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## NPTC RECOGNIZES NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

Twenty-three private fleet truck drivers have been honored by the National Private Truck Council (NPTC) as National Driver All-Stars. The drivers 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. Co-sponsored by International Truck/Navistar Inc., the awards were presented at a ceremony that took place in conjunction with NPTC's National Safety Conference in September.

"These drivers embody all the characteristics, skills and attitudes that are the heart of what enables the private fleet to continue to deliver exceptional levels of customer service," said NPTC President and CEO Gary Petty. "They are ambassadors not only for their company but for the entire private fleet community."

NPTC initiated the National Driver All-Stars program in 2009 to recognize those drivers for their performance in the following metrics:

- Customer service (uniform/appearance, on-time deliveries, attitude/conduct, customer feedback, loading/unloading, cooperation);
- Safety (number of DOT reportable accidents, number of OSHA reportable injuries, number of traffic violations verified by current MVR);
- Compliance with company standards (attendance, attendance at safety meetings, training, paperwork, etc.);
- Regulatory compliance (hours of service, DVIR, MVR, etc.); and
- Community service.

This year's National Driver All-Star honorees are:

- Roger Adams, Meijer Inc.
- David Boyer, Shaw Industries Group Inc.
- David Brooks, Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams Co.
- Edward Carley, Army & Air Force Exchange Service
- Tommy Chontofalsky, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- David Densberger, America's Service Line, LLC
- Chris Farley, Walgreens Oshkosh, Inc., assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Patrick Fay, Core-Mark International
- Danny Ferguson, CVS Health
- Robert Hall, Fabri-Kal Corp., assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Randy Jackson, Harris-Teeter, LLC
- David Lewis, KeHE Distributors, LLC
- Christopher London, TMH Transport, LLC, assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Luis Lopez, Performance Food Group
- Walter Patrick, MedTrans, LLC
- Thomas Peterson, John Deere, assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Leonard Pierson, Kroger Co.
- Charles Schmidt, Hydrite Chemical Co.
- Brian Seaman, Orscheln Farm and Home, LLC
- Konstantin Shibilev, WFM Transport Inc.
- Jeff Shoopman, Avery Dennison, assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- David Stevens, Moen Inc., assigned by CPC Logistics Inc.
- Billy Villa, Marathon Petroleum Co.

## NSC AT ORLANDO A BIG WINNER

The 2019 National Safety Conference at its new venue in Orlando was a great success. A record-breaking 271 individuals registered for the conference—the largest number of professionals ever to attend an NPTC safety conference. NPTC wishes to thank all participating NPTC member companies and their representatives for making this conference a uniquely productive, professionally rewarding, and personally enjoyable experience for all.

With an expanded program of two full days, the event featured:

• **32 Exhibitors:** Advanced Training Systems, LLC; Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems; Blue Beacon Truck Washes; CDLjobs.com; Convoy Technologies; Cooling Concepts, LLC; CPC Logistics Inc.; DriverFacts; Drivers Legal Plan; EBE Technologies; Eco Flaps; EROAD; Fleetworthy Solutions; FLX Systems; FS Solutions; Idelic; IMMI; Instructional Technologies; International Truck; J.J. Keller & Associates Inc.; Luma Brighter Learning; Lytx; MAGTEC Products Inc.; Netradyne; Omnitrac, LLC; Penske Truck Leasing Co.; Pulsar Informatics Inc.; Red Kap; SleepSafe Drivers; SmartDrive Systems Inc.; TransForce Group; and Verizon Connect.

• **Three Sponsors:** Idelic (Thursday's keynote speaker); International Truck—National Driver All-Star Awards Program; and SambaSafety (Washington Report by Rick Schweitzer, NPTC general counsel/government affairs representative).

## A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

NPTC will hold its 2020 Private Fleet Management Institute (PFMI) on January 18-22, 2020, at the Omni Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL. No matter what your official title is, today's transportation and logistics environment demands excellence. You need a variety of skills that lead to outstanding performance in every aspect of your job. NPTC's five-day Private Fleet Management Institute provides the most comprehensive and intensive instruction, education and learning experiences led by the industry's top practitioners and designed to enhance your personal and professional mastery of private fleet management.

In addition, the Institute provides an effective way of refreshing your knowledge base and preparing for the 2020 CTP exam. This accelerated five-day program details the core curriculum deemed

as essential for on-the-job success. It will provide you with a strong foundation in the following areas:

- Justifying the private fleet
- Network optimization
- Communicating private fleet value by partnering with corporate finance, human resources, and safety
  - Improving fleet planning, make-up and utilization
  - Attracting, recruiting and developing drivers
  - Developing effective safety programs
  - Creating, understanding and using financial reports
  - Creating maintenance standards and managing outsourced relationships
  - Building backhaul profitability—reverse logistics

Visit [www.nptc.org](http://www.nptc.org) for more information about the PFMI.

## NPTC BOARD CHAIR APPOINTED TO MTSC

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed, and the Michigan Senate confirmed, NPTC Board Chair Carol Heinowski, Meijer Inc., as the newest member of the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) for a term of office ending August 4, 2021.

As commissioner, Heinowski will represent the private motor carriers of the State of Michigan. MTSC is an 11-member commission, seven appointed by the governor subject to the advice and consent of

the Senate, and the only organization in the nation dedicated to commercial truck driver education and training supported not by taxpayer dollars but solely by the industry it serves.

The commission is committed to promoting truck driver safety through education and training, heightening driver awareness of the operational characteristics and limitations of trucks, enlisting data collection and research, and supporting enforcement of motor carrier laws.

## NPTC JOINS I-95 CORRIDOR WORKING GROUP

NPTC has agreed to participate in the new I-95 Corridor Coalition Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF) Motor Carrier Working Group, which was established to consider various needs and viewpoints in the national exploration of transportation funding alternatives.

Participation does not indicate support for MBUF, such as a vehicle-miles traveled tax, but instead recognizes the need to have another motor carrier voice included in this national discussion.

The first meeting was held September 20 in Washington, D.C. It considered the findings from the I-95 Corridor Coalition MBUF pilot programs that have been conducted—through a grant by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation—to explore the feasibility of MBUF as a replacement for a fuel tax. These MBUF pilots with personal and commercial vehicles have identified considerable differences, including reporting challenges, rate setting, and current regulations.

## coming events...

*Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:*

- ▶ **November 15** — 2020 CTP exam applications due
- ▶ **January 17, 2020** — CTP exam workshop, Jacksonville, FL
- ▶ **January 18-22** — Private Fleet Management Institute, Jacksonville, FL
- ▶ **February 8** — CTP exam offered at 40 locations across the country
- ▶ **April 26-28** — NPTC Annual Conference & Exhibition, Cincinnati, OH
- ▶ **September 9-11** — National Safety Conference, Orlando, FL

## CTP CLASS OF 2020 NOW FORMING

Candidates for the Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP) program are encouraged to register immediately for their places in the Class of 2020. While the eligibility application deadline was October 1, NPTC will hold open the submission deadline for any readers of *Fleet Owner* who want to enroll in the program. NPTC is pleased to thank J. J. Keller & Associates Inc., the official sponsor of the CTP program.

By earning the CTP designation, private fleet professionals demonstrate a commitment to the private fleet industry, to an ongoing pursuit of career advancement, and to continuing enhancement of their knowledge and skills.

Since 1993, more than 1,700 transportation professionals have earned the right to use the CTP® designation after their names. To learn more about the CTP® program, visit [www.nptc.org](http://www.nptc.org) or contact Kristen Todd at [ktodd@nptc.org](mailto:ktodd@nptc.org) or 703-838-8841.