

NSC surpasses all expectations

Last month, more than 165 private fleet safety professionals attended the NPTC 2021 National Safety Conference (NSC), where they learned about safety issues of critical importance to private fleet operators through insightful panel presentations, "safety-in-the-round" roundtable discussions, and informal networking.

The National Driver All-Star Luncheon and Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by NPTC and International Trucks/Navistar, highlighted the day's program. Some of the nation's top drivers who have demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism in terms of safety, compliance, and customer service were honored.

The program's speakers included:

- Mark Barber, shareholder, Baker Donelson, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Scott Carey, shareholder, Baker Donelson, Nashville, Tennessee.

- Eddie Davis, CTP, CDS, director of maintenance and reliability, transport and rail, Marathon Petroleum Company LP
- Eric DeJesus, CTP, CDS, national fleet safety manager, Pitney Bowes
- Tim Eckhardt, CTP, director of safety, Dot Transportation Inc.
- Kathy Fellenstein, CTP, recycling EHS manager, International Paper
- Charlie Fetters, director of supply planning and transportation, Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages LLC
- Keith Frantz, CTP, manager of DOT compliance, ADM Trucking
- John Gillenwater, CTP, director of fleet operations, The Home City Ice Co.
- Honorable Michael E. Graham, member, National Transportation Safety Board
- Brian Johnston, CTP, senior director of transportation, Core-Mark International
- Norman Dickerson, Home City Ice

- Keith Maisch, safety manager, America's Service Line LLC
- Keith McWilliams, CTP, corporate transportation manager, Core-Mark International
- Dan Murray, senior vice president, American Transportation Research Institute
- Gary Petty, NPTC president & CEO
- Scott Roberts, CTP, director of safety, compliance & risk management, Daryl Flood Relocation & Logistics
- Steven Roberts, CTP, fleet manager, Deseret Transportation
- Rick Schweitzer, NPTC general counsel
- Greg A. Sikorski, senior director of transportation safety and compliance, KeHE Distributors

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A learning opportunity

The National Private Truck Council (NPTC) will hold its 2021 Private Fleet Management Institute January 15-19, 2022, at the Omni Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida.

No matter what your official title is, today's transportation and logistics environment demands excellence. 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 one of the most effective ways of refreshing your knowledge base and preparing for the 2022 CTP examination. The "graduate level" program details the core curriculum deemed by the industry's leading practitioners as essential for on-the-job success.

The knowledge you'll acquire in this interactive learning experience will provide you with a strong foundation in the following areas:

- Justifying the private fleet
- Communicating private fleet value by partnering with corporate finance, HR and safety

- Network optimization
- Improving fleet planning, makeup and utilization
- Attracting, recruiting and developing drivers
- Developing effective safety programs
- Creating, understanding and using financial reports
- Creating maintenance standards – managing outsourced relationships
- Reverse logistics: building backhaul profitability

For more information about the Private Fleet Management Institute and how to register, visit NPTC's website at www.nptc.org.

CTP Class of 2022 now forming

Candidates for the Certified Transportation Professional (CTP) program are encouraged to register immediately for their places in the Class of 2022. While the eligibility application deadline was October 1, NPTC will hold open the submission deadline for any readers of *FleetOwner* 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 1,500 transportation professionals have earned the right to use the CTP designation after their names.

To learn more about the CTP program, go to www.nptc.org or contact Kristen Todd at ktodd@nptc.org or 703-838-8841.

Board of Governors elects new members

At its fall meeting, the NPTC Institute Board of Governors elected the following individuals to serve on the board: Gary Johnson, Lytx; Bob Boyich, CTP, Bluewire LLC; and Tim Eckhardt, CTP, Dot Transportation Inc.

NPTC recognizes National Driver All-Stars



National Driver All-Stars from 2021 and 2020 Photo: NPTC

Sixteen private fleet truck drivers have been honored by the National Private Truck Council (NPTC) as National Driver All-Stars. These 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. The award is co-sponsored by International Trucks/Navistar.

"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," NPTC President and

CEO Gary Petty said. "They are ambassadors not only for their company but for the entire private fleet community. We are honored to recognize these private fleet drivers for meeting high performance standards in the fields of customer service, safety and compliance."

NPTC initiated the National Driver All-Stars program in 2009 to recognize those drivers of NPTC fleet member companies based on how they perform against their own internal customer service metrics. Specific measures of the recognition include:

- Regulatory compliance (hours of service, DVIR, MVR, etc.)
- 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.)
- Community service

Coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

OCTOBER 1, 2021
2022 CTP eligibility applications due – deadline extended

OCTOBER 27, 2021
NPTC/J.J. Keller Webcast: FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

JANUARY 14, 2022
CTP Exam Preparation Workshop Jacksonville, Florida

JANUARY 15-21, 2022
Private Fleet Management Institute Jacksonville, Florida

FEBRUARY 12, 2022
CTP Examination

APRIL 10-12, 2022
Annual Conference & Exhibition Cincinnati, Ohio

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2022
National Safety Conference Orlando, Florida



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