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NPTC NATIONAL SAFE 2025 CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2025 ORLANDO, FL "Premier Summit on Safety Excellence"

HE NPTC NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2025, AT THE OMNI ORLANDO CHAMPIONS GATE RE-SORT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, is an intense, full two-day educational forum that offers a unique format of expert presentations, problem-solving safety-in-theround breakout sessions, driver recognition, and exceptional networking opportunities. The event provides attendees with insights and implementable solutions for strategic safety and security answers to the greatest challenges facing today's private fleets.



Topics and speakers represent the most relevant and up-to-date safety information available in the industry. The opening general session will begin with an expert panel discussing the private fleet industry's major safety priorities. Building a culture of safety, effective driver coaching strategies, score carding driver safety performance, and driver turnover impacting safety are other key points of discussion.

Among the topics covered in the safety-in-the-round break-out sessions will be driver reward and recognition, data integration strategies, driver performance standards, building the case for the ROI of premium spec'ing, alternative energy vehicles, and the advantages of recruiting from within.



Data presented from NPTC's 2025 *Benchmarking Survey Report* by author and general editor **Tom Moore, CTP**, NPTC Executive Vice President, analyzes key performance metrics of private fleet safety, why private fleets lead the trucking industry in overall safety performance, the cumulative effective of deploying active safety technologies, and what's the "secret sauce" of private fleets being involved in fewer accidents.

Attendees will learn how and why private fleets—year after year—average low DOT recordable accidents per million miles—a record three times safer than the overall trucking industry. Factors contributing to this record, based on the latest research from the

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Safety Conference Continued

2025 Report, are that 80% of private fleets use in-cab cameras and 24% have side-facing cameras; 89% have speed monitoring; 82% measure lane departure and use adoptive cruise-control; and 90 use automated transmissions.

Rick Schweitzer, NPTC general counsel and government affairs representative will present a live edition of the Washington Report, sponsored by Centerline Drivers, LLC. This legislative and regulatory update highlights issues of interest to private fleets, focused on safety-related subjects.



The NPTC National Driver All-Star driver rec-

ognition program, sponsored by International, will take place on September 4, 2025. More than 25 drivers will be honored this year from a broad cross-section of private fleet member companies of NPTC. Some 325 drivers have been recognized as National Driver All-Stars over the past fifteen years.

The awards are presented to drivers who have demonstrated exemplary performance compared to their peers throughout the country in areas such as customer service, safety, adherence to company policies, regulatory compliance, and community service. To become an All-Star honoree, candidates must demonstrate characteristics, skills, and attitudes that enable their private fleet to deliver exceptional service along with top safety performance and world class operational standards.

Feedback from attendees at the 2024 National Safety Conference consists mostly of rave reviews. "The show was great with excellent speakers and breakout sessions. It was awesome seeing the turnout and observing how receptive people are to the experts describing their stories of safety excellence."..."This was one of the best exhibitions at an industry trade show I have ever seen. The member contacts were fantastic."..."We were very impressed with

the results and are all in for 2025." **David Barth, CTP**, chair of the NPTC Board of Directors, and Transportation Safety Manager, Wegman's Food Markets, said, "I attended my first Council's safety conference in 2009 and have returned many years since. Participation has more than doubled in 15 years. Repeat attendees coming back year after year are joined by many new first-

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timers. This is testimony value they discover from networking and from sharing with the best safety leaders in the industry."



Kate Mirise, CTP, Central Ohio Logistics Manager, The Royal Group, and Chair of the NPTC Safety Committee, says "This is the premier safety summit of the private fleet world. Its purpose is to learn about proven safety management protocols, benchmarking metrics, breakthrough technologies, and the most innovative tools fleet are using

to stay at the top in safety performance."

NPTC's National Safety Conference is designed to help your fleet stay on a winning path of continuous improvement and optimal safety results for the long haul.

NPTC WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS OF THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

It's not to late to add your name to this impressive list as NPTC is still looking for sponsors of the refreshment breaks. Act now to receive the full recognition on your investment!



NPTC2025 MAY 11-13, 2025 ORLANDO, FL

NPTC 2025: Annual Conference a Big Winner!



Keynote Speaker Leah Shaver spoke on driver wages and the future of fleets' workforce at the opening general session.

FROM EVERYONE WE TALKED TO, NPTC 2025 WAS ONE OF THE BEST ANNUAL CONFERENCES THEY EVER ATTENDED. The

entire experience was just about as good as it gets," said **David Barth, CTP**, NPTC Board Chair and Transportation Safety Manager for Wegmans' Food Markets. The opening general session

included keynote speaker, **Leah Shaver**, President and CEO, The National Transportation Institute, sponsored by **Tenstreet**, and concluded with *FleetOwner Magazine*'s Top 500 Private Fleet of the Year awards, sponsored by **Descartes**, given to NPTC member companies Marathon Petroleum, Brakebush Transportation, and Occidental Chemical Corp.

The conference registered **1,200+ total attend**ees, **174 exhibitors**, **36 sponsors**, **133 graduates** of the CTP Class of 2025, and **200+ first time attendees**.

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More than 100 exhibit booths for next year's Exhibition Hall have already sold! NPTC 2026 will be held once again in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Orange County Convention Center, May 9-11, 2026.



GENEROUS SPONSOR SUPPORT

Sponsors from thirty-six member companies supported various activities during the conference. Special thanks goes out the **Allied Committee for the Trucking Industry (ACT 1**) which again generously sponsored the Sunday Gala Reception. *Click here to see the full list of NPTC 2025 sponsors.*

PREMIER INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

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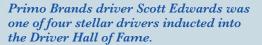
Thank you to the **174 companies** that made the exhibit hall such a great success this year! This is one of the largest association-sponsored exhibitions in the trucking industry. *If you have not already reserved an exhibit space for NPTC 2026 scheduled for May 9-11, 2026, in Orlando, please email sporter@nptc.org for information*.

UNPARALLELED EDUCATION AND NETWORKING

The NPTC 2025 program was packed with information on the latest and and best ideas in private fleet management. The event offered **35 educational workshops**, more than **50 speakers** from private fleet companies, and nearly **40 topics** covered in the Best Practices Breakfast roundtable discussions, sponsored by **Cummins** and **Intellishift**.









THANK YOU to Our NPTC 2025 Speakers!

- Lawrence Bader, Principal, Advanced Transportation Technology David Barth, CTP, Transportation Safety Manager, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.
- Richard Bishop, Principal, Bishop Consulting
- Tim Boldurian, CTP, Director, DSD Operations, Mondelez International LLC
- Amber Burris, CTP, Logistics Manager, Tillamook County Creamery Association
- Ed Crowe, V.P., Talent Acquisition, KeHE Distributors, LLC
- Tim Eckhardt, CTP, Sr. Director of Safety, Dot Transportation, Inc. Charlie Fetters, CTP, Vice President, National Logistics, Clean Har-
- bors, Inc.
- David Fontana, CTP, Sr. Transportation Manager, AutoZone, Inc.
- Phil Gardner, Director of Training, Heniff Transportation Systems IIC
- Gregory Gmeinder, CTP, Vice President of Operations, America's Service Line, LLC
- Norlene Gray, CTP, Manager of Safety & HR, Brakebush Transportation, Inc.
- Jennifer Hedrick, President and CEO, Women in Trucking Association
- James Jaillet, Vice President, Marketing, The National Transportation Institute
- Hannah MacDonald-Dannecker, Sales and Marketing Manager, Revolution Staffing
- Pamela Martin, CTP, Claims & Litigation Manager, MedTrans LLC
- Wes Matthews, Human Resources Manager, Denver, Sysco Corporation
- Andrew McGrath, CTP, Senior Area Manager, HC Transport, Inc.
- Keith McWilliams, CTP, Director, DOT Compliance, Performance Food Group
- Thomas Moore, CTP, Executive Vice President, National Private Truck Council
- Joe Ohr, Chief Operating Officer, National Motor Freight Traffic Association
- Herbert Osborne, Area Manager, HC Transport, Inc.
- Gary Petty, President & CEO, National Private Truck Council
- Tremone Proctor, CTP, Sr. Manager, Fleet Safety & Compliance, The Home Depot, Inc.
- Edwin Reardon, CTP, EHS Division Fleet Safety & Compliance Mgr., CF Logistics, div. of Giorgi Cos.
- Brandon Rick, Fleet & Sustainability Manager, ADM Trucking, Inc.
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- Steven Roberts, CTP, Manager, Fleet Operations, Deseret Transportation
- Mike Roeth, Executive Director, North American Council for Freight Efficiency
- Brandon Rowold, CTP, Sr. Manager, Talent Acquisition, KeHE Distributors, LLC
- Ann Rundle, Vice President, ACT Research Co., LLC
- Richard Schweitzer, General Counsel/Gov't Affairs, National Private Truck Council
- Leah Shaver, President & CEO, The National Transportation Institute
- Danielle Siecienski CTP, Safety Manager, New South Express, Inc. Jeff Stood, CTP, Fleet Operations Coordinator, Johnsonville Trucking LLC
- Brent Thomas, CTP, Director, National Logistics, Clean Harbors, Inc.
- Ken Vieth, President & Senior Analyst, ACT Research Co., LLC
- Cris Wallace, CTP, Fleet Safety & Compliance Manager, Holland LP Larry Wendricks, CTP, Fleet Maintenance Manager, America's Service Line, LLC
- Jessica Wheeler, CTP, Director of DOT Compliance, RelaDyne LLC Ben Wilkens, Cybersecurity Principal Engineer, National Motor Freight Traffic Association
- Mark Winters, CTP, Assistant Transportation Manager, Safety, Dot Transportation, Inc.
- Cassie Wood, CTP, Transportation Manager, Packaging Corp. of America



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Wyman Miller, CTP **Director of Logistics** ProVia Logistics, LLC



TJ Mummert, CTP **Director of Logistics** ProVia Logistics, LLC

"EXHAUSTING, HIGHLY REWARDING, HUMBLING...A WHIRLWIND EXPERIENCE"

"We feel that

investing in our team

members through the

PFMI/CTP experience

has made everyone

better and the

team much stronger

overall."

ROVIA IS A LEADING MANUFACTURER of professional-class doors, storm doors, windows, vinyl siding, manufactured stone, and metal roofing. The company began business in 1977 as a faith-based organization. ProVia's mission is, "To serve, by caring for details in ways other won't," enabling them to be the premium building products manufacturer. Each employee continually strives to put these words into action by providing unmatched quality and service, every day.

The company's manufacturing processes combine state-of-art

technology with human craftsmanship to ensure excellence in product quality and high-end aesthetics. ProVia's roots are in Sugarcreek, Ohio, an area known for quality and old-world craftsmanship by people who take pride in making the best products available.

Wyman Miller, CTP, Director of Logistics, began working for the company 39 years ago. "I was a driver when I started and one of only 12 employees, and for a while the only shipping department employee. Over the years, I moved into various other positions but came back to logistics in 2017."

"We had 27 CDL-A drivers at the time. Fortunately, we had core staff in place, especially drivers, to build upon and meet the challenges of high-volume growth in the years ahead. Today, ProVia Logistics di-

vision has 185 total employees. These in-

clude 150 CDL-A drivers and 35 administrative support team members,"

TJ Mummert, CTP, Director of Logistics, joined ProVia in 2016 as a logistics analyst and was promoted to his current position over 4 years ago. TJ was raised in Xenia, Ohio, graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a degree in business management, and prior to joining ProVia, had over four years of experience with a major for-hire trucking company, most recently as a service center manager.

"Our involvement with NPTC occurred by happenstance in 2017 when we were introduced to the Council by our local OEM truck

dealer. The timing could not have been better. NPTC has been a blessing over the years," says Miller.

In 2018, Wyman and TJ attended the NPTC Annual Conference, later enrolled in the PFMI, and in 2019, passed the Certified Transportation Professional (CTP®) Exam. TJ earned the highest score on the CTP Exam and was chosen as Fleet Owner Magazine's "CTP Top Graduate" award winner for the CTP Class of 2019.

"PFMI is exhausting, highly rewarding, and humbling. Like a previous attendee said, 'I did not know half of what I thought I did.' The

> value of networking cannot be emphasized enough," says TJ.

> "We've valued different things about the NPTC. The annual conference and Private Fleet Management Institute allow for growth in knowledge, along with opportunities to network and meet new people and products. You just don't know how one conversation could spark a new idea or take you down a thought process you didn't know you'd be on, but are glad you got there," says TJ.

> Miller says that another benefit ProVia has appreciated involved NPTC General Counsel, Rick Schweitzer. "Rick helped us with some regulatory issues in making deliveries to the northeast part of the country. It is a great value add to have access to an expert resource like Rick that can provide essential information when navigating unfamiliar territory."

Since becoming active with NPTC, ProVia has gone from one fulltime safety coordinator to seven dedicated safety team members, showing their commitment to a best-in-class safety culture. ProVia has realized value from NPTC's annual Benchmarking Survey Report, utilizing the report to better understand our performance within the industry.

The company has sponsored 12 staff members to complete the Private Fleet Management Institute and earn their CTP designations: 6 in operations, 2 in safety, 2 in maintenance, and 2 in administration. "We feel that investing in our team members through the PFMI/CTP experience has made everyone better and the team much stronger-overall," says Miller. These staff members are: Kyle Hall, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Inbound, Stone & 3rd Party Freight; Tiffani Gerber, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Support and Payroll; Continued on next page

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CTP Profile Continued

Robert Bond, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Door and Window Operations; Justin Rominger, CTP - Logistics Coordinator; Adam Haught, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Fleet Maintenance; Chris Carter, CTP - Logistics Safety and Compliance Manager; Heather McMillan, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Siding Operation; Tim Elliott, CTP - Garage Manager; Tracey Trantham, CTP - Logistics Coordinator; and Derek Rogers, CTP - Logistics Team Leader, Safety Training.

"Taking the CTP Exam was a whirlwind experience," says TJ. The week of the exam a sickness had run through everyone in my house. I took Thursday and Friday off work, and my wonderful wife Holly quizzed me while I was home sick.

Then Wyman, who was also preparing for the exam, drove us three hours to take the exam on Saturday before the closest available proctor who was an active CTP. (This was required by examination rules at the time but subsequently revised a few years later to make all CTP examinations and grading administered digitally in a highly secure, online format)."

"We are grateful that ProVia invests in its employees and gave us the opportunity to be active with NPTC, PFMI/CTP 'pioneers' for our company, and supporters and encouragers of other team members who followed in our footsteps."

"We are blessed to manufacture and deliver exterior building

pro-ducts. However, our core purpose is, *To let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.* This is based upon Matthew 5:16 in the Bible."

CTP CLASS OF 2026 NOW FORMING

CANDIDATES FOR THE CERTIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL® (CTP) PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER for their places in the Class of

2026. The Eligibility Application for the 2026 CTP Exam will be available beginning September 2, 2025. Deadline: Application and fee is due by December 1, 2025 – no exceptions. www.nptc.org/get-certified/1-apply/ The program is sponsored by J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.



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By earning the CTP designation, you join a group of transportation professionals who have made a commitment to the private fleet industry, to an ongoing pursuit of career advancement, and to continuing enhancement of their knowledge and skills. Top management will readily identify you as a professional with the experience and knowledge to direct and administer a private fleet, traffic, or transportation operation.

To learn more about the CTP[®] program, visit www.nptc.org, or contact Kristen Todd at ktodd@nptc.org or (703) 838-8841.

In the News



Ed Reardon, CTP, has opened his own consulting firm, EPR, LLC, where he will serve as safety and compliance advisor.

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Tracy Whisnant, CTP, has assumed the position of Director of Fleet Operations for Merchants Distributors, Inc.

At its regularly scheduled board meeting on May 10th, **NPTC Institute Board of Governors** elected, by unanimous consent, the following individuals to serve on the board:

Idealease, Inc.

Walter Kutschal, CDS CTP,

VP Safety and Compliance,



Jared Alexander, Vice President, Business Development, DriveriQ/ CISIV



Beth Potratz, President and CEO, Drive My Way



Mario Sanchez-Lara, General Manager – North America Private Carriers, Cummins Inc.



Todd Leonard, Senior Vice President of Sales, Element Fleet Management



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NPTC/E.A. DION PRESENT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS



T ITS ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONFER-ENCE IN ORLANDO, MAY 11-13, 2025, NPTC and award program sponsor, E.A. Dion, recognized several private fleet professionals and an Allied/Vendor member company for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community. "Since 1990, these Professional Leadership Awards have honored individuals and companies which have positively impacted NPTC and the industry," stated Gary Petty, NPTC President and CEO. "We extend our thanks and appreciation to the 2025 award winners."

The Council's top award, the **DAN SMITH LIFETIME ACHIEVE-MENT AWARD**, was presented to two recognized volunteer leaders in NPTC's private fleet community, each with more than two decades of service to the Council and the private fleet industry.



Bedford Monday, CTP, recently retired Director of Warehousing, Schwan Food Company, Bedford has more than 20 years of volunteer leadership involvement with NPTC including four years as Vice Chair and Chair of the NPTC Board of Directors, as well as nine years as NPTC Board Treasurer and a member of the NPTC Institute

Board of Governors. Bedford was honored as the CTP Top Graduate in 2004. He has been a faculty member of the Private Fleet Management Institute for several years and a speaker at numerous conferences and webcasts. Bedford was chosen for the Private Fleet Executive of the Year award in 2016. He has held several logistics positions for business units of the Schwan Food Company. Previously he served as Transportation Manager for Toys-R-Us and for eighteen years held various management positions at United Parcel Service. Bedford is a graduate of Shorter University with a degree in Business Administration.



David Helge, CTP, recently retired Vice President of Maintenance and Safety, Idealease, NPTC Five-Star member company, has twenty-five years of engagement with NPTC including serving on the NPTC Board of Directors and NPTC Board of Governors. For nearly two decades, Dave was the leader of NPTC/Idealease Safety Seminars, which are pro-

vided at no charge to NPTC members. In these seminars, he regularly promoted Council programs and services. A graduate of the CTP class of 2005, Dave is a long-standing member of the NPTC Safety Committee and has regularly assisted in the annual selection of Driver Hall of Fame inductees. Over the years, he promoted the CTP program throughout the industry and helped encourage fleet companies to join NPTC. David joined Idealease in 2006 and was promoted to Vice President of Maintenance and Safety the following year. In 2010, he was honored to represent Idealease as Allied Member of the Year. Dave is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Business Administration.



The recipient of the **PRIVATE FLEET EX-ECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD**, **John Robbins**, **CTP**, Senior Director, Operations, Standard Logistics, NPTC Five-Star member, has served as a member of the NPTC Board of Directors and the NPTC Institute Board of Governors, the latter representing his employer, Standard Logistics, which

was the 2023 Private Fleet of the Year award winner. He serves on the NPTC Benchmarking Advisory Committee and has been a speaker several times at NPTC conferences and other events. He promotes CTP candidates within his company and throughout the industry. John was the subject of a CTP Profile in FleetOwner Newsline and the CTP Insider newsletter. In his current role, John oversees operations for Standard Logistics, GAF's North America private fleet. He previously worked for Clean Harbors for several years. Earlier in his career, John spent a combined 20 years in the Army and Army Reserves serving as a paratrooper, motor transport operator, trainer and advisor supporting the Global War on Terror.



Beth Mars, CTP, Transportation Capacity Director, Frito-Lay, NPTC Five-Star member, received the **PRIVATE FLEET MANAGER OF THE YEAR**. She is a distinguished faculty member of the Private Fleet Management Institute, a frequent speaker at NPTC events, and serves on the NPTC Institute Board of Governors. Beth has been a dedicated mentor to

CTP candidates and a CTP Exam grader. In her most recent role at PepsiCo Foods North America, she enabled the expansion of the company's private fleet by establishing new traffic terminals to enhance distribution capacity and service initiatives. She is transitioning to a new role where she will lead teams responsible for maximizing the private fleet's latent capacity while supplementing the inbound and outbound networks with third party carrier capacity. With 20 years of experience at Frito-Lay, all within the Transportation function, Beth is recognized as a subject matter expert, mentor, and educator for both the transportation field and HQ teams. She earned her CTP designation in 2014 and serves on the partner advisory board for Women in Trucking.



Chris Groce, CDS, Director of Fleet Safety, Unifi Manufacturing, was selected as the **PRIVATE FLEET SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** and is a long-standing supporter of the NPTC Driver Hall of Fame program and member of the NPTC Safety Committee. He took a leading role in helping arrange for an NPTC on-site visit of his company and

promoted a follow-up profile article about Unifi Manufacturing in Fleet Owner magazine. For many years, Chris has participated in NPTC conferences and safety events. He has more than 32 years

Leadership Awards Continued



Dennis Dion, President & CEO, E.A. Dion, Inc. (far right) congratulates the NPTC 2025 Professional Leadership Award Recipients (left to right) Bryon Wiebold, CTP, Industry Relations, Tenstreet; Cassie Wood, CTP, Regional Corrugated and White Paper Transportation Manager, Packaging Corporation of America; John Robbins, CTP, Senior Director, Operations, Standard Logistics; Beth Mars, CTP, Transportation Capacity Director, Frito-Lay; Chris Groce, CDS, Director of Fleet Safety, Unifi Manufacturing; Tom Bray, Sr. Industry Business Advisor, J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc.; Bedford Monday, CTP, recently retired Director of Warehousing, Schwan Food Company; and David Helge, CTP, recently retired Vice President of Maintenance and Safety, Idealease.

of experience in the transportation industry and previously served as Unifi's Fleet Operations Manager. Chris served as past chairman of the North Carolina Truck Association Safety and Human Resources Council and past chairman of the NC Truck Driving Championship. Chris is very proud of his team and the fact the Unifi's private fleet continues to win numerous awards with drivers being inducted into NPTC's Driver Hall of Fame.



The EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP—FLEET AWARD recipient is Cassie Wood, CTP, Regional Corrugated and White Paper Transportation Manager, Packaging Corporation of America, NPTC Five-Star member. Cassie serves as a member of both the NPTC Board of Directors and NPTC Institute Board of Governors, is a Faculty Member of the Pri-

vate Fleet Management Institute, CTP Exam Grader, speaker at Annual Conferences, and member of the Benchmarking Advisory Committee. Cassie has almost twenty years of experience in transportation including six years in management. In her current role, she oversees transportation of some 34 manufacturing plants and helps facilitate relationships between outside carriers and the private fleet, BCT, Inc., which is domiciled at several plants. She earned her bachelor's degree in business management in 2019 from Boise State University, her OSHA certification, also in 2019, and her CTP designation in 2020.



Thomas Bray, Sr. Industry Business Advisor, J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc., NPTC Five-Star member, received the EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP—AL-LIED AWARD. Tom has served as the expert DOT compliance panel member of the NPTC/J.J. Keller webcast series for the entire 20-year history of the program. Tom is a supporter and promoter of

NPTC fleet membership and a frequent participant in NPTC events. Tom specializes in motor carrier safety and operations management and is widely regarded for his expertise in federal and state trucking regulations. Before joining Keller, Tom worked in the trucking industry for 22 years holding positions as driver, driver trainer, safety supervisor, lead instructor, claims manager, and safety director. During his employment in the industry, he was responsible for DOT compliance, policy development, driver human resources, driver training, claims management, and accident and injury prevention.



Tenstreet was selected as the 2025 **ALLIED MEMBER OF THE YEAR**. Represented by Bryon Wiebold, CTP, Industry Relations, Five-Star member of NPTC, Tenstreet is a platinum-level sponsor of the Annual Conference and a representative on the NPTC Institute Board of Governors. Tenstreet also sponsors the Sustainable Trucking Town Hall series, encourages participation in the CTP program, exhibits at both the NPTC Annual Conference and National Safety Conference, and sponsors the Private Fleet Management Institute and National Safety Conference.

NPTC ANNOUNCES 2025 FLEET SAFETY AWARDS

HIRTEEN PRIVATE FLEETS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT AND DEDICATION in elevat-

ing their safety performance year over year have been honored by receiving the NPTC Fleet Safety Awards, sponsored by International Motors. The recognition took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, which was held May 11-13 in Orlando, Fla.

"The Fleet Safety Awards recognize NPTC member companies that work to make safety a priority in their private fleet operations,"

said **Kate Mirise, CTP**, Chair of the NPTC Safety Committee and Central Ohio Logistics Manager for The Royal Group. "These annual fleet safety awards in particular recognize companies with the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year."



This year's winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2024) are:

REGIONAL (all other fleets, including long-haul)

First Place: America's Service Line, LLC

LOCAL (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)

First Place:UnSecond Place:MeThird Place:Tar

United Scrap Metal, Inc. Messer LLC Target Stores

MIXED SMALL (Fewer than 100 vehicles)

First Place: Second Place: Third Place:

RedGuard Clinton's Ditch Coop Co., Inc. Hillyard, Inc.

MIXED LARGE (more than 100 vehicles)

First Place:	Contract Transportation Systems/
	The Sherwin-Williams Co.
Second Place:	Vantive
Third Place:	New South Express, Inc.

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 with a terminal that experienced ZERO crashes in 2024, include:

- Hillyard, Inc.
- Interstate Batteries
- Messer LLC
- New South Express, Inc

WINNERS OF THE SILVER SEAL, presented to those companies with a terminal that reduced its vehicle crash rates by 40% or more compared to the previous year, were:

- Hillyard, Inc.
- Interstate Batteries
- Marathon Petroleum Company LP
- New South Express, Inc.

THE BRONZE SEAL RECOGNITION is presented to companies with a terminal that reduced its vehicle crash rates by 20% to 39% from the previous year. The winners of the Bronze Seal are:

- Hillyard, Inc.
- Marathon Petroleum Company LP
- Orgill Transportation Co., LLC

IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME NPTC LEADER RANDY PERRY, CTP



Randy Perry, CTP, passed away suddenly on May 9, 2025. A Georgia native who was known for his kind smile and warm demeanor, Randy was a long-time particiant with the National Private Truck Council. He was a frequent speaker at NPTC events including the National Safety Conference and

the Safety and Compliance Webcast Series. Randy was also an active supporter of the Fleet Safety Awards program during his time with Frito-Lay, Schwan's, and The Home Depot.

Randy earned the Certified Transportation Professional designation in 2012 and served on the NPTC Board of Diretors as the Safety Committee Chair from 2010 - 2014. He continued to play a key role in selecting the Driver Hall of Fame inductees each year. Randy's contributions to the NPTC community will be missed.

Click here to read his obituary.

NPTC HONORS **133CERTIFIED 133TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS®** (CTP)



NE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS HAVE ACHIEVED THE PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED TRANSPORTATION PRO-

FESSIONAL® (**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**. The graduation ceremony took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition May 11-13, 2025, in Orlando, FL.

Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993, more than 1,900 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 **Mike Schwersenska, CTP,** General Manager, Brakebush Transportation, LLC, and Chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors that oversees the program.

"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," he added.

Each year, *FleetOwner* magazine sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's Top Graduate is **Landon Maxson, CTP**, Director of Logistics, America's Service Line, LLC. The following individuals represent the CTP Class of 2025:

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FOUR INDUCTED INTO DRIVER HALL OF FAME

OUR DRIVERS, WHO COLLECTIVELY HAVE DRIVEN FOR MORE THAN 169 YEARS WHILE RACKING UP NEARLY 16.55 MILLION MILES OF SERVICE without a chargeable accident, injury or moving violation, have been inducted into the NPTC Driver Hall of Fame sponsored by International Truck. The recognition took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, which was held May 11-13, 2025, in Orlando, Fla.

The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, three million miles or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Many of the drivers have far exceeded these qualifications and are known for having made significant contributions to their industry and their communities. Since its inception, 156 drivers have been installed in the Driver Hall of Fame. This year's Driver Hall of Fame inductees are:



James David Chasteen | Shaw Industries Group, Inc. | Dalton, GA

JD began his driving career in 1969 and in those 55 years he has racked up 5.8 million miles without an accident or a moving violation. He began his career driving for Constellation Finish-

ing, where he worked for five years before joining Rogers Finishing as a Shipping Supervisor. He joined Shaw Industries Group, Inc. 29 years ago where he has recorded three million of those safe driving miles hauling flooring. Currently, he works 12 hours a day shuttling trailers around Dalton, GA.

"As a dedicated truck driver, I've strived to exceed expectations in all aspects of my job over the years," he says. "I understand the importance of maintaining my own personal wellness, practicing safe driving habits, and upholding the highest standards of professionalism and courtesy. These are essential not only for my own well-being but also for the safety of everyone I encounter on the road daily. Regular exercise, eating well, and getting plenty of sleep are key parts of my daily routine and help me stay alert and fit."

"My current job position keeps me very active as I complete an average of 14 trailer drop/hooks per night, shuttling loads to different locations. When I fill in as the plant spotter, I can make over 50 spot moves per shift as well."



Bob Mann, VP, Government Sales & Diamond Logic Builder, International Motors (far right), congratulates 2025 Driver Hall of Fame Inductees (from left to right) Scott Edwards, Primo Brands Corporation; Kenny White, Auto-Zone, Inc.; and James Chasteen, Shaw Industries Group.



Scott Edwards | Primo Brands Corporation | Poland, ME

Scottie began driving for Poland Springs (now Primo Brands) in 1991 and in those 32 years he has achieved 3.2 million miles hauling bulk spring water in a six-axle tractor-trailer combination (un-

baffled food product tanker) with a gross combined vehicle weight of 99,000 pounds. He has only one non-preventable accident on his record and no moving violations.

He began working with heavy-duty trucks and equipment in the logging industry, where his father ran a family business. Once he was of legal driving age, he moved into driving the family pulp truck, hauling logs and firewood. At 21, he joined Poland Spring, starting as a yard truck driver. There, he gained valuable experience in maneuvering tractor-trailers and shifted over to the transport division, where he remains to this day working 10-12 hours per day, 5-6 days a week, covering 390-460 miles daily.

A volunteer with the Harrison, Maine Fire Department, Scottie says, "I strive to maintain a positive attitude and always offer help to others. With more than years of seniority, I am frequently approached by fellow drivers seeking advice, and I make it a point to answer every question with care and provide the best guidance I can. I believe that senior drivers should encourage questions, as it helps prevent unsafe practices and fosters a safer work environment. I take pride in representing both my company and the trucking profession in the best possible way. One of my personal points of pride is keeping my truck immaculate—often polishing my wheels daily during three seasons of the year."

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Kenneth White | AutoZone, Inc. | Zanesville, OH

Kenny began his career behind the wheel 61 years ago and has driven for 3.5 million miles without an accident, injury or moving violation. He joined AutoZone 27 years ago, where he has

accumulated more than two million of those safe driving miles. Typically he delivers to AutoZone stores often with challenging parking lot conditions including parked cars, landscaping items, and other fixed hazards.

Kenny is a past Trustee and current member of The Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Zanesville, Ohio where he had maintained their landscaping for 25 years. He is also the president of the local Donut Shop retirees daily gathering.

"I am very big on having a plan and working it. When possible, I do a complete inspection the night before and another inspection in the morning. I plan my routes and directions the day before and do my best to get a good night's sleep. I strive to be safe every day because I want to come home to my family and not ever hurt anyone. I thank God for watching over me every day and keeping me safe."



Todd Young | Marathon Petroleum Co. LP | Columbus, OH

In 44 years of driving, Todd has driven 3,050,000 miles without an accident, injury or moving violation. He started his driving career in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1981

driving straight trucks and tractor trailer combination units. Todd was also employed as a school bus driver for the city of Hilliard and Dublin Ohio for a year before joining Marathon Petroleum in 1986 as a Transport Driver.

Todd is a certified Smith Driving System trainer. He volunteers for the American Red Cross delivering blood and products throughout the state of Ohio. Todd often volunteers his time during natural disasters. For example, after 2024 Hurricane Helen, Todd and his wife loaded up their personal pickup truck with more than \$1,000 worth of propane heaters and headed south and donated supplies and helped with relief efforts.

"As a professional driver, it is essential to arrive to work each shift well rested and prepared mentally and physically for the task at hand," Todd says. "I don't want to embarrass myself or our team, that truck is a huge billboard going down the road and it says Marathon Petroleum right on the door, so I make sure that I'm practicing defensive safe space and visibility driving behaviors at all times while operating the transport. My message to other drivers and my family has always been do the job right the first time. I live by that principle."

NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

PTC IS STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STAR AWARDS. The program recognizes those private fleet truck drivers who 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. Established in 2009, the National Driver All-Star Awards Program is co-sponsored by NPTC, International Motors, and Centerline Drivers, LLC.

Applications are made available mid-May each year with a July 9 deadline. Applicants selected as Driver All-Stars are recognized at the National Safety Conference in Orlando each September.

2025 DRIVER ALL-STARS APPLICATION

<u>Click here</u> to download an outline of the information needed for each applicant. Applications must be submitted using the on-lineform.

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- March 26: Hours of Service featuring Keith Frantz, CTP
- April 16: Annual Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance featuring Tracy Whisnant, CTP

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- May 21: Drug and Alcohol Testing featuring Micha Cox. CTP
- June 11: In-Cab Cameras featuring Andrew McGrath, CTP and Mark Winters, CTP

Upcoming for the second part of 2025, the webcast series will feature the following topics. Please meet plans to join us by logging into www.jjkeller.com/nptcinfo

- July 30: The New CSA SMS Methodology
- August 27: Fatigue Management
- September 17: Crash Preventability What fleets are required to do after an accident (and what they should be doing after an accident)
- October 29: Being Successful in DataQs

2025 BENCHMARKING SURVEY UPDATE



WILL RELEASE ITS 2025 BENCHMARKING SURVEY RE-PORT, which is sponsored by Penske Truck Leasing. The report will examine a number of key operational, performance issues and is designed to validate private fleet performance based on comparative peer data; to identify areas of improvement and opportunity; and to highlight significant trends affecting private fleet practitioners.

ATER THIS MONTH, NPTC

The benchmarking survey delves into key operational areas such as safety, technology, driver turnover, compensation, operational costs, equipment and maintenance to identify key trends and best practices.

This year's Benchmarking Survey Report will underscore the value of the private fleet community as it continues to enhance its control over the corporate supply chain.







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