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2014 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. The NPTC/Lytx Inc. Fleet Safety Awards are presented to companies with the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year. The 2014 winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2013) are:

□ *Local operations (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)* — American Proteins (first place); Clinton's Ditch Cooperative Co. (second place); WilcoHess LLC (third place)

□ *Regional operations*—Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams (first place)

□ *Mixed operations (Small Fleet – less than 50 vehicles)*— Metal Exchange Corp. and Sugar Foods Corp. (first place tie); New South Express (third place)

□ *Mixed operations (large fleet – 50 vehicles or more)*—ADM Alliance Nutrition (first place); Baxter Healthcare Supply Chain (second place); NEP Broadcasting (third place)

CTPs EARN DESIGNATION

Eighty-three 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.

This year's Top Graduate Award was presented to Beth Mars, CTP, manager of transportation optimization for Frito-Lay Inc.

NPTC 2014 IS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

With a record-setting count of attendees, the NPTC 2014 Annual Conference registered more than 1,150 of the best private fleet professionals in the United States. Twenty-five workshops featured nearly 80 speakers/panelists, and all received consistently high ratings from participants. The NPTC 2014 Mobile App, a new feature introduced this year, was put to effective use by most attendees and received rave reviews by all. The CTP Class of 2014 had 83 graduates, setting another record for the event. The total number of CTPs graduated since 1993, the founding year, is more than 1,100. Thanks to all attendees and companies for a very successful event.

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 **Dan Smith Life Achievement Award**, the Council's highest and most prestigious honor, was awarded to Rick Foster, CDS, who retired recently as senior director of private fleet safety for Wal-Mart Transportation.

The **Private Fleet Executive of the Year** went to Gary Strausbaugh, CTP, vice president of transportation, Mennel Milling Co. He oversees both truck and rail transportation as well as warehousing.

The **Fleet Safety Professional of the Year** was awarded to Randy Perry, CTP, East Division safety manager, Frito-Lay Inc.

David Gadberry, CTP, operations administrator for Toyota Quality Parts Express, was named **Private Fleet Manager of the Year**. He is responsible for motor carrier compliance and operations improvement for Toyota's private fleet, which delivers service parts and accessories.

This year's **Allied Member of the Year Award** went to Lytx Inc. Accepting the award on behalf of Lytx Inc., Chris Silver, CTP, director of marketing, was recognized for encouraging the company's expanded participation in the CTP program, the Private Fleet Management Institute, Five-Star Membership, fleet membership growth, and new major sponsorships at the annual conference.

Luann Dunkerley, national sales manager of Truck Fleet Services for the CEI Group, received the **Membership Development Award**.

The **C.H. Robinson Worldwide Excellence in Backhauling Award**, NPTC's newest award, went to **BCT Inc.** Accepting the award on behalf of BCT was Patrick Robinson, CTP, driver recruiting manager.

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coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCAST:

How To Survive a DOT Intervention
July 23, 2014

NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE
September 11-12, 2014, Herndon, VA

2014 CTP ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE
October 1, 2014

2014 CTP EXAM APPLICATIONS DUE
November 15, 2014

2015 CTP EXAM PREP WORKSHOP
January 16, 2015, Jacksonville, FL

2015 PRIVATE FLEET MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
January 17-21, 2015, Jacksonville, FL

2014 CTP® EXAM
February 14, 2015, offered at 40 locations across the country

NPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014
April 26-28, 2015, Cincinnati, OH

DRIVER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Four truck drivers who have together logged more than 12 million mi. of safe driving in about 146 combined years of service were honored by NPTC and inducted into the NPTC/Lytx Inc. Driver Hall of Fame during the annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition. The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, 3 million mi. or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Many of the drivers have far exceeded these qualifications and have made significant contributions to their industry and their communities. Since its inception, 104 drivers have been inducted in the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's Driver Hall of Fame inductees are:

□ **Roger J. Herron with Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc. in Frewsburg, NY**—Roger's professional driving career spans more than 37 years and 3 million mi., where he has driven more than 62,400 hours and 2 million mi. without a moving violation or a chargeable accident.

□ **Robert Anthony Purcell with Contract Transportation Systems/Sherwin-Williams Company in Teutopolis, IL**—For the past 25 years, Tony has hauled and delivered paint, paint products and hazardous materials loads for Sherwin-Williams, where he has accumulated more than 2.5 million mi. without an accident or violation of any kind.

□ **Raymond G. Sanderson with Kraft Foods Group Inc. in Champaign, IL**—Ray has spent his entire 35-year driving career with Kraft Foods. During that time, he has accumulated more than 3 million mi. without a chargeable accident or a moving violation.

□ **Nathan Tandal with CPC Logistics Inc. assigned to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC in Federal Way, WA**—In 38 years of driving, Nathan has driven more than 3 million mi. without an accident or a moving violation of any kind.

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCASTS

□ *How to Survive a DOT Intervention, July 23, 2014:* Get the latest on how to prepare for a DOT intervention.

□ *Regulatory Update October 22, 2014:* Enhance your compliance efforts with these planning tools and strategies.

NPTC ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

The National Private Truck Council will hold its National Safety Conference Sept. 11-12, 2014, 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 Carol Heinowski, fleet safety manager for Meijer Inc. 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.

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.

As in years past, the conference will be highlighted by the annual National Driver All-Stars recognition ceremony, in which 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, 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 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, 2013, through May 31, 2014.