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NPTC 2016—ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

On behalf of the NPTC Board of Directors, NPTC Institute Board of Governors, members of the Conference Planning Committee, and the 1,262 attendees who participated, NPTC expresses thanks and appreciation to all for making NPTC 2016 another "great success" milestone in the Council's history.

More than 50 industry professionals shared their insights, best practices and resources during more than

22 workshops—virtually all filled to standing-room-only capacity—and all highly rated by attendees. Attendees also heard from two keynote speakers who both delivered exceptional inspirational and educational value.

Some 188 companies exhibited their products and services in booths at the Exhibition Hall and Trade Show. About 70% of exhibitors have already reserved their booths for NPTC 2017.

place); Baxter Healthcare Supply Chain (second place); J&B Group (second place)

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 that experienced zero crashes in 2015, include Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP, ADM Trucking Inc., and AEP Industries Inc.

Winners of the Silver Seal, presented to those companies whose fleets reduced their vehicle crash rates by 40% or more compared to the previous year, were ADM Trucking Inc., Frito-Lay Inc., Koch Foods, Orgill Transportation Co. LLC, and Walgreen Oshkosh Inc..

The Bronze Seal recognition is presented to companies that have reduced their vehicle crash rates by 20% to 39% from the previous year. The winners of the Bronze Seal are Frito-Lay Inc., Koch Foods LLC, and Orgill Transportation Co. LLC.

NPTC/FLEET SAFETY AWARDS

The NPTC/ Lytx® Fleet Safety Awards program recognizes NPTC member companies that work to make safety a priority in their private fleets' operations.

Following are the 2016 winners (based on safety performance achieved in 2015):

► *Local operations (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)*—Blain Supply Inc. (first place); Clinton's Ditch Coop Co. Inc. (second place)

► *Regional operations*—AEP Industries Inc. (first place); American Proteins Inc. (second place)

► *Mixed operations (small fleet—less than 50 vehicles)*—FTC Transport Inc. (first place); Metal Exchange Corp. (second place)

► *Mixed operations (large fleet—50 vehicles or more)*—Hillyard Inc. (first

NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP

Bill Hartman, CTP, senior fleet manager for VF Jeanswear, was elected chairman of the NPTC Board of Directors at the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held in Cincinnati. Also elected were **Carol Heinowski**, logistics manager, Meijer Inc., to vice chair; **Gary Strausbaugh**, CTP, vice president-transportation, Mennel Milling Co., to secretary; and **Bedford Monday**, CTP, facilities operations manager, Schwan Food Co., to treasurer. **Duane Woods**, CTP, director of transportation operations, Albertsons Companies, was elected vice chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors.

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, 2015, through May 31, 2016.

CTP GRADUATION



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

Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993, nearly 1,550 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.

"The 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 Mari Roberts, CTP, chair of the NPTC Institute Board of Governors that oversees the program and director, LD&T Dallas Metroplex, Frito-Lay Inc.

"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," she said.

Each year, *Fleet Owner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's award was presented to Joe Sponseller, CTP, logistics analyst at Dean Foods.

NPTC /DRIVER HALL OF FAME

Four truck drivers who have together logged nearly 16 million miles of safe driving in about 165 combined years of service were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC/Lytx® 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, 3 million miles or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Since its inception, 104 drivers have been inducted into the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's inductees are **Bradley P.**

Conn, CVS Transportation LLC (driving for 32 years and has accumulated 3.2 million miles without an accident or a moving violation); **Michael Grabowski**, CPC Logistics Inc., assigned to Walgreen Oshkosh (accumulated more than 3.5 million miles of safe driving over 43 years without a chargeable accident or a moving violation); **Wildon C. Renn III**, Contract Transportation Systems/The Sherwin-Williams Co. (began driving in 1981 and has accumulated 4.2 million miles of driving without an accident or a moving violation); and **Arthur Stephens**, CPC Logistics Inc., assigned to Avery Dennison (racked up 4.95 million miles of safe driving without a preventable accident or a moving violation in 55 years behind the wheel).

coming events...

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

- June 13-15—NPTC summer on-site safety committee meeting, Saint Joseph, MO
- September 15-16—National Safety Conference, Dulles, VA
- October 1—CTP eligibility application due for 2017
- November 16—CTP exam application due for 2017
- January 13, 2017—CTP exam prep workshop, Jacksonville, FL
- January 14-18, 2017—Private Fleet Management Institute, Jacksonville, FL
- February 11, 2017—CTP® exam offered at 40 locations across the country

NPTC/J.J. KELLER WEBCASTS

- July 20 — Drug and Alcohol Testing (Hair Follicle Testing)
- July 21 — The Aging Driver Workforce and Workers' Compensation (Driver Wellness)
- October 12 — Ensuring Driver Quality Through Effective Screening Protocols
- October 13 — Developing Effective Driver Onboarding Practices

NPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

April 30- May 2, 2017
Cincinnati, OH