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## NPTC NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

NPTC will hold the 2020 National Safety Conference Sept. 9-11, at the Omni Championsgate Hotel in Orlando, Fla. This program offers a unique format of presentations, discussions with key government officials, problem-solving workshops, expert panels, and networking opportunities. It provides attendees with insights into, and implementable solutions for, strategic safety and security issues that face today's private fleets.

Topics and speakers represent the most relevant and current safety information available. The program includes concise yet comprehensive information that is solution-centered and supplemented by extensive networking opportunities with speakers and guests alike. This value-focused approach helps attendees find the right combination of safety ideas best suited for adaptation at

their own companies.

The National Safety Conference also features a special ceremony and luncheon presentation of our annual National Driver All-Star Awards, which is co-sponsored by NPTC and International Truck/Navistar. This annual awards program recognizes private fleet truck drivers who have demonstrated high performance standards against their peer drivers throughout the country based on customer service, safety, adherence to company standards, regulatory compliance, and community service.

With the cancellation of the NPTC 2020 Annual Conference, this year's Safety Conference will also feature a ceremony and luncheon presentation of our NPTC/Lytx Driver Hall of Fame and Fleet Safety Awards Programs.

## NPTC ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Schwersenska, CTP, director of transportation/logistics, Brakebush Transportation Inc., has been elected chair of the NPTC Board of Directors. He replaces outgoing Board Chair Carol Heinowski, logistics manager of safety and compliance at Meijer Inc.

Also elected as NPTC officers were:

- Vice Chair: Chuck Amen, CTP, corporate transportation operations manager at Hillyard Inc.
- Treasurer: Bedford Monday, CTP, director of warehouse operations, Schwan Food Co.
- Secretary: David Barth, CTP, transportation area manager, Wegmans Food Markets Inc.

The newly elected members seated on the Board of Directors were:

- Membership Committee Chair: Randy Maddox, CTP, local category manager, Mobile Equipment, CRH, Americas Materials, South Division, Oldcastle Building Products
- Public Relations/Marketing Committee Chair: Scott Willert, president of America's Service Line LLC
- Safety Committee Chair: Scott Duvall, CTP, regional supervisor of driver operations, MedTrans LLC
- Annual Conference Planning Committee Chair: Troy Kays, CTP, senior manager, corporate transportation safety & compliance, Trans Papa Logistics - Papa John's

## FOUR INDUCTED INTO DRIVER HALL OF FAME

Four drivers have been inducted into the NPTC/Lytx Driver Hall of Fame. The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, three million miles, 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

Following are this year's Driver Hall of Fame inductees:

- Gerald Barth, John Deere assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Nora Black, Orscheln Farm and Home LLC
- Lenny M. Gray, Messer LLC
- Ronald R. Tourte, Hy-Vee Inc.

Barth started driving professionally in 1978 and has racked up more than four million miles without an accident or injury and without any moving violations.

Black has maintained a perfect driving record of more than 1.6 million miles. She has driven for more than 24 years and has achieved 3.2 million miles of accident-free, injury-free, and violation-free driving since then.

Gray began his driving career in 1973 and has driven 4.7 million miles without an accident or a moving violation in the 47 years since.

Tourte started driving a truck 39 years ago on his family farm. He has never had an accident, injury or moving violation. He works four days a week running up to 500 miles a day.

## NPTC/TRANSFORCE GROUP LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The National Private Truck Council and award program sponsor TransForce Group Inc. recognized six private fleet professionals and two member companies for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community. Since 1990, the NPTC Professional Leadership Awards have recognized those individuals and companies positively impacting the National Private Truck Council, their profession, and the private trucking community.

The Dan Smith Lifetime Achievement Award, which is the Council's top award, goes to **Matt Peterson**, CTP, remarketing sales manager at Mack Trucks/Volvo Trucks. This award honors an individual who has made significant leadership contributions in helping advance the goals and objectives of the Council and whose contributions serve as an exemplary model for future NPTC-member private fleet professionals.

Recognized as the Private Fleet Executive of the Year is **David Barth**, CTP, transportation area manager, Wegmans Food Markets. With more than 36 years of experience in the transportation, warehouse, and distribution industry, Barth has worked at Wegmans Food Markets for the last 21 years.

**Jeff Bronson**, senior director of transportation at Atlas Trucking Company & Atlas Logistics, is honored as the NPTC Private Fleet Manager of the Year. He assumed his role in 2014 as senior director of transportation at Atlas. In January 2019, he opened

Atlas Fleet Services, which is now one of the largest heavy truck/trailer repair facilities in Southern Michigan.

Named as the Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year is **Duane Woods**, CTP, senior director of transportation operations at Albertsons Companies, overseeing fleet operations and safety. He currently serves as vice chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors and is a mentor and promoter of candidates for the CTP credential.

Chris Fada, CTP, general manager, Ross Transportation Services Inc., is named NPTC Excellence in Membership Award (Fleet). Fada attended the Private Fleet Management Institute and earned his CTP in 2013. He has mentored several PFMI and CTP candidates over the years and is a member of the NPTC Annual Conference Planning Committee. A benchmarking contributor to NPTC, Fada has served as a speaker and panelist at many NPTC events.

**Rosemary Schaffer**, CTP, director of nonprofit business, at Penske Truck Leasing Company, receives the NPTC Excellence in Membership Award (Allied). Actively involved with NPTC for more than 12 years, Schaffer attended the Private Fleet Management Institute and earned her CTP credential in 2008.

The Allied Member of the Year is presented to **Transforce Group**, a leading workforce solutions company in the U.S. and a long-standing member of NPTC.

## CERTIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS HONORED

Ninety transportation professionals have 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 CTP program is sponsored by J. J. Keller & Associates Inc.

The CTP designation is a benchmark

of excellence earned by a special few but available to any fleet or transportation specialist willing to make the necessary commitment of dedicated effort.

*FleetOwner* sponsored the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's Top Graduate was Michael Shafer, CTP, senior logistics analyst at Core-Mark International Inc.

## coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

- ▶ **June 30**—Deadline for NPTC National Driver All-Star application
- ▶ **July 15**—NPTC/J.J. Keller webcast on roadside inspections
- ▶ **July 16**—NPTC/J.J. Keller webcast on how to survive a DOT safety audit
- ▶ **August 1**—NPTC Benchmarking Report
- ▶ **September 9-11**—National Safety Conference, Orlando, Fla.
- ▶ **October 1**—2021 CTP eligibility applications due
- ▶ **November 15**—2021 CTP exam applications due

## NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCASTS:

NPTC and J. J. Keller have canceled the webcasts scheduled for May 20 and 21 due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the safety of guests who planned to travel to present the content. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We will be sure to notify you if and when these events are rescheduled.

The webcasts, which are free for all NPTC members, are scheduled to resume in July. Following is the schedule for the remainder of the year. To register for NPTC and J. J. Keller partnership webcasts to be held this year, go to [www.jjkeller.com/nptc](http://www.jjkeller.com/nptc).

- **Roadside inspections** - July 15
- **How to survive a DOT safety audit**—July 16
- **Driver fatigue and hours of service**—October 14
- **Medical qualifications for drivers**—October 15

For more information or to register of download the archive of free webcasts, visit [www.jjkeller.com/nptcinfo](http://www.jjkeller.com/nptcinfo).