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Welcome CTP Class of 2011!



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Forty-nine 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 graduates were honored during a ceremony at the Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 17-19, 2011 in Cincinnati.

Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993,

nearly 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.

“The CTP designation is a benchmark of excellence earned by a special few, but available to any fleet or transportation specialist who will make the necessary commitment of dedicated effort.” said Bedford Monday, CTP, Chair of the NPTC Institute Board of

Governors that oversees the program.

Each year, *Fleet Owner* magazine sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year’s Top Graduate is Troy Stevenson, CTP, Director of Logistics, GreenLine Foods, Inc. Troy is responsible for the private fleet operations of GreenLine Logistics, Inc. based in Perrysburg, OH.

To learn more about him, please see page 3 of the *CTP Insider*.

19 Nominated as National Driver All-Stars

Nearly 20 fleet members have nominated one of their drivers for NPTC's **National Driver All-Stars** program. This unique program is designed to recognize NPTC private fleet drivers for meeting high performance standards in the fields of customer service, safety and compliance. It recognizes

the top drivers of NPTC Fleet member companies based on how they perform against their own internal customer service metrics. This program provides a way to recognize any private fleet drivers for delivering the high levels of customer service with which private fleets distinguish themselves.

Winning drivers will be recognized at the National Safety Conference September 15-16, 2011.

If you would like to learn more about the program, please contact Tom Moore at tmoores@nptc.org.

In The News



Steve Vlahos, CTP

Rob Abbott, CTP, of the American Trucking Associations has been named to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's motor carrier safety advisory committee; **Jeff Overstreet, CTP**, is now the Director of Transportation/Distribution for George's Inc.; **Brett Quigley, CTP** has joined Heckmann Corporation as Director of Fleet Management; **Pat Toler, CTP**, is now the Distribution Center Manager for Marzetti Company; and

Steve Vlahos, CTP, has been named Vice President of Field Operations for Centerline Drivers.

Welcome New Institute Board Members

Congratulations to the following individuals who were recently elected to the NPTC Institute Board of Governors:

- Chris Duncan of Schneider National

- Keric Kennedy, CTP, of Idealease of North America
- Jeff Simon, CTP, of Optima Assoc.
- John Simourian of Lily Transportation Corporation

We Want Your News!

If you've been promoted, or had a change in companies, let us know! ktodd@nptc.org.

Sleep Apnea Webcast Plays to Huge Review



Nearly 300 people registered to attend the webcast held July 13 on Sleep Apnea. The webcast, sponsored by NPTC and J.J. Keller & Associates, was free to all NPTC members. The FMCSA is planning to move forward on new driver health regulations that will include screening/testing for sleep apnea.

This webcast featured an

overview on FMCSA regulatory measures concerning driver physicals, driver wellness and sleep apnea; creative tactics NPTC members are using to screen, diagnose, treat and monitor sleep apnea. wellness programs.

NPTC Board of Directors Chair Rick Foster, CDS, Director, Private Fleet Safety for

Wal-Mart Transportation LLC provided an insightful look into his company's sleep apnea program.

The final webcast, focusing on driver coaching and discipline, will be held on October 12.

For more information, [click here](#).

Q & A

This Question and Answer column is designed as a forum to help answer questions that you may encounter in your operation.

Please submit questions and/or comments to Tom Moore, CTP, tmoores@nptc.org.

Q. Is synthetic marijuana recognized/regulated by DOT?

A. The FMCSA prohibits a driver from engaging in a safety-sensitive function when the driver uses "any controlled substance" except under the supervision of a licensed medical practitioner. 49 CFR 382.213(a).

Historically, synthetic marijuana has not been a controlled substance under

federal law, although possession of it is now illegal in several states.

On March 1, 2011, however, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration used its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control for a period of one year five substances used to make synthetic marijuana

During this one-year period the DEA will study the issue and consider whether to

make the ban permanent. So, for that period of time, at least, synthetic marijuana is a controlled substance and is therefore prohibited under 49 CFR Part 382.

There is, however, a problem with testing for these drugs. To read more about it, [click here](#).

CTP Profile: Troy Stevenson, CTP



Troy Stevenson, CTP

“There is no question that what I learned going through the certification process will help us make better decisions.”

Troy Stevenson, director of logistics for GreenLine Foods, Inc., was honored at the recent National Private Truck Council (NPTC) Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition for graduating at the top of the class of individuals who earned their Certified Transportation Professional (CTP) credentials in 2011. *Fleet Owner*, which sponsors the annual award for the Top Graduate, presented a crystal eagle to Stevenson in recognition of his achievement.

Stevenson joined GreenLine about a year ago. Prior to that, he served as transportation carrier relations leader, North America for Owens Corning. He was also logistics

manager, building products North America, at Pilkington.

“The CTP seemed to encompass all my seventeen years in trucking,” Stevenson says. “It really fit well for me. I started my career working for a for-hire carrier. Later, I was with an out-sourced dedicated fleet operation and then with a private fleet that was shut down. I’ve been on the equipment, driver and operations sides of the business and this certification really is a culmination of all that experience. It has helped me to better understand all the things we measure in fleet operations and why private fleets make sense in certain situations.”

“I did the Management Institute back in January to prepare for the test,” he adds. “During that time, I made a lot of friends and we developed a real sense of camaraderie. [So many other graduates and friends were at NPTC to get their certificates] that it made getting the award especially gratifying.”

Now Stevenson says he is eager to put his new skills to work.

To read the more about Troy Stevenson’s operation and experience with the CTP program, please [click here](#).

2011 National Safety Conference



Three industry experts, plus a host of leading private fleet safety professionals, highlight this year’s National Safety Conference, which will be held September 15-16, 2011 at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA just outside of Washington, D.C. The speakers include:

- **Gov. Bill Graves**, President and CEO of the American Trucking Associations
- **Greer Woodruff**, Senior Vice President of Safety and Security, J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.
- **Dan Murray**, Vice President, Research, American Transportation Research Institute

As in the past, this year’s NPTC National Safety Conference is being designed to optimize return-on-investment for all attendees.

Topics and speakers have been carefully chosen and represent the most relevant and current safety information available in the industry today. The entire program includes concise yet comprehensive information which is solution-centered, supplemented by extensive networking opportunities with speakers and guests alike. This value-focused approach helps attendees find just the right combination of safety ideas best suited for adaptation at their own companies, and more than justifies in

multiple terms the cost of time and money to participate.

Some selected topics are: The Role of Technology; Creating a Culture of Safety; Sleep Apnea; Driver Wellness; Driver Recruiting and Selection; Driver Retention; Behavioral Safety; and What to do at the Scene of an Accident. Plus, the Conference includes a Legislative, Regulatory and Legal Review and Analysis for the Private Fleet Executive.

Make plans to attend this must-attend National Safety Conference and reserve your spot today. [Click here](#) for registration and programming information.

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Coming Events

2011 National Safety Conference

September 15-16,
Herndon, Virginia

CTP CLASS OF 2012:

CTP ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE

October 1, 2011 - Download @ www.nptc.org

CTP EXAM APPLICATION DUE

Nov. 15, 2011 – Download @ www.nptc.org

CTP EXAM PREP WORKSHOP

Friday, January 13, 2012
Jacksonville, Florida

2012 PFMI

January 14-18, 2012
Jacksonville, Florida

2012 CTP EXAM

Saturday, February 11, 2012

NPTC Establishes Sleep Apnea Task Force

Untreated sleep apnea of truck drivers presents a new challenge for private motor carrier management. In response, NPTC has established a task force on sleep apnea. Comprised of a representative group of fleet and allied members, the Task Force was established to help provide private fleet members with educational information about this subject by creating a heightened state of awareness of why sleep apnea should

command management attention and action; to identify and recommend (where appropriate) standards in managing a sleep apnea program for drivers without NPTC actually endorsing or promoting the programs and services of any Allied/Supplier members; and to potentially help shape FMCSA regulations on sleep apnea by sharing with the agency the successful programs voluntarily put in place by

private fleet companies.

The Task Force has held its initial meeting and is in the process of defining and collecting information on the subject. If you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Tom Moore, CTP, (703-838-8898 or tmoore@nptc.org).

About Our Organization...

Founded in 1939, NPTC is the only national trade association exclusively representing the interests of the private truck industry and corporate/business private truck fleet management. NPTC is the premier marketplace of information, networking and skill building for private fleet professionals as it leads in shaping the future of corporate transportation.

The Institute for Truck Transportation Management (ITTM) is the non-profit 501(c)(3) education and research affiliate of the National Private Truck Council (NPTC). As a leader in transportation education and research, the NPTC Institute's goal is to move fleet managers and industry suppliers toward greater efficiency and effectiveness in their corporate environments.

The NPTC Institute is an exclusive information resource for: Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP) program, Fleet Management Institute and the Fleet Learning Center. Through NPTC, both fleet and allied members come together to share information that enables them to meet the demands of changing business, safety and regulatory issues as well as competitive challenges.



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