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MISSOURI MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS

Jefferson City, MO –The 2009 Missouri Motor Carriers Association (MMCA) Spring Safety Conference was attended by more than 50 Safety and Maintenance Professionals and featured more than a dozen speakers. The two day event was sponsored by the MMCA Council of Safety Supervisors at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center in Jefferson City, Missouri, March 3 & 4, 2009.

The event ended with the 62nd annual Safety Awards Luncheon honoring the trucking industry's finest safety and driving professionals with more than 150 company officials in attendance.

The Missouri Motor Carriers Association received the coveted Summa Cum Laude Award from American Trucking Associations' State Association Recognition Program for effectively fostering and promoting highway safety programs within Missouri for the greater good of the trucking industry and all highway users. Accepting the award was Mike Tettamble, the Vice Chair of the Council of Safety Supervisors during that contest period.

Three major fields of safety – the Fleet Safety Contest; the Missouri Drivers of the Month and 2008 Driver of the Year; and the Safety Director of the Year – shared the spotlight at the luncheon.

The 2008 Missouri Driver of the Year is Harvey Williams, a driver for Prime, Inc. of Springfield, MO. Mr. Williams has been a professional driver for over 50 years and has driven nearly six million miles during his career without a single chargeable accident.

Pete Rahn, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, presented Mr. Williams with a framed certificate from the Missouri Motor Carriers Association, as well as a handsome trophy.

Drivers of the Month for 2008 were presented with commemorative engraved plaques from the Missouri Motor Carriers Association. Introducing each of the drivers was John Hancock of Prime, Inc., Springfield, MO, and Chairman of the MMCA Board of Directors. The drivers of the month, their company and hometown are listed below:

January – Jody Bush, Witte Bros. Exchange, Inc., Troy, MO

February – Thomas Bolin, Wal-Mart Transportation, Buffalo, MO

March – Harvey Williams, Prime, Inc., Rochelle, TX

April – Robert Conger, Prime, Inc., Enosburg Falls, VT

May – Gerald Hulsey, D & D Sexton, Inc., Carthage, MO

June – Leonard Ruble, YRC Transportation formerly Roadway Express, Potosi, MO

July – James Patterson, Above Par Leasing, Fort Smith, AR

September – Michael Voss, YRC Transportation formerly Roadway Express, Washington, MO

October – Kirby Killgore, O & S Trucking, Inc., Mountain View, MO

November – Ernest "Lee" Combs, D & D Sexton, Inc., Diamond, MO

December – Fred Marks, TCSI/Transland, Buffalo, MO

John Brent Kinstler, Wal-Mart Transportation, St. James, MO, was presented the "Safety Director of the Year" award for his outstanding leadership in safety related programs designed for the trucking industry, his company and the community. Presenting the winner's plaque and an engraved clock from the Missouri Motor Carriers Association to Mr. Kinstler was Colonel James Keathley, Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Grand Trophy winner in the "Fleet Safety Contest", a competition among motor carrier fleets for the best "no-accident" record on a fleet-wide basis during the 2007-2008 contest period, was Wal-Mart Transportation of St. James, MO. Accepting the trophy for Wal-Mart was Mr. Brent Kinstler, Safety Director.

Plaques were presented to the winners in each of four divisions of competition by John Joines, assisted by Jim Pruett, both of Great West Casualty, sponsor of the fleet safety contest awards. The winner in the "Local Division" was Delta Companies, Inc., Cape Girardeau, MO. Honorable mention in the local division went to Witte Bros. Exchange, Inc., Troy, MO.

In the "Over the Road, Up to One Million Miles" category, the winner was Twehous Excavating, Inc. of Jefferson City, MO.

With identical scores, the plaque winners in the "Over the Road, One to Five Million Miles" category were Flexway Trucking, Inc., Hazelwood, MO and Opies Transport, Inc. of Eldon, MO; honorable mention in this category went to Steelman Transportation, Inc., Springfield, MO.

In the "Over the Road, Over Five Million Miles" category, the plaque winner was Wal-Mart Transportation, St James, MO; honorable mention in this category went to Warren Transport of Waterloo, IA.

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