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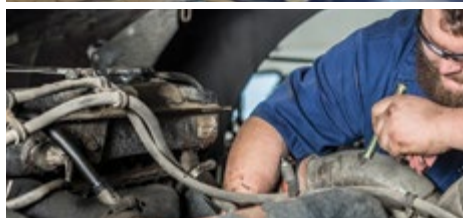
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As I write this on New Years Eve, I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas. We had the opportunity to have one son, a granddaughter and a great grandson with us. Even though Jesus is the Reason for the Season, children are what really makes Christmas.

By the time the membership has the opportunity to read this Christine will be at her winter camp in Pierre. The Legislative Session will begin on January 10, 2023. If you have any issues, feel free to

contact the SDTA office as they will be in contact with Christine on a regular basis. You can also contact any Board Member and they will relay your concerns. This is one of the benefits of being a SDTA member! You will always have someone relaying your concerns and issues to the legislators, from the state level to our delegation in Washington D.C. Christine and members make an annual trip to D.C. to relay the issues of the membership. We cannot win every battle, but we are working for the industry and the membership of South Dakota. As a member of SDTA, you have a seat at the table, with a voice!

I would invite everyone to attend the SDTA Winter Board of Directors Meeting and Legislative Reception, on February 13th. This is your chance to get in front of the Legislators.

Besides the lobby power we have as a group, some of the other benefits of your Association are reasonably priced printing through SDTA's print shop, life insurance, group health insurance, and more.

In closing, feel free to contact me for any questions and I will try to answer them for you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Willey". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

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# Christine's Corner

Happy New Year to you all!

This week I write to you from Pierre, SD, as the 98th South Dakota Legislative Session kicks off. On January 10th, Governor Kristi Noem gave the state of the state address to the House, Senate, and audience. Every session seems to have a few hot-button topics, and this year is no exception. We know that the removal of sales tax on food will be one with much discussion, along with the housing fund that was established last year with very little movement to appropriate funding state-wide. As far as the trucking industry is concerned, we are monitoring several bills on your behalf. You will receive weekly emails highlighting "Under the Dome," which will brief you on the bills we are involved in. Should you have any questions, concerns, or additional legislative items in which you have an interest, please contact me.

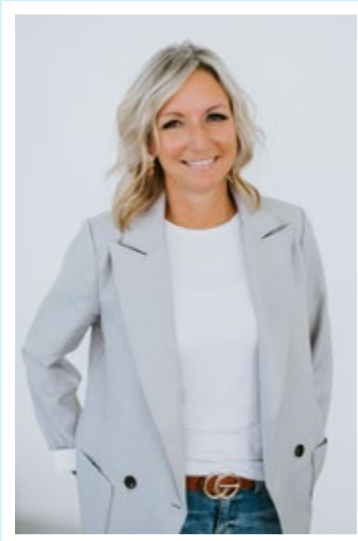


Please mark your calendars for Monday, February 13th, for the SDTA Board meeting along with our Annual Legislative social that will be held in Pierre at the Ramkota.

As always, reach out anytime to your SDTA staff.

Onward,

Christine Erickson  
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**Jeff Thompson**  
Professional Truck Driver

Jeff Thompson, Johnson Feed Inc., Canton, SD, was selected as the January 2023 Driver of the Month by the South Dakota Safety Management Council.

Jeff is always willing to go above and beyond what is required by dispatch, safety and other departments. Jeff's professionalism and attitude represents what a professional truck driver truly looks like.

Jeff is the father of three, son Franklin (and wife Jodie), daughter Sarah (and husband Amery) and daughter Kristina. He is an amazing father and grandfather.

He and his wife Debbie resides in Avon, SD.

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## **Eighteen TCA Member Carriers Announced as Division Winners Two Grand Prizes to be Recognized at Truckload 2023**



Alexandria, VA ~ The Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), along with presenting sponsor Great West Casualty Company and major sponsors Detroit Assurance and DriverReach, are proud to announce the 18 division winners in the 47th Annual TCA Fleet Safety Awards competition.

These annual awards identify truckload carriers that have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to safety through presenting the lowest accident frequency ratios per million miles in each of six mileage-based divisions.

“TCA’s membership continues to prioritize safety and find new ways to improve and innovate”, said TCA President Jim Ward. “We are extremely proud of these 18 companies for their stellar safety performances this past year, and we look forward to presenting them with these awards at our upcoming Annual Convention in March.”

The 18 division winners are now invited to compete for one of two grand prizes – one for carriers with a total annual mileage less than 25 million miles, and the other for carriers with mileage greater than 25 million miles. Grand prize winners will be announced at Truckload 2023 in Orlando, FL – TCA’s 2023 Annual Convention – set for March 4-7 at the Gaylord Palms. All winners will also receive recognition at TCA’s 2023 Safety & Security Meeting on June 11-13 in San Antonio, TX.

The 2022 TCA Fleet Safety Award division winners are:

### **Division I Winners**

(less than 5 million miles)

1st Place

JR Kays Trucking, Inc.  
Clarendon, PA

2nd Place

Nagle Toledo, Inc.  
Walbridge, OH

3rd Place

FTC Transportation  
Oklahoma City, OK

### **Division II Winners**

(5-14.99 million miles)

1st Place

Mill Creek Motor Freight  
Ayr, ON

2nd Place

Garner Trucking  
Findlay, OH

3rd Place

M&W Transportation  
Nashville, TN

### **Division III Winners**

(15-24.99 million miles)

1st Place

Chalk Mountain Services  
Fort Worth, TX

2nd Place

Elgin Motor Freight  
London, ON

3rd Place

PI & I Motor Express, Inc.  
Hubbard, OH

### **Division IV Winners**

(25-49.99 million miles)

1st Place

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Lachine, QC

2nd Place

**Johnson Feed, Inc.**  
**Canton, SD**

3rd Place

Big M Transportation  
Blue Mountain, MS



### **Division V Winners**

(50-99.99 million miles)

1st Place

Leonard’s Express  
Farmington, NY

2nd Place

Millis Transfer, Inc.  
Black River Falls, WI

3rd Place

Wilson Logistics  
Strafford, MO

### **Division VI Winners**

(100 million or more miles)

1st Place

Bison Transport  
Winnipeg, MB

2nd Place

CFI  
Joplin, MO

3rd Place

Melton Truck Lines  
Tulsa, MO

Grand prize winners will be announced at Truckload 2023 in Orlando, FL – TCA’s 2023 Annual Convention – set for March 4-7 at the Gaylord Palms

**Congratulations and best of luck to SD’s own Johnson Feed, Inc., Canton, SD**



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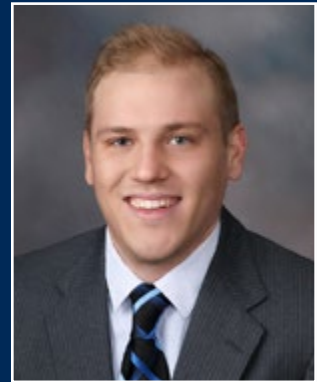
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# CONDOLENCES



## Benjamin P. Oldenkamp

October 4, 1946 - December 17, 2022

Benjamin Paul Oldenkamp, 76, of Kennebec, SD passed away on December 17, 2022 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Benjamin Paul Oldenkamp was born on October 4, 1946 to Henry and Bertha (Noteboom) Oldenkamp. He grew up in Murdo and graduated from Murdo High School in 1965. He joined the army and went to Germany as a cook from 1966 thru 1969. When he was discharged, he made his home in Kennebec and started trucking in 1978.

He married Suzanne Wise in 1987. He continued to truck petroleum products until 2019. He started digging gravel in 1999 at the Halverson pit and retired in 2022.

He was a member of the VFW which he served as Commander. He was also a member of the South Dakota Trucking Association since 1987 and served on the Board of Directors of the Association from 1999 to 2014.

Survivors include his wife Suzanne; one son Paul (Lindsey) of Kennebec; four daughters, Tammy Kercher of Chamberlain; Virginia (Willy) Boysun of Glendive, Montana; Audrey (Ray) Massey of Menno; and Paula Munkvold of Menno. Seventeen grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Two brothers, Fred Oldenkamp, Jonestown, TX and Robert Oldenkamp, Sturgis. Six sisters, Bessie Roghair, Oakaton; Henrietta Oldenkamp, Spearfish; Lynda Oldenkamp, Sioux Falls; Pauline Paul, Ft. Pierre; Bertha Oldenkamp, Watertown; and Betty Oldenkamp, Sioux Falls, and a host of other friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

A burial service will be held at a later date.

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# CONDOLENCES



## Richard "Dick" Arnold Benning

October 25, 1948 - December 28, 2022

Richard "Dick" Benning, 74, of Redfield, SD, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Redfield, SD. Dick is the brother of Steve Benning, Agtegra, Aberdeen, SD.

A Memorial Service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 7, 2023, at the United Church of Christ in Redfield, SD. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be at a later date.

Dick was born October 25, 1948, to Russell and Betty (Sievers) Benning in Redfield, SD. He attended school through the eighth grade in Miranda, SD, and graduated from Faulkton High School in 1968.

Dick married Vicki Shaw on December 27, 1971, and to that union, two daughters were born: Nicole and Shawna. In 1986, he married Kim Quitsch and added two sons to his family: Derrick and Kory.

In his lifetime, Dick did many things. He was a carpenter by trade for 30 years. There wasn't anything that he couldn't build or fix. He was never one to let the grass grow under his feet, (because then he would have to take time to mow it), he was always on the go. On nice summer nights, you could always find him driving his ranger around town with Kim, Kory, and the pups, stopping to talk to whoever was out and about.

He loved the Green Bay Packers, Duke Basketball, playing cards at Crystal's Bar, driving trucks for Agtegra, pheasant hunting, helping Tommy at the baseball field, and attending all the baseball games.

Dick was an avid follower of all Redfield Pheasants sporting events and was awarded the prestigious "Dick Munce Fan of the Year" award. He had a love for car racing, being a pitman at the Miller Speedway for many years and then being a track official at the Dakota State Fair Speedway. Dick played an active part in the South Dakota Special Olympics, serving on the State Board, and was the track starter for 30 years at local and state events. Going to Sturgis to the Motorcycle Rally every year to help "Big Guy" at the Iron Horse Campground was another highlight in his life.

His family was very important to him, especially anytime he was able to spend time with his three grandkids: Khia, Kezrey, and Blaze. He was also a dog lover, having many furry friends over the years, but his favorites were Sulley, Bailey, and Gibson.

Dick was not much of a "music man" but his favorite song was "I Did It My Way" by Frank Sinatra. No doubt about it Dick, you did it your way very well.

Left to cherish his life are his wife, Kim; daughters: Nicki (Patrick) Cleveland and Shawna (Joel) Sengelmann; sons: Derrick Quitsch and Kory Quitsch; grandchildren: Khia, Kezrey, and Blaze; his sister Peggy (Kevin) Roseland; brother, Steve (Kris) Benning; many nieces and nephews and a ton of good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Betty Benning; sister, Barbara Gauer; and his parents-in-law, Deloris and Eldon Quitsch.

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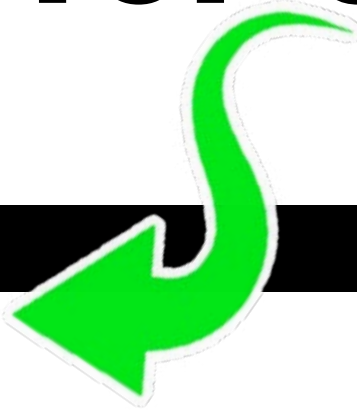
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Once a student has completed our ELDT Theory they will need to get Behind-the-Wheel training before they can take the third party test to get their CDL.

### Our Behind the Wheel Partners

The problem with Theory only programs is that students can't get their CDL if they only complete Theory! How will they get connected with a local company and get the training they need to get on the road?

That is our niche! We want our students to find their dream job right here in South Dakota, so we have created a directory for SDTA member businesses that are willing to take on individuals with a CLP and help them get Behind-the-Wheel training or be referred to a Behind-the-Wheel trainer to get their full CDL.

If your company is interested in being listed as a Behind the Wheel Partner, please call SDTA today!

## How It Works



### Theory Training

This portion is completed fully online. A student can do it in the comfort of their own home. This program meets and exceeds the federal minimum standard for Theory training. The training should take approximately 13 hours to complete.

**Member: \$300 Non-Member: \$350**



### Behind-the-Wheel Training

This portion of the training happens in a truck with a trainer who is an experienced CDL holder. A student can do our Theory training and find their own Range and Road Training, or they can go with one of our recommended companies and get both training and possibly a job!



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This online training course meets and exceeds the federal minimum standards for Hazardous Materials Theory training. The course covers the 13 required Hazardous Materials topics. The training should take a student or driver approximately 2 hours to complete.

**Member: \$75 Non-Member: \$125**

For more information on our online training program or to sign up, please call the SDTA office.



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- Don't miss out! Time is running out to be a part of the 2023 Tri-State Safety Summit. **REGISTER TODAY!**

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Three states are combining forces for a powerful mission: A Safer Industry! This year, trucking leaders will gather in South Sioux City for the 2023 Tri-State Safety Summit presented by Iowa Motor Truck Association, the Nebraska Trucking Association, and South Dakota Trucking Association. The event will attract safety managers, fleet owners, maintenance managers, and other key leaders from across the Midwest.

Get all the latest updates from the FMCSA. Hear the issues Dave Heller with Truckload Carrier Association believes are critical for trucking. Go "hands-on" in a group effort to raise best practices in safety with Rebecca Brewster of the American Transportation Research Institute. Take a deep dive into the ominous effects of marijuana on our industry with Dr. Darrin Grondel from Responsibility.org. And improve your odds at preventing crashes as researchers from Virginia Tech show the newest and most vital statistics in crash studies.

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# Death by a Thousand Cuts in the Trucking Industry

By Doug B. Marcello, Esq.

In today's world of increased insurance deductibles and captives, trucking companies are reporting they are dying a "death by a thousand cuts" as their insurance companies pay out one relatively small legal settlement at a time.

According to a 2021 American Transportation Research Institute study, small verdicts and settlements – those under \$1 million – are potentially raising insurance premiums for truckers, along with other factors. Quickly collecting a settlement against a trucker or trucking company has become an industry within itself, according to the study, with attorneys basing their business on collecting these small settlements and verdicts.

A separate ATRI 2022 study found that a considerable percentage of increases were unrelated to crash history. Instead, it's litigation costs and economic conditions within the insurance industry driving premiums higher, according to the report. The result, according to ATRI, is that trucking companies are taking on more of the risk with increased deductibles and retentions.

While nuclear verdicts get the press (and rightfully so, as they can devastate a company in an instant), every business faces the endless trickle of lawsuits stemming from minor or questionable incidents. And insurance companies aren't necessarily invested in proactively fighting to stem the tide.

There are some levers that you can work to control that could help limit

the pay outs in the short term with an eye toward limiting costs in the long run.

**Control:** While it's often the insurance company's decision as to whether the "no injuries at the accident scene" claims get paid, this is essentially your money being paid to settle a lawsuit from a crash and you should have some control over how your money is being spent.

For the most part, you don't have that control. But, if possible, at the time of purchasing the policy or at renewal, try to negotiate control over how your money is dispensed in a crash settlement. Or at the very least, negotiate for control of a veto of these payments.

Realistically, this is a long shot. But if you can sure this in negotiations, remember, it's your money.

**Counsel:** If can't control payments, can you at least select counsel? You should be seeking out an attorney who will take the fight to them. Any attorney who – within the permissible bounds – is aggressive and creative.

**Claims:** You have an advantage that opposing attorneys won't – immediacy. You know about the accident before any of them. If you don't act immediately and continue to press your advantage, you will have squandered your greatest advantage.

To capitalize on that advantage, immediately assess the accident. If it's your fault, resolve it ASAP. Get their car fixed. Your lack of immediacy often leads them to an attorney.

You also cannot afford to ignore

claims or to not pay them the requisite attention. Your claims people can't just file the letters of representation and hunker down for a demand or a suit. You need to respond and carry the fight to them.

Delaying the inevitable in a claim costs money. If you delay, medical expenses grow unchecked and unchallenged, building up damages that will be leveraged into an excess settlement, or at least a rationale for some money in a case with no value. Change the delay period to an aggressive response by your claims period or counsel.

**Safety:** The best legal defense for an accident is not having an accident. And the price of your insurance premium is no longer the sole metric for your exposure to risk.

The American Transportation Research Institute found the "total cost of risk" is the sum of your premium, your deductible payments and your investment in safety. Not just a financial investment in safety, but a cultural development. Safety is an investment, not an expense.

To add to the culture of safety, training and technology are vital to reducing the claims and the payments from those claims. Add to that the exoneration power of in-cab videos in today's YouTube society and investigating in technology and safety with one-time costs could mitigate hefty long-term expenses.

You must act to reduce your risks and respond aggressively to claims. You literally can't afford to do otherwise.

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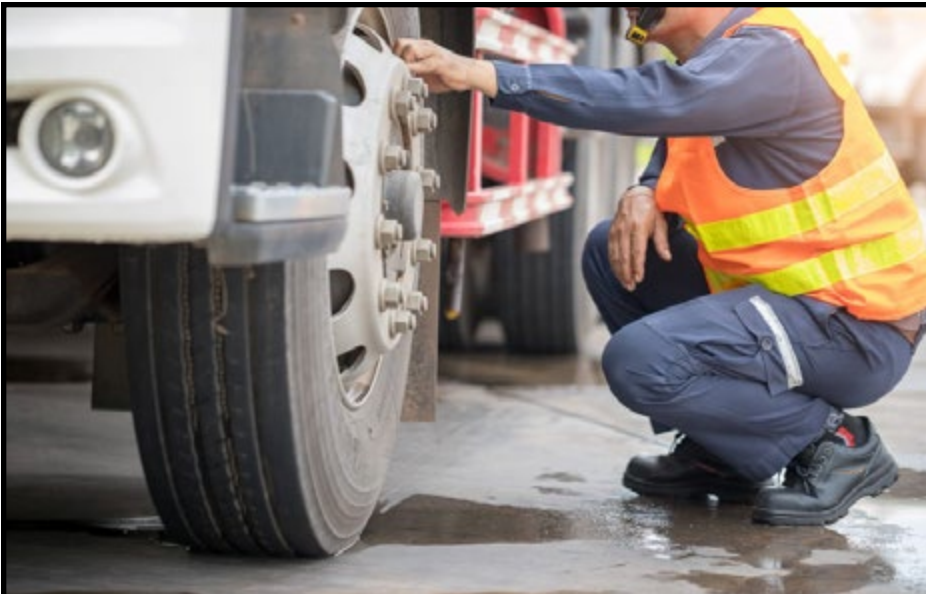
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  - Under the hood
  - In the cab
  - Around the Truck (Counter-Clockwise)
  - Under the truck
  - In the cab
3. Record yourself and write your information on flash cards
4. Setup acronyms to help your memory
  - Example: In Cab Airbrake Test  
Grandma Likes Everyone Because Grandma's Loveable  
**G**overnor (Minimum 80psi)  
**L**ow Air (Above 60psi)  
**E**mergency Brakes Apply (20-45psi)  
**B**uildup Test (60-90psi in 3 minutes)  
**G**overnor (Maximum 120-135psi)  
**L**eak Test (4psi in one minute)
  - Example: Emergency Equipment (**5 F's**)  
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5. Associate the process with something you already know
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Each Canadian province and territory has jurisdictional regulations for applying the ELD rule to its regulated carriers. Therefore, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance recommends that drivers and motor carriers check with each Canadian province and/or territory they may travel in or through to verify each jurisdiction's requirements.

The ELD mandate does not change any of Canada's underlying [hours-of-service requirements](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2005-313/FullText.html). (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2005-313/FullText.html )

View Transport Canada's list of approved certified devices.

[View more information](https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2022-10/electronic-logging-devices-commercial-vehicles-factsheet_r14.pdf) (https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2022-10/electronic-logging-devices-commercial-vehicles-factsheet\_r14.pdf) regarding the Canadian ELD mandate, including exemptions, links to each province and territory, the benefits of ELDs and much more.



## Steve Hoffman - Kiwanian of the Year

Congratulations to SDTA's own Steve Hoffman, owner of Mid States Transport, Sioux Falls, SD. Steve was recently named the Kiwanian of the Year at a Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club gathering. Steve has been a part of the Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls since 1996.

Steve is a long time member of the SD Trucking Association, serving on the Board of Directors for many years. He is an active member of the SDTA Safety Management Council, having just completed his two year term as the Council Chair this past September.

You'll often times see Steve behind his expensive camera taking pictures during the SDTA events. He has even volunteered to take pictures for the SD Auto Dealers Association - SDTA's sister association. We already know what a huge asset Steve Hoffman is to the trucking industry. It's nice to see that others outside of the Association see it as well.

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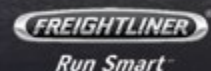
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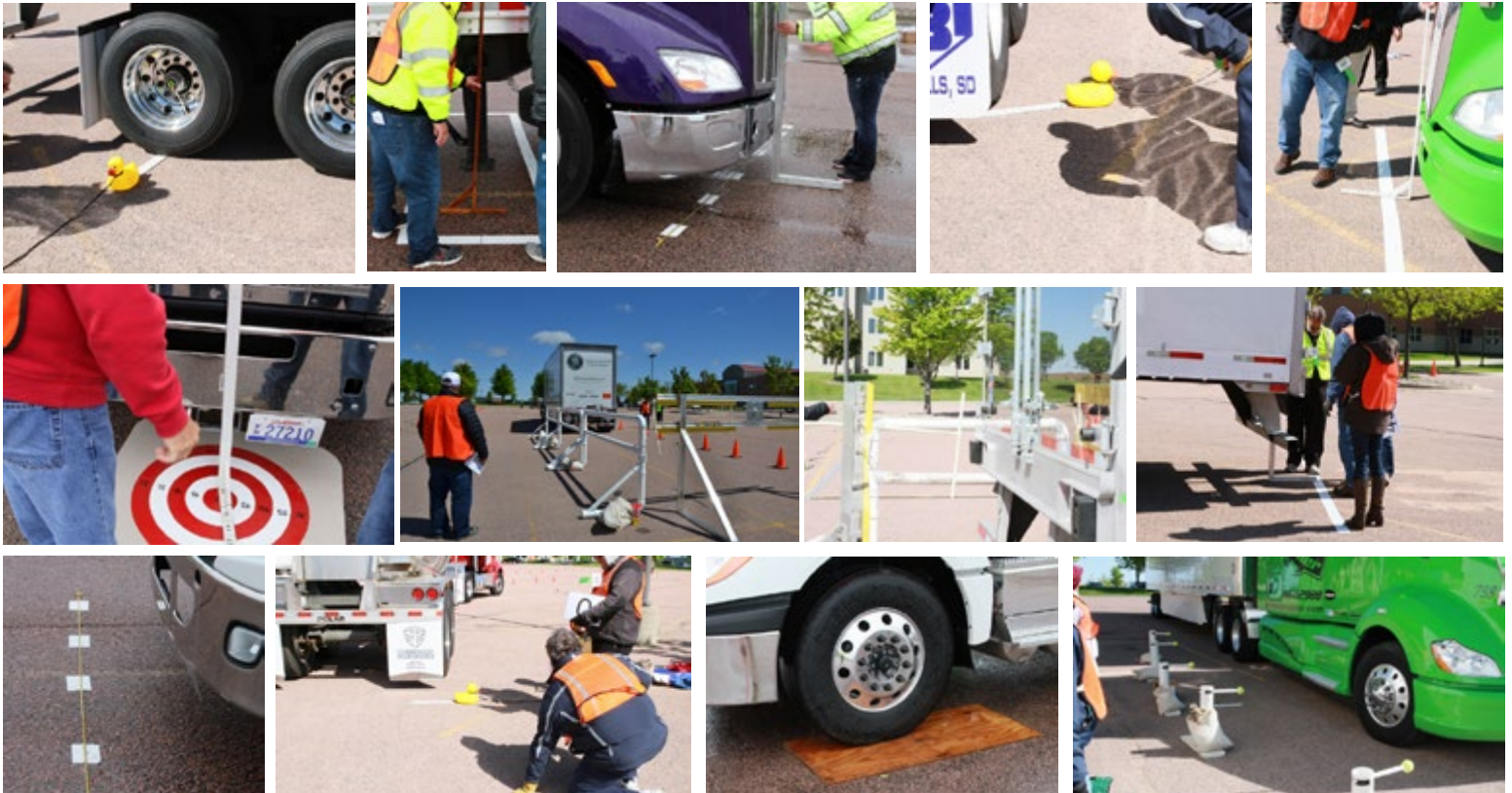


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- Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota River Centre, in Pierre.
- Tri-State Safety Summit, South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront, South Sioux City, NE, March 19, 20 & 21, 2023
- ATA Safety Management Council, Minneapolis MN Hilton, April 4-6, 2023
- Call on Washington TBD (either April 18-20 or 25-28, 2023)
- Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event at the AmericInn, Chamberlain. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The fishing Calcutta will be held after a social and hosted dinner. The Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4-5, 2023
- SDTA Truck Driving Championships Sioux Falls, May 20, 2023
- Wheel Jam, Huron, June 1, 2 3, 2023
- SDTA Golf outing, Brandon, SD July 20, 2023
- ATA National Truck Driving Championships, Columbus, OH, August 16-19, 2023
- SDTA Conference Sioux Falls Ramkota - September 13-15, 2023
- National Truck Driver Appreciation Week - September 10-16, 2023
- ATA Conference, Austin Convention Center, Austin, TX, October 14-17, 2023
- SDTA Board of Directors Meeting & Hunt, Presho & Pierre - November 9-10, 2023
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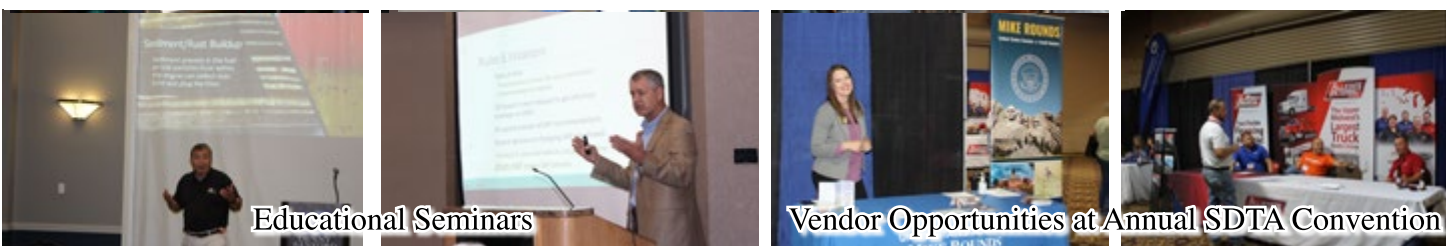
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Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Children & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Home Terminal \_\_\_\_\_

Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed by Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years of Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Mileage with Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your driver ever been selected as a Driver of the Month or Driver of the Year in South Dakota or any other state?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Basis of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention where the driver will participate in a personal interview. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for the Driver of the Year honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention. With this entry, the company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as the South Dakota Driver of the Year.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES:**

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
2. The nominated driver must have been an employee by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.
3. South Dakota domiciled\* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state. \* The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the state of SD (in keeping with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his/her home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.
4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.
5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clippings, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.
6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.
7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection.
8. Entries must be in the SDTA office no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.
9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.
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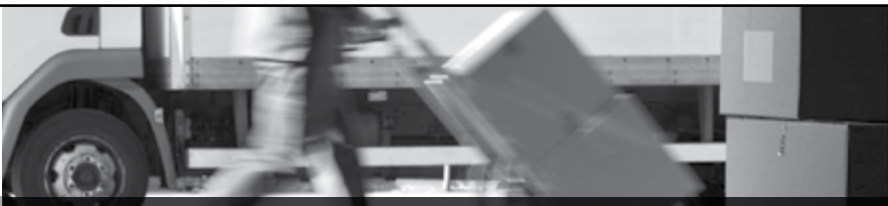
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