

Newsletter

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NPTC/E.A. Dion, Inc. present leadership awards

The National Private Truck Council (NPTC) and award program sponsor, E. A. Dion, Inc. recognized seven private fleet professionals for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community. The recognition took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held May 7-9 in Orlando.

The council's top award, the Dan P. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Carol Heinowski, logistics manager—outbound, Meijer Inc. Heinowski is a past chair of the NPTC Board of Directors and the NPTC Safety Committee.

Prior to joining Meijer, Heinowski served for 20 years as a safety investigator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. A frequent speaker at NPTC events, she serves on the NPTC Institute Board of Governors, Michigan Truck Safety Commission, and Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Advisory Board.

Recognized as the Private Fleet Executive of the Year was Paul Miller, CTP, director of transportation, Merchants Distributors LLC. After earning his CTP in 2004, Miller served on the NPTC Board of Directors and served as a speaker and moderator at numerous NPTC conferences and webcasts.

Mike Cramer, corporate vice president of transportation at QUIKRETE Companies, received the NPTC Private Fleet Manager of the Year Award. Long active in NPTC, Cramer serves as a member of the Benchmarking Steering Committee and is a frequent speaker at NPTC conferences.

Named as the Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year was Tommy Pollard, CTP, who is corporate director of fleet safety, Perdue Farms. Pollard earned his CTP in 2015 and is a frequent participant in NPTC Annual Conference and National Safety Conference and is an active Member of NPTC Safety and Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committees.

Ray Byrd, CTP, vice president of transportation and distribution, Pioneer Landscape Centers, received the NPTC Excellence in Membership Award (Fleet). After earning his CTP in 2009, Byrd has become increasingly active with NPTC, serving as a member of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors. He is a frequent speaker and moderator at NPTC meetings and webcasts as well as a member of the NPTC Safety Committee.

José Samperio, vice president and general manager, North America OnHighway, Cummins Inc., received the NPTC Excellence in Membership Award (Allied). Samperio has enhanced Cummins' profile within the NPTC organization, serving on the NPTC Institute Board of Governors and expanding the company's presence at the NPTC Annual Conference.

The Allied Member of the Year Award was presented to Centerline Drivers LLC. Receiving the award on behalf of Centerline was Jill Quinn, president. Quinn is a member of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors and the NPTC Board of Directors. Her company sponsors both the NPTC Washington Report and the NPTC Driver Safety Letter and is a Platinum Level Sponsor of the NPTC Annual Conference.

Benchmarking Survey

NPTC is in the process of collecting data for the 2023 NPTC Benchmarking Survey Report, sponsored by Penske Truck Leasing. This survey is designed for the benefit of our private fleet members as they seek to compare their operation to other best-in-class performers, thereby validating their performance and identifying areas of opportunity.

For the first time, the questionnaire is offered in an electronic format for improved navigation. For ease of data submission, the form is arranged in five sections. Members are welcome to complete the sections as they appear or in order of their choosing. We understand the essentiality of keeping your responses completely confidential, which does not change in this online format. Company responses will not be reported or shared with anyone. Rather, they will simply be aggregated into a broad dataset for analysis of trends and industry standards.

Survey contributors will be invited to join a special webcast to preview the 2023 report before its official release on August 1, 2023. In addition, contributors are welcome to request specialized, customized reports to better calibrate their operation against those companies that operate in a similar fashion.

Washington Report

NPTC members are invited to attend the Washington Report, sponsored by Centerline Drivers, held the second Monday each month at 11:30 a.m. EST. Rick Schweitzer, general counsel and government affairs representative, gives the latest update on key legislative and regulatory compliance issues of interest to private fleets.

NPTC honors Certified Transportation Professionals

As NPTC marks the 30th anniversary of the Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP), we are pleased to announce that a record number of 139 transportation professionals achieved the prestigious designation this year and were recognized during a graduation ceremony that took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition May 7-9, 2023, in Orlando. The CTP program is sponsored by J. J. Keller & Associates Inc.



Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993, more than 1,600 fleet and transportation professionals have earned the right to add CTP after their name. CTPs are raising industry standards and 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 Duane Woods, CTP, senior director of transportation operations at Albertsons Companies, and chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors that oversees the program.

Each year, *FleetOwner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's top graduate was Arvin Zabalerio, senior transport manager- Northeast, Pepsi Beverages Company.

NPTC/International Truck announce 2023 Fleet Safety Awards

Twelve private fleets that have demonstrated continued improvement and dedication in elevating their safety performance year over year have been honored by receiving the NPTC/International Truck Fleet Safety Awards. The recognition took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, which was held May 7-9 in Orlando.

"The Fleet Safety Awards recognize NPTC member companies that work to make safety a priority in their private fleets' operations," said Tim Eckhardt, CTP, chair of the NPTC Safety Committee and director of safety for Dot Transportation Inc.

"These annual fleet safety awards in particular recognize companies with the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year," he continued.

Below is the list of this year's winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2022):

- **Local (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size):** Target Stores (1); Composites One LLC (2); Speedway/SWTO LLC (3).

- **Regional (all other fleets, including long-haul):** Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams Co. (1); Johnsonville Trucking LLC (2); Procter & Gamble Company (3).

- **Mixed small (fewer than 100 vehicles):** Sugar Foods Corporation (1); RedGuard (2); Metal Exchange Corporation (3).

- **Mixed large (more than 100 vehicles):** Baxter Healthcare Corporation (1); New South Express (2); Orgill Transportation Co., LLC (3).

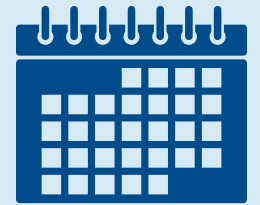
NPTC/Idealease schedule of 2023 safety seminars

The 2023 Idealease/NPTC Safety Seminars began last month in locations around the United States and are designed to help fleet managers understand and manage fleet safety for all major areas scrutinized during state and federal compliance interventions and reviews. These in-person seminars consist of presentations from industry professionals, discussion among attendees, education handouts, and lunch.

For a list of seminars being offered and their locations or to register for seminars, go to <http://www.idealease.com/safety-seminar-registration>.

Coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:



SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2023

National Safety Conference, Orlando, Florida

FALL 2023

2024 CTP eligibility applications due

JANUARY 12, 2024

CTP exam preparation workshop, Orlando, Florida

JANUARY 13-17, 2024

2024 Private Fleet Management Institute, Orlando, Florida

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

2024 CTP examination

NPTC/J.J. Keller free webcast series

The remaining webcasts for the rest of the year are as follows:

- May 17: Entry Level Driver Training
- June 21: Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance:
- July 26: Improving CSA Scores
- August 30: Electronic Safety Systems
- September 27: Hours of Service and ELDs
- October 25: Driver Performance Tracking



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