with which private fleets distinguish themselves. Applicants must be a regularly employed, full-time company or leased driver and actively driving for the 12-month period beginning June 1, 2016, through May 31 of this year.

NPTC ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

NPTC will hold its National Safety Conference on September 14-15 at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, VA, just outside of Washington, DC, and adjacent to Dulles International Airport.

"The National Safety Conference is an intense, concentrated overview of key issues of interest and importance to running private fleet operations at an exceptionally high standard of safety," said Carol Heinowski, logistics manager at Meijer Inc. and chair of the NPTC Safety Committee.

The program includes an update on federal regulations, private fleet case studies, a recap of several leading safety technologies, a recognition ceremony honoring top performing drivers, safety-in-the round breakout sessions, and liability mitigation.

CTP GRADUATION



Seventy-eight transportation professionals achieved the prestigious designation of Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP) by the NPTC Institute, the educational and professional certification arm of the National Private Truck Council. The graduates were honored during a ceremony at the recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The CTP designation was first introduced in 1993 and since then, more than 1,600 fleet and transportation professionals have earned the right to add CTP after their name. CTPs are raising industry standards and, in turn, increasing the respect and prestige of the fleet and transportation profession.

"These new Certified Transportation Professionals have demonstrated the

knowledge and ability to understand complex operational and regulatory issues, identify and evaluate potential costs and savings, and develop systems and practices that best meet their company's transportation needs and objectives," said Mari Roberts, CTP, chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors, which oversees the program, and director-LD&T Dallas Metroplex, Frito-Lay Inc.

"The CTP designation is a benchmark of excellence earned by a special few, but it is available to any fleet or transportation specialist that will to make the necessary commitment of dedicated effort."

Each year, *Fleet Owner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's award was presented to Scott Duvall, CTP, safety coordinator with Dot Transportation Inc.

NPTC DRIVER HALL OF FAME

Four truck drivers who have together logged more than 14 million mi. of safe driving in about 169 combined years of service were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC/Lytx® Driver Hall of Fame during the Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, 3 million mi. or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Many of the drivers have far exceeded these qualifications and are known for having made significant contributions to their industry and their communities. Since its inception, 104 drivers have been inducted

into the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's DriverHall of Fame inductees are **Scott G.Beck**, Deseret Transportation, West Valley City, UT (accumulated more than 4.6 million mi. in 36 years with no accidents or moving violations); **Larry Lloyd**, Walgreens Oshkosh, assigned by CPC Logistics Inc., Cottonwood, AZ (accumulated more than 3.25 million mi. in 48 years without an accident and has received no moving violations in more than 15 years); **George Newman**, Frito-Lay Inc., Dayville, CT (accumulated 4.6 million accident-free and violation-free miles in more than 46 years); and **John Tiemann**, Kellogg Co., Omaha, NE (driving professionally since 1978 and has achieved 1.9 million mi. without an accident or a moving violation).

coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

- ▶ **June 12-14** — Onsite summer safety committee meeting, South Bend, IN
- ▶ **July 12-13** — J.J. Keller & Associates webcast
- ▶ **September 14-15** — NPTC National Safety Conference, Dulles, VA
- ▶ **October 1** — 2018 CTP eligibility applications due
- ▶ **November 15** — 2018 CTP exam applications due
- ▶ **January 12, 2018** — CTP exam prep workshop, Jacksonville, FL
- ▶ **January 13-17, 2018** — Private Fleet Management Institute, Jacksonville, FL
- ▶ **February 10, 2018** — CTP exam, offered at 40 locations across the country
- ▶ **April 29-May 1, 2018** — NPTC Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

webcast update

More than 750 people attended the May webcasts sponsored by NPTC and J.J. Keller & Associates, which are free to all NPTC members. Bill Hartman, CTP, senior fleet manager, VF Jeanswear Inc., was the featured fleet speaker for "Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse" on May 10.

Joe Laskowski, CTP, director of fleet safety and compliance, MedTrans LLC, was the featured fleet member speaker on "Fatigue Management and Sleep Apnea" on May 11