



YRC Freight Professional Drivers Head to 2018 National Truck Driving Championships

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OVERLAND PARK, Kan., Aug. 14, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Nineteen YRC Freight (NASDAQ: YRCW) professional drivers have qualified to compete at the 2018 National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC), the "Superbowl of Safety," in Columbus, Ohio. The event is sponsored by the American Trucking Association on August 15-18, 2018 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

These YRC Freight safety professionals and state safety champions will compete against over 430 of the nation's most elite professional drivers in a variety of safety challenges and competitions.

To qualify for NTDC, drivers must first take top honors by class in their respective state competitions, maintain continuous employment with a motor carrier fleet for a period of at least one year, and remain accident-free, regardless of fault, for one year prior to NTDC.

The competition consists of: 1) driver skills challenge; 2) pre-trip inspection; 3) written exam on subjects such as laws, regulations and vehicle maintenance. Winners are determined based on overall scores at the end of competition. First-, second-, and third-place finishers compete for each class, plus a Professional Excellence award, Vehicle Condition award, Rookie of the Year award, and the ultimate--the Grand Champion award (the competitor with the highest overall score across all classes).

"The National Truck Driving Championships is a highly prestigious event," said T.J. O'Connor, president of YRC Freight. "Just qualifying for this competition is an exceptional accomplishment in itself. We are very proud of these professional drivers who are safety champions in their respective states. Through a lot of hard work, dedication and a committed safety focus, they have established themselves as some of the very best drivers in the United States. Congratulations and the best of luck at NTDC! I thank them, as well as all of our hard-working, safety-focused YRC Freight drivers. Everyone wins when safety skills improve on our highways and byways."

| Champion | State | Class |
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| Michael Appleman | KS | Flatbed |
| Stevie Armstrong | MS | Straight Truck |
| Scott Archer | IL | Straight Truck |
| Mark Fitterer | MN | Sleeper |
| Onesimo Garanda | TX | Sleeper |
| Jerry Kraetsch | MN | Flatbed |
| Bill Krouse | MN | Twins |
| Alphonso Lewis | AL | 3-Axle |
| Henry Mahler | FL | Twins |
| Tim McNamee | MN | 5-Axle |
| Neil Nogue | NH | Straight Truck |
| Bruce Quaal | MN | 4-Axle |
| Robert Ragsdale | OK | Flatbed |
| Jeff Rose | OH | Twins |
| Tim Smith | UT | 5-Axle |
| Paul Unser | ID | Straight Truck |
| Wade Wagemann | SD | Twins |
| Jimmy Wisely | KS | 3-Axle |
| John Brownawell | PA | Twins |

The National Truck Driving Championships bring elite drivers, the "best of the best," dedicated safety professionals and their families together for a special week of safety superiority, enhanced knowledge, pride and comradery. Most drivers who attend say that it is one of the highlights of their careers.

Fans and supporters of YRC Freight professional drivers are invited to follow their NTDC progress on [Facebook](#). For more information about YRC Freight and participation in the NTDC, please visit: <http://www.yrc.com/about/ntdc>.

About YRC Freight

YRC Freight, a leading transporter of industrial, commercial, and retail goods, specializes in less-than-truckload (LTL) shipping solutions for businesses. Based in Overland Park, Kansas, YRC Freight provides comprehensive North American coverage and offers a broad portfolio of LTL services to bring flexibility and reliability to customers' supply chains. For more information, visit yrcfreight.com. YRC Freight is a subsidiary of YRC Worldwide Inc.

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