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YRC Freight Sends 23 State Champion Drivers to the 2014 National Truck Driving Championships

OVERLAND PARK, Kan., Aug. 4, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- YRC Freight announced today that it will be sending 23 state champion drivers to participate in the National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) to be held August 12 - 16 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. YRC Freight drivers have a long history of competing in this event which originated in 1937. Several YRC Freight drivers have won the Grand National Championship at past competitions.

The 23 YRC Freight state champion drivers competing for the national championship have a combined 500 years of service and 26 million miles of operating YRC Freight equipment without a preventable accident.

"This event is a celebration of safety and we have 23 participants who are not only state champions but also champions of safety and service at YRC Freight. We are proud of their achievement and the entire YRC Freight team will be cheering them on as they compete for the national title at the NTDC," stated Darren Hawkins, president of YRC Freight. "While these drivers have been preparing for months to compete in this event, in reality what makes them champions is a career-long dedication to safety and customer service," Hawkins said.

To qualify for the competition drivers must be accident free - regardless of fault - for one year prior to the event and win their class at the state truck driving championship where they are domiciled. Both the state and national competitions include challenging driving skills and maneuvering tests, a pre-trip inspection, and a written examination covering vehicle operation and federal safety regulations.

The 2014 YRC Freight National Truck Driving Championships Team:

<i>Champion</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Class</i>
Dave Messmer	Arizona	3-Axle
Mike Jundt	Arizona	Straight Truck
Mark Livingston	California	Flatbed
Henry Mahler	Florida	Flatbed
Tim Marchand	Illinois	3-Axle
Don Conklin	Indiana	Tanker
Chris Ballard	Indiana	4-Axle
Doug Pohl	Kansas	Straight Truck
Jude Hurst	Kentucky	Twins
James McKeen	Maine	Straight Truck
Duane Maroney	Minnesota	5-Axle
Bruce Quaal	Minnesota	Twins
Russ James	Montana	Straight Truck
Robert Stephenson	Montana	4-Axle
Neil Nogues	New Hampshire	Straight Truck
Mark Hewitt	Ohio	4-Axle
Kevin Slavens	Oklahoma	5-Axle
Mike Erick	Rhode Island	Twins
Wade Wagemann	South Dakota	3-Axle
George Swanson	Tennessee	Tanker
Tony Dorries	Texas	3-Axle
Ricardo Molina	Texas	Straight Truck
Todd Butler	Utah	3-Axle

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, Kan., 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 www.yrcfreight.com.

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