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NPTC PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NPTC recognized seven executives for their contributions to the private fleet community during the group's recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The Dan Smith Life Achievement Award, the Council's highest and most prestigious honor, was awarded to **Tony Jolly, CTP**, national manager of dry transportation operations-retail, General Mills. The Private Fleet Executive of the Year went to **Dan Norris, CTP**, fleet director, Pepsi Beverages Co. The Private Fleet Member of the Year was presented to **Joe Laskowski, CTP**, director of fleet safety & compliance, MedTrans LLC. The Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year was awarded to **Nicholas Cindrach, CTP, CDS**, director of enterprise safety & DOT compliance, CVS Health. The NPTC Excellence in Membership Award went to **Keith A. McWilliams, CTP**, regional transportation manager for Kellogg Co. The Allied Member of the Year was presented to **Fleet Advantage**. The NPTC/C.H. Robinson Worldwide Excellence in Backhauling Award was given to **Ashley Distribution**.

NPTC ANNOUNCES LARGEST EVER GRADUATING CTP CLASS

Ninety-three transportation professionals achieved the prestigious designation of Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP) by the NPTC Institute, the educational and professional certification arm of the NPTC. The graduates were honored during a ceremony at its recent annual conference. Each year, *Fleet Owner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's award was presented to Bradley Johnston, CTP, transportation manager for Kellogg Co.

NPTC 2015 IS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

It is with great gratitude and appreciation that we at NPTC acknowledge the record-setting participation of members in this year's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition. NPTC 2015 attracted the highest number of attendees (1,270) in a quarter-century or more; the biggest (in booth sizes) and largest (in number of company representatives) of exhibits (189) in the Council's history; the greatest amount of sponsorship support at any NPTC event; and the most first-time attendees in more than 10 years.

Here are some responses from members: "An outstanding conference...the concurrent classes are very informative...a wonderful job with the Driver Hall of Fame...the program and the ceremony were by far the best I have ever seen." "A very positive experience for us...folks who stopped by our booth seemed to be very good leads...great scheduling...this is the best-in-class trade show of dozens we attend every year."

Comments from a few long-standing members also stand out: "Congratulations on a truly phenomenal conference! Every element of the '72-hour experience' was thoughtfully planned and brilliantly executed. The feedback I heard was unanimously positive, whether it was regarding speakers, content, networking, timing, food, or location. When I think back about the last several years and how NPTC has evolved and how each year, each conference, each event gets better, I am truly amazed. You have shown what is possible when a team truly works together, listens to the customer, is never satisfied with 'good enough', and never assumes that past results are an indicator of future performance."

Another commented: "Thanks again for another great conference! Even though I have been doing these since the PCC days in 1979/1980... the NPTC event gets better every year, and this year was no exception. I thought the Driver Hall of Fame event and the job Tom did was by far the best ever!"

Plans are already under way for NPTC 2016 scheduled for April 24-26, 2016. A new record of 132 exhibitors already have made reservations for booth space next year (up 6% from this time last year) for a total of 34,100 sq. ft. of exhibit floor space (up 19% from this time last year). To get more information, just go to www.nptc.org.

As one member put it, "I think it's pretty safe to say that we will be back again to Cincinnati in 2016!" Make plans now to join them! The NPTC Conference Planning Committee – which deserves "thanks and praise" for helping plan this year's content and speakers for the 25 workshops – will be meeting this summer to make next year's meeting "bigger and better."

coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCAST

July 15-16

NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

September 10-11 – Herndon, VA

2016 CTP ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE

October 1, 2015

2016 CTP EXAM APPLICATIONS DUE

November 15, 2015

2016 CTP EXAM PREP WORKSHOP

January 15, 2016, Jacksonville, FL

2016 PRIVATE FLEET MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

January 16-20, 2016, Jacksonville, FL

2016 CTP® EXAM

February 13, 2016, offered at 40 locations across the country

2016 NPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 24-26, 2016, Cincinnati, OH

NPTC PRIVATE FLEET SAFETY AWARDS

The National Private Truck Council recognized those fleet members who continue to elevate safety performance during the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition recently held in Cincinnati.

The NPTC/Lytx Inc. Fleet Safety Awards program recognizes NPTC member companies that work to make safety a priority in their private fleets' operations. Following are the 2015 winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2014):

- ❑ *Local operations (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)*—Dominion Virginia Power (first place, tie); Blain Supply Inc. (first place, tie); American Proteins Inc. (third place)

- ❑ *Regional Operations*—TMH Transport LLC (first place); AEP Industries Inc. (second place); Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams Co. (third place)

- ❑ *Mixed operations (small fleet – less than 50 vehicles)*—Metal Exchange Corp. (first place); Sugar Foods Corp. (second place); Marzetti Co. (third place)

- ❑ *Mixed operations (large fleet – 50 vehicles or more)*—Baxter Healthcare Supply Chain (first place); New South Express Inc. (second place); Orscheln Farm and Home LLC (third place)

Also recognized were those fleets with outstanding and/or improved safety records based upon their crash rates. Winners of the Gold Seal, awarded to fleets that experienced zero crashes in 2014, include ADM Alliance Nutrition, ADM Trucking Inc., AEP Industries Inc., Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., CVS/Caremark, Targa Transports LLC, and Upstate Niagara Cooperative.

Winners of the Silver Seal, presented to those companies whose fleets reduced their vehicle crash rates by 40% or more compared to the previous year, were ADM Trucking Inc., Bridgestone Americas Fleet Operations LLC, Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Frito-Lay Inc., Harris Teeter Inc., and Targa Transports LLC.

The Bronze Seal recognition is presented to companies who have reduced their vehicle crash rates by 20% to 39% from the previous year. The winners of the Bronze Seal are ADM Trucking Inc., Bridgestone Americas Fleet Operations LLC, CHS Inc., and Frito-Lay Inc.

NPTC/LYTX INC. DRIVER HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY



NPTC/Lytx Inc. Driver Hall of Fame Inductees (from left): Steve Edwards, Sherwin Williams Co./Contract Transportation Systems; Mark Hannon, Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.; Buddy Brawley, UNIFI; and Leon Turner, Batesville Logistics Inc.

Four truck drivers who have together logged more than 15 million mi. of safe driving in about 153 combined years of service were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC/Lytx Inc. Driver Hall of Fame during the Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition recently held in Cincinnati, OH.

This year's Driver Hall of Fame inductees are: **William "Buddy" Brawley**, Unifi Manufacturing Inc., Yadkinville, NC; **Stephen Edwards**, Sherwin Williams Co./Contract, Transportation Systems, Phoenix, AZ; **Mark W. Hannon**, Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc., Jamestown, NY; and **Leon Turner**, Batesville Logistics Inc., Batesville, IN.

NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

Applications for NPTC's National Driver All-Stars program are now available. This unique program, co-sponsored by International Trucks/Navistar, Inc. 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 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, 2014, through May 31, 2015.