

# Newsletter

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## NPTC 2022: You Must Be Present to Win

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the NPTC 2022 Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, April 10-12, at the Duke Energy Convention Center and Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, OH.

The NPTC Annual Conference Planning Committee has put together an excellent line-up of workshops and speakers for NPTC 2022. Make your plans now to attend this value-packed program featuring:

- **INFORMATION:** General sessions feature professional leadership and Driver Hall of Fame recognition award ceremonies; Certified Transportation Professional Class of 2022 graduation; industry benchmarking insights; and the latest legislative and regulatory affairs update.
- **EXHIBITS:** A world-class exhibit hall will be packed with more than 150 companies offering products,

resources and solutions that will increase the effectiveness of your private fleet.

- **NETWORKING:** Unparalleled peer-to-peer interaction is forged in an environment of trust, confidentiality and non-disclosure.
- **EDUCATION:** More than 75 top fleet practitioners will serve as speakers and panelists at more than 20 workshops showcasing the latest, most innovative and best ideas in private fleet management.
- **BEST PRACTICES:** More than 30 best practices breakfast roundtable sessions will allow private fleet professionals to share in a culture of trust and confidentiality, challenges and opportunities.
- **RECOGNITION:** The private fleet community's best and brightest practitioners will be honored for achievements in safety, leadership, and certification, and for their years of innovative

leadership as well as contributions to the industry.

- **SOCIAL:** Meals, events, and activities create an engaged learning atmosphere.
- **LOCATION:** The central setting of the conference allows you to optimize your travel time and expense.

Make your reservations as soon as possible. Please contact the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel at 513-421-9100 to make your hotel reservations. NPTC has a block of sleeping rooms reserved at the special rate of \$168 per night (single/double).

The cut-off date to guarantee the special rate at the Hilton is March 16. Also, please note that the Hilton has a very limited number of rooms with king-sized beds available. Additional overflow accommodations will only be available once the Hilton is in sell-out status, as NPTC has an obligation to fill its block of rooms at the Hilton first.

### NPTC Washington Report

NPTC is pleased to announce the new exclusive sponsor for the Washington Report, Centerline Drivers. Topics of discussion for the January meeting included: Supreme Court argument on OSHA COVID vaccine mandate; status of federal contractor COVID vaccine mandate; status of New York City COVID vaccine mandate; FMCSA emergency declaration for relief on hours of service, CDL and medical certificates; FMCSA Entry-Level Driver Training rule implementation; and FMCSA personnel changes, agenda for 2022. The meeting had 81 registrants.

### Boards and Committees Schedule of Meetings

Following is the schedule of meetings of the NPTC Boards and Conference Committee to be held prior to the annual conference:

#### Saturday, April 9

- 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Joint Board of Governors/Board of Directors Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Joint Session of Board of Governors and Board of Directors with "Around the Horn"
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. NPTC Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Conference Planning Committee Walk-Through

#### Sunday-Tuesday, April 10-12

Educational Sessions: General, HR-Drivers, Equipment Maintenance, Safety Finance, Operations, Roundtable Discussion Group Topics



Attendees at NPTC Private Fleet Management Institute participate in breakout session.

### 2022 PFMI: "Best Class" in program history

This year's highly successful PFMI was unanimously acclaimed by the institute faculty and case study judges to be the "best class ever" in the 29-year history of the program. The 78 registered attendees represented dozens of NPTC Fleet and Allied member companies. Fifty-three individuals also participated in the CTP Exam Prep Workshop held on January 14, just before the start of PFMI the next day.

NPTC would like to express its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the 12 institute faculty and case study judges who tirelessly gave their time and talent in training and judging sessions during the five-day program.

The faculty, led by Mari Roberts, CTP, chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors and vice president of transportation at Frito-Lay Inc., featured other expert star performers:

- Eric DeJesus, CTP, Pitney Bowes Inc.
- Jeff Eisaman, CTP - Sheetz Inc./ CLI Transport
- Kathy Fellenstein, CTP, International Paper
- Keith Frantz, CTP, ADM Trucking Inc.
- Ellen Ingram, CTP, America's Service Line
- Randy Maddox, CTP, CRH Americas
- Steven Roberts, CTP, Deseret Transportation
- Nicole Schubring, CTP, America's Service Line

- Mike Schwersenska, CTP, Brakebush Transportation
- Gene Tierney, CTP, Albertsons Companies
- Tracy Whisnant, CTP – Merchants Distributors

NPTC would also like to thank the following allied/supplier member companies of NPTC that generously contributed as sponsors of the event:

- Centerline Drivers
- E.A. Dion Inc.
- Fleetworthy Solutions
- J. J. Keller & Associates Inc.
- LeasePlan
- Mack Leasing System
- NIC Federal
- Pedigree Technologies
- Power Fleet
- Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers
- TransForce Group

### Coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

#### APRIL 10-12

Annual Conference & Exhibition  
Cincinnati, Ohio

#### SEPTEMBER 7-9

National Safety Conference  
Orlando, Florida

### Board of Governors election

The following individuals were elected as board members at the Board of Governors meeting held January 17:

- Brian Antonellis, CTP, senior vice president of fleet operations, Fleet Advantage
- Ray Byrd, CTP, vice president of transportation & distribution, Pioneer Sand Co.
- Christine Catarino, marketing director, E.A. Dion Inc.
- Karri James Jameson, senior director, Supply Chain/Transportation, Walmart Transportation LLC
- Adrian Knight, president & CEO, SleepSafe Drivers
- Steve Lovelady, director of sales-truck, IMMI
- Mark Taylor, vice president of transportation, Dollar General Corp.

### NPTC/J.J. Keller webcasts

Co-sponsors NPTC and J. J. Keller and Associates Inc. are pleased to announce the 2022 schedule of safety and compliance webcasts. NPTC members are invited to attend the educational webcasts at no charge. Please mark your calendar for the dates below:

- March 30 – Entry Level Driver Training
- April 27 – Coping with COVID Restrictions and Mandates
- May 25 – Automatic Emergency Braking and Other Electronic Safety Systems
- June 29 – Understanding and Improving Your CSA Scores
- July 27 – Surviving a Roadside Inspection and an Audit
- August 31 – Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- September 28 – Attracting, Screening and Retaining Drivers
- October 26 – Living with ELDs and the Hours of Service Regulations



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