



## 2014 Safety Award Winners

### **2014 ATA President's Trophy** *Sponsored by: Great West Casualty Company*

#### **Large fleet winner (Over 100 Million Miles annually)**

##### **ABF Freight System, Inc., Fort Smith, AR**

ABF Freight operates in all 50 States, with 3,934 local and 1,837 line-haul drivers – driving 300 million miles in 2013. Dockworkers number 810 and office personal almost 2,433, and 25 individuals dedicated to safety. For equipment, ABF Freight has 61 straight trucks; 4,018 power units; 17,563 semi-trailers; 2,213 full trailers; and, 3,540 dollies. The safety department is managed under the direction of its Director of Safety & Security, its Manager of Hazardous Materials, Manager of Security, Manager of Safety Compliance & Training, and Manager of Safety Administration. On top of that, ABF has 13 Regional Managers of Safety & Security, 2 Security Investigators, 1 Safety Compliance Specialist, and a clerical team of 5. One of the components of ABF's approach to safety that was most impressive are its topic-specific monthly safety meetings across all of the functional areas of the company, including the office, the dock, line-haul operations and the shop. ABF Freight System, Inc. is a repeat achiever having received this same award in 1985, 1989, 1993, 1998, 2003 & 2010.

#### **Mid-size fleet Winner (Between 25-100 Million Miles annually)**

##### **Dupré Logistics, LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana**

Dupré Logistics, LLC operates in 13 states throughout the Southeast, South and Southwest. Dupré Logistics safety program consists of 1,014 drivers, 27 shop personnel, and 104 other employees, as well as 552 power units and almost 917 semi-trailers. It is managed by a dedicated full-time staff of: one Safety Director, 7 Safety Supervisors and 3 clerical staff. Dupré has been successful by having a strong management vision of being the safest transportation and logistics company in North America and focusing their resources on risk avoidance, incident analysis, stringent pre-employment screening across all employee categories, monitoring and training. Dupré is a repeat President's Trophy winner, receiving the award in 2010.

#### **Small fleet Winner (Under 25 Million Miles annually)**

##### **Usher Transport, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky**

Usher Transport, Inc., is a for-hire tank truck operation located in Louisville, KY, and specializes in transporting petroleum and chemical products. Usher usually transports short and midrange loads that are time sensitive and usually within a 500-mile radius of one of its terminals. Usher does, however, make routine deliveries to the West Coast, Canada and runs dedicated equipment for those customers who require it. In all, Usher conducted operations in 48 states last year. Its safety program covers 230 drivers, 12 shop employees, 44 office personnel, 238 power units, and 410 road semi-trailers. To manage this winning safety program, Usher Transport operates with one full-time Executive Vice President of Safety & Human Resources, one full-time Safety Director, 3 Safety Supervisors, 3 Driver Trainers, 10 Loss Prevention Managers and 3 clerks. Usher is a repeat President's Trophy winner, receiving the award in 2002.

**ATA National Driver of the Year** *Sponsored by: Baldwin & Lyons, Inc.*

**Carl Schultz, Davis Express, Inc. Starke, FL**

Carl has been driving professionally for 41 years, during which he's logged 4.75 million Accident-Free Over-the Road/Line-Haul Miles and none of them with a preventable or non-preventable accident, and all of them driving 18-wheel tractor trailers and clocks an average of 118,000 miles per year. Carl is a man committed to safety, continuing professional development, and is devoted to his employer - for which he has served for over 7 years has been recognized by his employer as "Driver of the Quarter". He's been described as a safety perfectionist, hardworking, honorable and a terrific asset to the company – a man with great character and a great attitude.

**National Safety Director of the Year** *Sponsored by: Great West Casualty Company*

**Becky Perlaky, Kenan Advantage Group, North Canton, OH**

Becky's career spans almost four decades in the transportation industry, with 24 of those years dedicated to overall safety responsibility. She is the first woman to receive this prestigious award in its 54 year history. Becky began her career in transportation in accounting, but quickly moved into the safety arena impressing her employers and coworkers with a willingness to constantly learn and to take on all aspects of safety from developing safety management policies and programs, to writing about safety in many professional publications and delivering countless presentations to industry, to achieving success as Executive Vice President for Safety & Compliance. She's best known for extensive knowledge, her willingness to share that knowledge, and her ability to create and maintain a vibrant safety culture throughout a company and industry. This uncompromising approach to safety and its resulting safety success has earned her and her company dozens of safety-related awards spanning 12+ years. Currently the scope of her safety programs encompasses over 8,900 total employees, with 8,200 drivers operating 6,925 power units, 15 van trailers, 70 straight trucks, and 9,500 bulk cargo tank trailers.

**National Safety Professional Award of Excellence** *Sponsored by: Meritor WABCO*

**Larry Bizzell, CDS, FedEx Ground, Memphis, TN**

Larry is a 17 year veteran of the transportation safety arena and he's packed a great deal into those 17 years. Not only is he responsible for ensuring the regional system-wide compliance of 91 facilities and over 10,000 employees with regards to FMCSA, OSHA and PHMSA regulations and developing the programs, procedures and training necessary to achieve compliance, but he's also an industry leader having served as Vice Chair and Chair of the CVSA Associate Advisory Committee as well as the Chair of the ATA Safety Management Council's Awards and Recognition Committee. He currently serves as the Vice Chair of the National Truck Driving Championships and is a member of the ATA Regulations Committees. Larry takes his personal professional development seriously by holding 11 professional certifications ranging from Certified Director of Safety to CERT Training to WMD Standardized Awareness Training. He has been involved in writing his company's driver qualification policy to ensure it met or exceeded FMCSA regulations, along with the corporate safety manual that covers all operational components nationwide.

**Excellence in Safety** *Sponsored by: Great West Casualty Company*

**Colorado Motor Carriers Association**

Colorado Motor Carriers Association was awarded the 2014 ATA Excellence in Safety Award representing the State Trucking Association with the most extensive, comprehensive and effective safety programs. CMCA hosted 12 Safety Management Council Meetings, 56 Safety Training Courses and 12 Vehicle Safety Checks. They provided assistance to member companies setting up their own safety programs, weather and road condition information via links on the association website which includes live video feeds and traffic cameras state-wide, as well as 26 locations reporting of real-time weather conditions. They have 8 different award and recognition programs, 4 safety programs, a Share the Road program and hold an annual truck driving championship. The association and its members also participate in state safety regulatory and legislative advisory committees, as well as national organization safety events and programs such as ATA, CVSA, the National Safety Council/Colorado Safety Association, the AAA Safety Council, Operation Lifesaver, the DJ Basin Safety Council, and the I-70 Coordination Committee. The association supports training schools training and educating the next generation of drivers through its seat on a curriculum development advisory board and arranging for guest speakers and fieldtrips.