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## NPTC ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

This year, NPTC will hold a new and expanded National Safety Conference September 11-13 at the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate in Florida. The program will feature more learning sessions and educational content, more networking opportunities for all attendees, and a new exhibit hall feature.

"The National Safety Conference is an intense, concentrated overview of key issues of interest and importance to running private fleet operations," said Carol Heinowski, logistics manager for Meijer Inc. and chair of the NPTC Safety Committee and the NPTC board of directors. "This highly acclaimed conference features a unique format of presentations, discussions with key industry representatives, expert panels, and leading safety advocates and practitioners—all designed to provide attendees with insights into implementing strategic safety programs

and lowering the cost of risk."

As in years past, the conference will be highlighted by the annual National Driver All-Stars recognition ceremony. This program, sponsored by International Trucks, honors those drivers from individual NPTC fleet members for their exceptional performance in the fields of safety, compliance and customer service. A first-time Exhibit Hall of 10x10 booths (or larger) will be made available for sale—\$2,500 for members and \$3,700 for non-members.

NPTC believes these changes are value enhancements in the event experience for both Fleet and Allied participants, will encourage higher registrations, and potentially add net overall growth revenue to NPTC over the long haul without shifting business away from the annual conference.

To learn more and to register, visit the NPTC website at [www.nptc.org](http://www.nptc.org).

## NPTC/TRANSFORCE GROUP PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

NPTC and TransForce Group, official sponsor of the awards, introduced and welcomed this year's Professional Leadership award winners recognized for their significant contributions to NPTC, their profession, and the private fleet community. The award recipients were:

- **Private Fleet Executive of the Year Award:** Michael Schwersenska, CTP, Brakebush Transportation Inc.
- **Private Fleet Manager of the Year Award:** Brian Johnston, CTP, Core-Mark International

- **Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year Award:** Keith Frantz, CTP, ADM Trucking Inc.
- **NPTC Excellence in Membership, Fleet Award:** Andrea Viele, CTP, Nestle Transportation Co.
- **NPTC Excellence in Membership, Allied Award:** Gina Vecchioni, CTP, PACCAR Leasing Co.
- **Allied Member of the Year Award:** Trimble Transportation
- **NPTC Excellence in Backhauling Award:** Scott Willert, America's Service Line

## CTP CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION

Ninety 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 (NPTC). The CTP program is sponsored by J. J. Keller & Associates Inc.

Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993, nearly 1,800 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 that oversees the program and senior director of transportation at Frito-Lay 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."

Each year, *Fleet Owner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's Top Graduate was T.J. Mummert, CTP, logistics analyst for Provia Logistics.

## NPTC/LYTX DRIVER HALL OF FAME/FLEET SAFETY AWARDS

NPTC and Lytx Inc., official sponsor of the Driver Hall of Fame and Fleet Safety Awards, recognized four drivers, who collectively had driven for more than 167 years while racking up more than 16 million miles of service. This year's inductees into the NPTC/Lytx Driver Hall of Fame were Dana Alitz, John Deere assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.; Kenneth George, Hy-Vee Inc.; Joe Choplin, Unifi Manufacturing Inc.; and Larry Johnson, Messer LLC. During the annual conference, NPTC also 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," said Carol Heinowski, logistics manager of safety and compliance for Meijer Inc., chair of the NPTC Board of Directors, and chair of the NPTC Safety Committee. "The Fleet of the Year Awards in

particular recognize companies with the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year."

The 2019 winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2018) are:

**Mixed Large:** New South Express Inc. (1); Baxter Healthcare Corp. (2); Atlas Trucking Co. LLC (3).

**Local:** Blain Supply Inc. (1); Andeavor Logistics LP (2); Hydrite Chemical Co. (3)

**Mixed Small:** Metal Exchange Corp. (1); Sugar Foods Corp. (2); Avery Dennison (3)

**Regional:** Orscheln Farm and Home LLC (1); VF Jeanswear Inc. (2); Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams Co. (3).

Seal Award company winners this year are ADM Trucking Inc. and Hittman Transport Services (bronze); CTS/Sherwin-Williams Co. and Dot Transportation Inc. (silver); and ADM Trucking Inc., Hittman Transport Services, and Home Depot Inc. (gold).

## NPTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Under the leadership of Chair Carol Heinowski, logistics manager of safety and compliance at Meijer Inc.; Vice Chair Mike Schwersenska, CTP, director of transportation/logistics at Brakebush Transportation Inc.; Secretary Chuck Amen, CTP, manager of transportation operations at Hillyard Inc.; and Treasurer Bedford Monday, Jr., CTP, director of warehouse operations at The Schwan Food Co., the NPTC Board of Directors welcomed newly elected board members Pat Toler, CTP, director of freight & warehousing at Marzetti Co.; Paul Miller, CTP, director of transportation at Merchants Distributors; Keith Frantz, CTP, DOT compliance manager at ADM Trucking Inc.; and Rosemary Schaffer, CTP, director of nonprofit business at Penske Truck Leasing Co.

They join existing board members Lewis Allen, CTP, director of fleet operations, Aaron's Inc.; David Barth, CTP, transportation area manager, Weg-

mans Food Markets Inc.; Erle Bergstrom, Jr., CTP, transportation/fleet manager, Orscheln Farm and Home LLC; Megan Chan, CTP, fleet safety & compliance manager, Mondelez International LLC; Luann Dunkerley, sales leader-NE Territory, CEI Group Inc.; Brian Johnston, CTP, senior director of transportation, Core-Mark International; Robert Larsen, senior director of business services marketing, J.J. Keller & Associates Inc.; Robert Mann, vice president and assistant general manager of vocational business, International Truck/Navistar Inc.; Larry Ogg, CTP, director of logistics, Universal Forest Products Inc.; Mari Roberts, CTP, senior director of transportation, Frito-Lay Inc.; and Gary Petty, NPTC president and CEO.

Outgoing board member Mike Noble, senior director of fleet safety at Walmart Transportation Inc., was honored with a special plaque of appreciation for his service and contributions.

## coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

- ▶ **June 30** — Deadline for NPTC National Driver All-Star application
- ▶ **August 1** — NPTC Benchmarking Report
- ▶ **September 11-13** — National Safety Conference
- ▶ **October 1** — 2019 CTP eligibility applications due
- ▶ **November 15** — CTP exam applications due

## NPTC / J.J. KELLER WEBCASTS

- ▶ **July 17** — AOB RD to ELD Transition: Auditing Electronic Logs (and Using the Other Data That's There)
- ▶ **July 18** — Fatigue Management Strategies and Hours of Service
- ▶ **October 16** — Vehicle Maintenance Requirements and Best Practices
- ▶ **October 17** — How Fleets Are Implementing Advanced Vehicle Safety Systems to Drive Safety

## NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

Applications for NPTC's National Driver All-Stars program will be available beginning in May. Co-sponsored 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, 2018, through May 31, 2019.