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2013 FLEET SAFETY AWARDS

The National Private Truck Council recognized those fleet members who continue to elevate safety performance during the group's recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition. The NPTC/Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions Fleet of the Year Awards are presented to companies whose fleets experienced the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year. The 2013 winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2012) are:

- ❑ *Local operations (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)*—American Proteins (first place)
- ❑ *Regional operations*—Gates Corp. (first place); Energy Solutions/Hittman Transport Services (second place); CTS/Sherwin-Williams Co. (third place)
- ❑ *Mixed operations (small fleet – less than 50 vehicles)*—Sugar Foods Corp. (first place); Metal Exchange Corp. (second place); Unifi Manufacturing (third place)
- ❑ *Mixed operations (large fleet – 50 vehicles or more)*—NEP Broadcasting (first place); Targa Transport LLC (second place); Baxter Healthcare Home Services (third place)

CTPs EARN DESIGNATION

Fifty-two 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. The graduates were honored during a ceremony at the recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The Top Graduate Award went to Josh Botnen, CTP, data analytics manager for DriveCam Inc.

NPTC 2013: ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

Thank you to all of the attendees and companies that helped make NPTC's 2013 Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition in Cincinnati such a success. The event had the largest number of attendees at an NPTC Annual Conference in 20 years at 1,058; one of the largest CTP Graduating Classes at 52 graduates, and the second largest number of exhibitors in the history of the Council at 171. The event had a large number of sponsors including the Allied Committee for the Trucking Industry (ACT I), which sponsored the gala reception and buffet dinner.

PRIVATE FLEET PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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

The **Private Fleet Executive of the Year** went to **Gary Palmer**, senior director, transportation of True Value Co. Palmer has more than 26 years of supply chain management experience with various companies. Currently, in addition to the True Value private fleet, he is responsible for all vendor inbound shipments and store deliveries.

The **Fleet Safety Professional of the Year** was awarded to **Carol Heinowski**, private fleet manager for Meijer Logistics LLC, a subsidiary of the grocery store chain Meijer Inc. She leads a group of individuals responsible for ensuring on-time deliveries in the safest and most cost-effective means.

Mari Roberts, CTP, director of transportation network optimization for Frito-Lay Inc., was named **Private Fleet Member of the Year**. In her current role, she and her team are responsible for the transportation planning and network efficiency for the 28 traffic centers.

This year's **Allied Member of the Year** award went to **PACCAR Leasing Co. (PacLease)**, which provides customized full-service lease, rental and contract maintenance programs designed to meet the specific needs of its customers.

Erle Bergstrom, CTP, transportation/fleet manager for Orscheln Farm & Home, received the **Membership Development Award**. After earning his Certified Transportation Professional (CTP) designation in 2010, Bergstrom was named to the NPTC Annual Conference Planning Committee. He has been a frequent speaker at NPTC events.

The newest NPTC award, the **C.H. Robinson Worldwide Excellence in Backhauling Award**, went to **Sealy Inc.**, a manufacturer of mattresses and box springs with a private fleet consisting of 250 power units domiciled in 16 facilities across the country. Terry Smith accepted the award on behalf of Sealy.

coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCAST

July 10, 2013 DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 11, 2013 Dulles, VA

NPTC NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

September 12-13, 2013 Dulles, VA

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCAST

October 2, 2013 Physical Qualification of Drivers

DRIVER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Four truck drivers who have together logged more than 18 million mi. of safe driving in nearly 170 years of service were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC/Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions Driver Hall of Fame during the recent Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, 2 million mi. 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, 100 drivers have been inducted in the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's Driver Hall of Fame inductees are:

□ **Lewis Eaton, Ross Transportation Services, Wellington, OH**—A professional truck driver for 52 years, Lew has not been involved in any preventable or nonpreventable accidents and has received several safe driving awards. In addition to the 1-million and 2-million-mi. awards from his company, he has also received safety awards from the National Safety Council and the Ohio Trucking Assn.

□ **Charles M. Hartley, Kraft Private Fleet, Lafayette, MN**—With a career that spans 33 years, Charles has accrued almost 4 million mi. without a preventable accident. He began driving in 1980 with his brothers and held several positions where he hauled produce, fish food, butter, and even aircraft support products before accepting a position with Kraft in 1995. Currently, he drives about 500 mi. a day. Charles was selected as a 2012 NPTC National Driver All-Star.

□ **Steve Muncey, Batesville Logistics, Morrison, TN**—During the past 40 years, Steve has driven more than 5 million mi. while transporting air conditioners, electric motors, steel, and caskets. Since starting with Batesville in 1988, Steve has driven 2.5 million mi. with no preventable accidents. He has received several safety awards including a 2012 National Safety Council Safe Driver Award of Honor and a 1994 Fraternal Order of Police Driver and Safety Award.

□ **Kenneth E. Wasiewicz, CPC Logistics assigned to Benjamin Moore and Co., Glenwood, NJ**—After earning his driver's license at the age of 17, Ken learned how to drive a tractor-trailer while still attending school and working at the loading docks in his hometown. His driving career spans 41 years and 4 million mi. Since joining Benjamin Moore as assigned by CPC Logistics in 1994, he has traveled more than 2 million mi. with no preventable accidents. A 2012 NPTC National Driver All-Star, he was also recognized as the 2012 New Jersey Motor Truck Assn. Driver of the Year.

NPTC ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

The National Private Truck Council will hold its National Safety Conference September 12-13, 2013, at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA. "The National Safety Conference is an intense, concentrated overview of key issues of interest and importance to running private fleet operations at an exceptionally high standard of safety," said Randy Perry, fleet safety manager for Frito-Lay and chair of the NPTC Safety Committee. The program includes an update on federal regulations; private fleet case studies; a recap of several leading safety technologies; a recognition ceremony honoring top performing drivers; safety-in-the-round breakout sessions; liability mitigation strategies; data mining and predictive modeling; and best safety practices. Speakers are recognized experts, including more than 15 private fleet practitioners who manage outstanding safety programs at their respective companies.

"Because of its timely and relevant subject matter and the outstanding lineup of speakers representing various segments of truck safety, this conference promises to be one of the best opportunities to enhance safety performance," said Perry. "Plus, the interaction that occurs throughout the day-and-a-half meeting creates multiple opportunities to discover new safety strategies and tactics."

The conference will feature a unique format of presentations, discussions with key industry representatives, expert panels, and leading safety advocates and practitioners—all designed to provide attendees with insights into implementing strategic safety programs and lowering the cost of risk. Concurrent interactive sessions focusing on key safety performance metrics will also be featured.

As in years past, the conference will be highlighted by the annual National Driver All-Stars recognition ceremony, in which nearly 20 drivers from individual NPTC fleet members will be recognized for their exceptional performance in the fields of safety, compliance and customer service.

To learn more and to register, go to www.nptc.org.

NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

Applications for NPTC's National Driver All-Stars program are now available. This unique program 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 private fleet 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, 2012, through May 31, 2013.