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As we face the ups and downs of the economic landscape, it's important to remember the resilience and adaptability that define our spirit. Despite challenges, our collective innovation and determination are steering us toward a promising future.

Let's embrace the opportunities for growth and renewal, knowing that every challenge brings a chance for progress. Together, we are building a robust and dynamic economy, ready to thrive in the days ahead.

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Best regards,

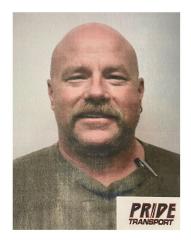
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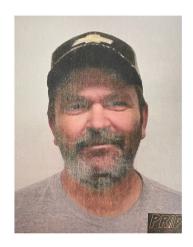
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Tips for Protecting Yourself in Litigation



Written By: Summer Law Clerk Madison Droubay

By marrying into a family of semi-truck drivers and owners, I have learned more about semi-trucks than I ever thought I would. For example, I recently learned from my husband about "slammers" – drivers who purposefully cause accidents with commercial trucks in hopes of million-dollar payouts.1 Although these types of accidents may be rare, they demonstrate how truck drivers and trucking companies are viewed as easy targets.

It is no secret that personal injury attorneys are eager to take on claims against trucking companies. They advertise that many in the trucking industry bend or ignore safety rules to increase profits, and that fault in a trucking accident should rest with a truck driver, maintenance company, or manufacturer. These types of advertisements are intended not only to locate new clients, but also to create misguided beliefs and presumptions among the public/future jury pool.

While there is no guaranteed method of completely insulating yourself from litigation, here are three tips for trucking companies and commercial drivers that can increase your protection: (1) Invest in crash avoidance and video monitoring technology: Front and side facing cameras on semi–trucks can record the movements of the truck and surrounding vehicles in the seconds leading up to an accident. Front facing cameras can cost as low as \$80 on Amazon, making this an affordable option for large trucking companies and single truck owner-operators. Recordings from these cameras can objectively show what really caused an accident.

In fact, simply knowing that a truck has cameras has deterred perpetrators from commencing lawsuits. For example, the president of a Utah trucking company shared the experience of a commercial driver who was in an accident.

When the driver of the other vehicle exited his vehicle exclaiming accusations, all it took was mentioning cameras to settle the dispute. Litigation was over before it started.

- 2) Develop a written plan for drivers to follow in the event of an accident. Understandably, it may be difficult for a driver who is involved in an accident to think and act quickly. A written checklist given to drivers before an accident happens may guide them to quickly assess and respond to the situation. Additionally, checklists may assist drivers in contacting emergency responders, preserving crucial evidence, and avoiding unnecessary admissions. It is important to consult with safety managers and legal counsel to determine what steps should be included in an emergency response checklist.
- (3) Develop and implement effective document retention policies. Maintaining documents such as driving logs, training records, maintenance schedules, among other documents, may prove crucial in defending against claims and lawsuits. It is important to ensure that your document retention policy suspends the routine destruction of old documents when litigation is anticipated. These practices can also deflect claims of evidence spoliation.

While implementing these procedures may appear daunting, the benefits will likely outweigh the headache in their application. Consulting with legal counsel before an accident occurs can also alleviate stress and ultimately save time and money that would otherwise be spent in litigation.



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On Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, the Utah Trucking Association kicked off its annual convention with the much-anticipated Sporting Clay Tournament at Purgatory Clay Sports in Hurricane, Utah. With over 100 shooters in attendance, the event proved to be an exciting and competitive start to the week's activities.

Participants tested their skills on a challenging 50-shot course, with the added thrill of an Annie Oakley Shoot Out. The event was not only a test of marksmanship but also an opportunity for members to bond and enjoy some friendly competition.

The top teams and best shooters were recognized for their outstanding performances. Congratulations to Team A, comprised of Lonnie Christenson from FedEx and Jaden Sorenson from Robinson Transport, and Team B from Francis Trucking, featuring Shane Francis, Justin Francis, Kaden Francis, and Trace Francis, for taking home the top honors. A raffle with fantastic prizes added to the excitement, ensuring that the day ended on a high note for many participants.

The success of the Sporting Clay Tournament would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. A special thank you goes out to North American Trailer for providing all the awards and prizes. We also extend our gratitude to Jackson Group Peterbilt and Purcell Tire for keeping everyone refreshed throughout the event and to Stokes Trucking and Carrier Transicold of Utah for sponsoring the ammunition.

We would also like to recognize our additional sponsors, including Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, Intermountain Rigging and HeavyHaul, OM Holding LLC, Beehive Insurance, WCF Insurance, TransLease, King Farms Trucking, and Premier Truck Group. Your contributions helped make this event a resounding success.

The Sporting Clay Tournament has become a highlight of our annual convention, and we are already looking forward to next year's event. Mark your calendars for May 7th, 2025, when we will return for another day of sharp shooting, camaraderie, and fun.





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The Utah Trucking Association's 2024 Management Conference and Truck Expo, held at the Dixie Center in St. George, Utah, from May 8th to 9th, was a resounding success, bringing together industry leaders, members, vendors, and sponsors for two days of insightful sessions and networking opportunities.

The event commenced with an exciting opening social and casino night on the evening of May 8th. Attendees enjoyed dinner and engaged in thrilling casino games, competing for raffle tickets to win fantastic prizes, setting the stage for a memorable convention.

Thursday began with a hearty breakfast followed by a morning session featuring keynote speaker Bob Costello from the American Trucking Association. His insights into industry trends and challenges set a thoughtful tone for the day.

Following the session, the Expo Hall opened its doors, fostering valuable interactions between members and vendors, showcasing the latest products and services.

Meanwhile, wives of attendees participated in the Bingo Extravaganza, organized with the support of Lisa Droughbay and Double D Distribution, offering them a chance to win exciting prizes amid a lively atmosphere.

Lunch was served within the Expo Hall, accompanied by a silent auction that added an element of excitement and fundraising to the event.

The afternoon brought informative breakout sessions featuring guest speakers Brian Garrett from the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs and Shawn Robinson from SolutionStream.

Concurrently, members of the UTA Board gathered for a mid-year report, discussing strategic initiatives and milestones achieved.

As the day concluded, attendees gathered for the Presidents Reception, enjoying appetizers and further networking opportunities. The highlight of the evening was the closing awards banquet, where the Utah Trucking Association recognized outstanding industry professionals for their contributions to the association and dedication to safety.

The Utah Trucking Association extends its gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers whose support made the 2024 Management Conference and Truck Expo a success. Mark your calendars for next year's event, returning to St. George, Utah, on May 7th-9th, 2025. We look forward to another inspiring gathering of industry leaders and stakeholders.













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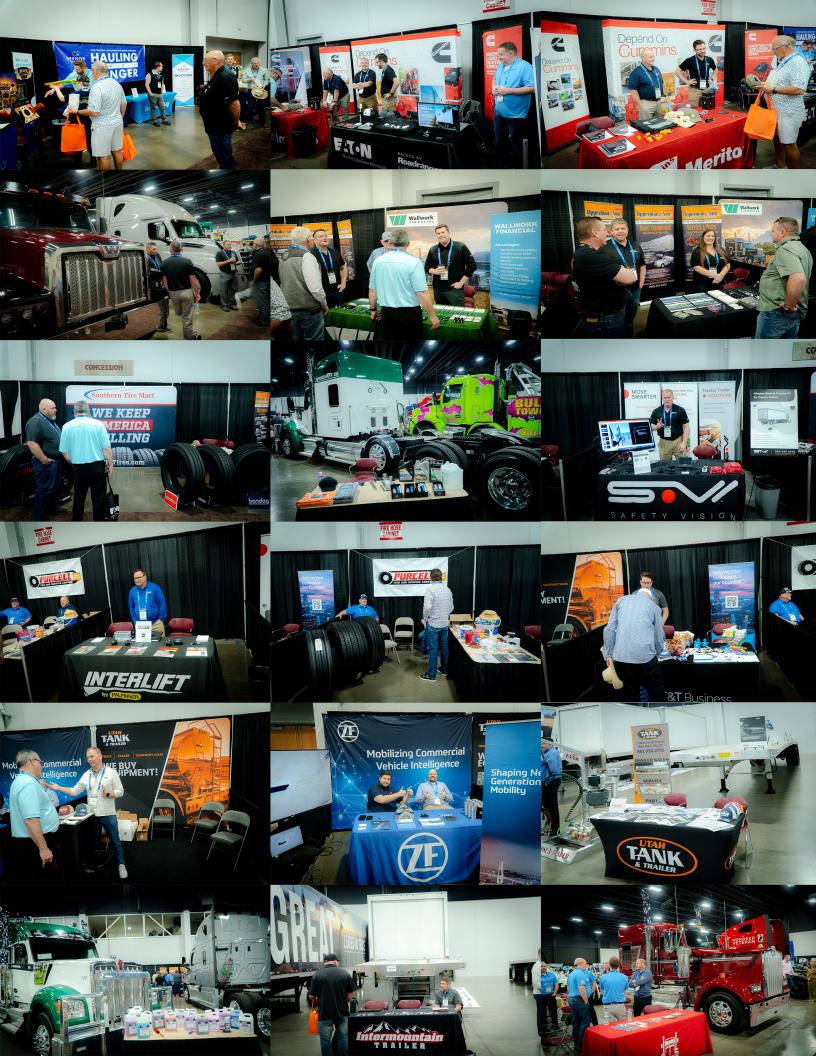














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- Flatbed

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- Tank Truck
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UTA Industrial Award:

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Great West Casualty:

- Tank Truck

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities
- Tank Truck



Deseret Transportation:

Great West Casualty:

- Private

UTA Industrial Award:

- Private



Don Stockley Trucking LLC:

Great West Casualty:

- LTL Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- LTL / Small Carrier



Double D Distribution:

Great West Casualty:

- Tank Truck
- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities
- Tank Truck



FedEx Freight:

Great West Casualty:

- LTL Carriers





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- Flatbed
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UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities



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Great West Casualty:

- Livestock Carrier
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UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities
- Livestock



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Great West Casualty:

- Tank Truck

UTA Industrial Award:

- Tank Truck



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Great West Casualty:

- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities



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Great West Casualty:

- Tank Truck



King Farms Trucking:

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities





Lincoln Truck Lines, LLC:

Great West Casualty:
- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:
- General Commodities



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Great West Casualty:
- Tank Truck

UTA Industrial Award:
- General Commodities



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- LTL Carrier



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- LTL Carrier



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Great West Casualty:

- Flatbed
- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities
- Flatbed



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Great West Casualty:
- TLC Carrier







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- Dirt Hauler

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- Tank Truck

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- Tank Truck



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- Tank Truck

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- Tank Truck



Savage Services:

Great West Casualty:

- Heavy Hauler

UTA Industrial Award:

- Tank Truck
- Heavy Hauler



Simon Transport, LLC:

Great West Casualty:

- Flatbed
- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities
- Flatbed



Stokes Trucking LLC:

Great West Casualty:

- TLC Carrier

UTA Industrial Award:

- General Commodities





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- Tank Truck
- Heavy Hauler
- Dirt Hauler

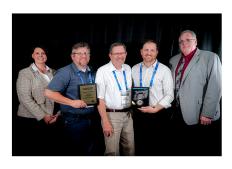
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Recognizing Excellence: Lisa Droubay Receives Utah Trucking Association 2023 Distinguished Service Award



In the world of trucking, where hard work, dedication, and service are the cornerstones of success, there are individuals who stand out for their exceptional contributions. The Utah Trucking Association recently celebrated one such individual whose commitment has had a major impact on our association's annual convention. It is with admiration that the association presented a Utah Trucking Association 2023 Distinguished Service Award to Lisa Droubay.

For years, Lisa has been the heartbeat of our association's women's program, embodying a spirit of selflessness and dedication that inspires all. Her meticulous attention to detail and tireless efforts ensure that every aspect of the program exceeds expectations, setting a standard of excellence for others to follow. From the planning stages to execution, Lisa's passion for perfection shines through, driving record-breaking participation and engagement year after year.

But Lisa's impact extends far beyond the confines of our annual convention. Her dedication to excellence and service is evident in every endeavor she undertakes, whether it's crafting meticulously wrapped Halloween treats or orchestrating the beloved Bingo Extravaganza. Lisa's commitment to perfection is unmatched, reflecting her deep-seated desire to make every experience unforgettable for those she serves.

Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director

Beyond her professional achievements, Lisa's heart lies with her family, children, and grand-children. Her selflessness and devotion make her not only a pillar of our association but also the ultimate mother and grandmother, embodying the true spirit of love and care.

In December, Lisa faced a grave illness that nearly took her from us. Yet, through a series of divine miracles, she emerged stronger than ever, a testament to her resilience and unwavering spirit. Tonight, as we honor Lisa Droubay with the Utah Trucking Association 2023 Distinguished Service Award, let us express our deepest gratitude for her remarkable service and commitment.

Presented by Justin and Amy Brande, this award symbolizes the collective appreciation of our entire association for Lisa's extraordinary contributions. Lisa, your dedication, passion, and selflessness inspire us all to reach greater heights and make a lasting impact in everything we do.

Congratulations, Lisa, on this well-deserved recognition. May your legacy of service continue to inspire us for years to come.

As Lisa received the award, the room erupted into thunderous applause, culminating in a heartfelt standing ovation. Let us all rise and applaud as we celebrate this remarkable individual and her remarkable achievements!

Thank You for Your Hard Work & Service to the Association!

Greg Jensen of Carrier Transicold of Utah Honored with Utah Trucking Association's 2023 Distinguished Service Award



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



In a night filled with recognition and admiration, the Utah Trucking Association proudly presented the 2023 Distinguished Service Award to Greg Jensen of Carrier Transicold of Utah. The award, presented by Jimmy Andrus, highlights Greg's dedication, integrity, and commitment to the association and trucking industry.

Greg Jensen is more than just a business associate to many; he is a trusted friend whose steadfast support has left an indelible mark on the community. Greg and his team have been integral to the association's journey, consistently participating in events and engaging members with their putting green games and generous giveaways, bringing joy to each gathering.

Greg's true character shines brightest in times of need. During the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, when uncertainties loomed large and resources were scarce, Greg stepped forward as a beacon of hope and resilience. His resourcefulness and boundless generosity ensured that the beloved sporting clay tournaments could proceed by securing much-needed ammunition—a contribution he continues to make year after year.

Beyond his participation in events, Greg's dedication extends to his longstanding service on the board of directors.

As a leader, mentor, and friend, he consistently provides invaluable guidance, support, and genuine friendship to all who work alongside him. The Utah Trucking Association is stronger, and more vibrant because of Greg's active engagement and steadfast commitment.

During the award presentation, the room filled with applause as the community expressed their deepest gratitude for Greg's outstanding contributions. His service, integrity, and commitment have inspired many, making the Utah Trucking Association a better organization.

The Utah Trucking Association was honored to present Greg Jensen with the 2023 Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his exceptional service and dedication to the industry. Greg's efforts have not only supported the association's activities but have also fostered a sense of community and resilience among its members.

Congratulations to Greg Jensen and thank you for your extraordinary service. Your contributions and commitment continue to inspire us all.

As the evening concluded, the applause for Greg echoed the heartfelt appreciation of everyone present, celebrating an extraordinary individual and his remarkable achievements.

Thank You Greg for Your Hard Work & Dedication to the UTA!

Honoring Excellence: Lee Wall Receives Utah Trucking Association Distinguished Service Award Written By Rick C



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



In the vast expanse of the trucking industry, where grit, determination, and compassion intersect, there exist individuals whose contributions transcend the ordinary. Recently, the Utah Trucking Association gathered to spotlight one such individual, presenting a 2023 Distinguished Service Award to Lee Wall of Semi Service.

Lee's odyssey in trucking commenced in the humblest of beginnings, tending to sheep on the rugged terrain of his family's farm back in 1969. Little did he know then that his path would lead him to become a cornerstone of the trucking community. His journey took him through the ranks of Rocky Mountain Tank in 1971, where he honed his skills and cultivated a reputation for excellence.

Throughout his career, Lee's commitment to professionalism and integrity never wavered, earning him the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers alike. His tenure at Brenner Tank and later Semi Service bore witness to his tireless work ethic and dedication to excellence.

Yet, it is not merely his professional accomplishments that set Lee apart; it is his heart of gold and boundless compassion that truly distinguish him. Known for his acts of kindness and generosity, Lee has touched countless lives, both within and outside the trucking community.

One poignant example of Lee's selflessness is his decision to donate all his accrued vacation days to a colleague battling cancer, demonstrating the epitome of camaraderie and solidarity within the industry.

Furthermore, Lee's commitment to his family and community is unparalleled. As a devoted husband, father, and caregiver to his late wife Leslie, he navigated life's challenges with grace, strength, and love.

Lee's impact extends far beyond the confines of his workplace; he has served as a mentor and guide to countless individuals seeking to make their mark in the trucking industry. His willingness to share his knowledge and expertise exemplifies his genuine desire to uplift and empower others.

Lee Wall embodies the values of integrity, compassion, and service that lie at the heart of the trucking industry. His legacy serves as a beacon of inspiration for all who have had the privilege of crossing paths with him.

This prestigious award was presented by Danny Hansen, Association Executive Committee, adding an extra layer of honor and recognition to Lee's remarkable achievements.

Let us all applaud and celebrate Lee's remarkable contributions and legacy!

Thank You Lee for Your Service to the Association!

Simon Transport Honored with Utah Trucking Association's 2023 Grand Trophy Award Written By Rick Cla



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



In celebration of excellence, the Utah Trucking Association recently honored Simon Transport with the prestigious 2023 Grand Trophy Award. This accolade, presented by Mark Droubay, Past President of the association, is a testament to the highest standards of safety, professionalism, and community engagement within the trucking industry.

Simon Transport, founded by Lyn Simon and his wife Helen, has grown into an industry power-house with a fleet of over 40 trucks and a sterling reputation for dependability. Their commitment to safety is reflected in their impeccable safety records and their "satisfactory" safety rating from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. This recognition underscores their relentless pursuit of excellence and their dedication to setting a benchmark for others in the industry.

Beyond their commendable safety achievements, Simon Transport's leadership has been instrumental within the Utah Trucking Association. The company has consistently provided support, sponsorship, and invaluable assistance, demonstrating their commitment to the community and the industry at large.

Their mission statement, "Our mission is to provide superior, value-driven solutions for our customers. We do this by communicating in a timely and effective manner, thereby instilling trust and confidence, and fulfilling our promise of excellent service," reflects the core values that drive Simon Transport. Their approach emphasizes timely communication, instilling trust and confidence, and delivering exceptional service, which has solidified their reputation as a dependable and professional entity in the trucking sector.

The award ceremony highlighted Simon Transport's remarkable journey and their significant contributions to the trucking industry. As the Grand Trophy Award was presented, applause filled the room, celebrating the company's outstanding achievements and the leadership of Lyn and Helen Simon.

Simon Transport's story is a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through dedication, hard work, and a steadfast commitment to excellence. Their legacy of leadership, professionalism, and generosity will continue to inspire the trucking community for years to come.

Congratulations to Simon Transport

Aleecia Allred of Gurney Trucking Honored as Utah Trucking Association's 2023 Safety Supervisor of the Year

Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



The Utah Trucking Association recently held its annual awards ceremony, honoring outstanding individuals in the trucking industry. This year, the prestigious Safety Supervisor of the Year Award was presented to Aleecia Allred of Gurney Trucking, recognizing her exceptional commitment to highway safety and her innovative approach to safety supervision.

Presented by Adam Mason, President of the Utah Trucking Association, the award celebrated Aleecia's remarkable contributions to her company and the broader trucking community. Aleecia's journey with Gurney Trucking has been marked by dedication and a genuine concern for the well-being of her team, setting her apart as a true leader in the field.

Throughout her career, Aleecia consistently went above and beyond in her role. She organized quarterly safety meetings at each terminal, bringing in outside speakers to educate and inspire her team. These meetings were not just routine gatherings; Aleecia made them engaging and enjoyable, incorporating giveaways and gifts to emphasize the importance of safety while fostering a sense of camaraderie among her colleagues.

Aleecia's commitment to safety extended beyond meetings. She diligently reviewed FMCSA scores, working tirelessly to improve them, fully aware of their significant impact on both drivers and the company. Under her leadership, Gurney Trucking experienced a notable decrease in its CSA score, underscoring Aleecia's dedication to excellence.

Her expertise encompassed a wide range of critical areas. Aleecia held a NATMI CSS certification along with certifications in drug and alcohol awareness and testing. Her responsibilities included overseeing hours of service, camera event coaching and education, workers' compensation, health insurance, and more. Her multifaceted role demonstrated her comprehensive approach to safety and her ability to manage complex aspects of the job effectively.

Beyond her professional achievements, Aleecia was deeply committed to her family. She cherished spending time with her loved ones, finding joy and relaxation in activities like boating and fishing with her husband, their children, and grandchildren. Her passion for life and dedication to her family mirrored her commitment to her work, making her a well-rounded and inspiring individual.

Aleecia Allred truly exemplified the best of what it means to be a safety supervisor. Her leadership, expertise, and genuine care for her team made her a deserving recipient of the Utah Trucking Association's Safety Supervisor of the Year Award for 2023.

As the ceremony concluded, the trucking community celebrated Aleecia's achievements with heartfelt applause, acknowledging her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to safety. Aleecia's story serves as an inspiration to all, highlighting the vital role that dedicated safety supervisors play in ensuring the well-being of drivers and the safety of our highways.

Congratulations to Aleecia Allred, the Utah Trucking Association's Safety Supervisor of the Year for 2023!

Celebrating Excellence in Trucking Safety: Clay Carter Honored with UDOT Safety Partner of the Year Award



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



In the dynamic world of trucking, where safety and efficiency are paramount, it is essential to recognize the individuals who go above and beyond to ensure our roadways remain secure and our operations smooth. One such individual is Clay Carter, the 2023 recipient of the UDOT Motor Carrier Division Safety Partner of the Year award.

Presented by Adam Lindsay, 1st Vice President of the Utah Trucking Association, this prestigious award honors those who demonstrate the utmost professionalism, dedication, and a deep commitment to safety. Clay Carter epitomizes these qualities, making him a deserving honoree.

Clay has consistently exemplified the core values of customer service, efficiency, and leadership throughout his career. His unwavering dedication to road safety and his ability to foster positive relationships within the industry set him apart as a true leader. By leveraging technology to streamline processes at the ports of entry, he has significantly enhanced the experience for drivers. His efforts in verifying permits digitally and implementing a co-inspection process have reduced wait times and facilitated smoother operations, benefiting everyone involved.

One of the hallmarks of Clay's career is his commitment to putting customers first. He consistently goes the extra mile to

ensure that drivers and carriers receive fair treatment and support. Whether it's delving into regulatory details or offering the benefit of the doubt, Clay prioritizes the needs of those he serves. His dedication to customer service is not just a professional duty but a personal mission.

Beyond his technical skills and customer-focused approach, Clay is a mentor and role model. His quiet yet impactful leadership has cultivated a culture of excellence, integrity, and compassion within his team. Colleagues and the broader community respect and trust him, recognizing his genuine commitment to their well-being.

A shining example of Clay's dedication occurred when a driver urgently needed a permit to avoid curfew restrictions. Without hesitation, Clay ensured the permit was ready and personally delivered it to the driver at the scale, saving valuable time and hassle. This incident is just one of many that illustrate Clay's exceptional service and commitment to the industry.

For his outstanding contributions to safety, customer service, and leadership, Clay Carter, Supervisor of the Echo Port of Entry, was honored with the 2023 Utah Trucking Association - UDOT Motor Carrier Division Safety Partner of the Year award.

As Adam Lindsay presented the award, he highlighted Clay's tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to excellence. Clay's dedication serves as an inspiration to us all, marking him as a true industry leader. Congratulations to Clay Carter on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for your invaluable contributions to the trucking community.

Utah Trucking Association Honors Trooper of the Year: Dustin Livingston

Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director





In a celebration of dedication, sacrifice, and exemplary service, the Utah Trucking Association recently held its annual awards ceremony to honor outstanding individuals in the trucking industry. This year, the prestigious Trooper of the Year Award was presented to Trooper Dustin Livingston, a remarkable individual whose commitment to highway safety and professional excellence has set a high standard within the Utah Highway Patrol.

The award, presented by Dustin England, 2nd Vice President of the Utah Trucking Association, recognizes those who go above and beyond in their duty to protect and serve. Trooper Livingston embodies these values in every aspect of his career.

Dustin Livingston began his journey with the Utah Highway Patrol in 2005. Over the years, he has made a significant impact through his work in various roles, from his early days in Juab County to his critical position on the Interdiction Team. His role as a certified K9 handler and CVSA instructor highlights his dedication to both enforcing the law and educating his peers. Livingston's efforts in professional development and his willingness to face challenges head-on are a testament to his unwavering commitment and integrity.

Beyond his professional achievements, Livingston's personal values shine through. Supported by his wife, Amanda, he exemplifies

the ideals of family, community, and service. Whether he is braving harsh weather conditions or assisting with oversize escorts, his selflessness and dedication to public safety are evident.

One of the many ways Trooper Livingston stands out is his approach to his duties, always ready to go the extra mile. His ability to balance stringent law enforcement with compassion and understanding makes him a respected figure in the community and among his colleagues.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the Utah Trucking Association proudly presented Trooper Dustin Livingston with the Trooper of the Year Award for 2023. His efforts not only ensure safer highways but also inspire those around him to strive for excellence.

Trooper Livingston received a well-deserved round of applause from the attendees, acknowledging his tireless work and dedication. His story serves as an inspiration to all, reinforcing the importance of commitment and integrity in making our roads safer for everyone.

Congratulations to Trooper Dustin Livingston, our 2023 Trooper of the Year, and thank you for your invaluable contributions to the Utah Highway Patrol and the trucking community.

Congratulations
Trooper Livingston!

Celebrating Excellence: Mike Deputy Receives David R. Free Lifetime Achievement Award



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



In a momentous evening dedicated to honoring the enduring spirit of the trucking industry, the Utah Trucking Association came together to pay tribute to a towering figure—a man synonymous with dedication, integrity, and unwavering service. Before unveiling this year's recipient of the esteemed David R. Free Lifetime Achievement Award, let's delve into the essence of this distinguished honor.

On March 24, 2017, the Utah Trucking Association bid farewell to David R. Free. His passing left an indelible mark on hearts and souls, igniting a flame of remembrance, gratitude, and determination. To honor Dave's profound legacy and his countless contributions to the industry, the David R. Free Lifetime Achievement Award was established—a beacon of recognition for individuals embodying his spirit of service, innovation, and excellence.

Recipients of this prestigious accolade are guiding lights whose influence extends far beyond the industry. They possess the rare ability to inspire lawmakers, regulatory bodies, industry leaders, and the public, championing the cause of trucking, safety, and freight mobility with dedication and resolve.

On this remarkable night, Greg Jensen of the Association's Board of Directors presented this year's recipient of the David R. Free Lifetime Achievement Award To Mike Deputy.

Mike's journey in the trucking industry began in 1977, joining the ranks of Timpte Trailer in Denver marked the inception of a remarkable odyssey—a journey fueled by passion, determination, and an unyielding commitment to excellence. In 1982, Mike's legacy truly began to take shape.

Presented with the opportunity to open a new branch in

in Salt Lake City, Mike seized the moment with characteristic tenacity and determination. He embarked on a journey fraught with challenges and opportunities. His decision to take out a \$10,000 second mortgage on his house as a down payment underscored his unwavering courage and conviction in the face of adversity.

With Clair Heslop, his trusted confidant and longtime CFO, by his side, Mike navigated the turbulent waters of entrepreneurship, transforming a struggling dealership into a thriving enterprise—a testament to their shared vision, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mike's impact resonated far beyond the confines of his dealership. From pioneering efforts in fleet deals to spearheading the acquisition and expansion of Carrier Transicold dealerships, his influence on the industry was profound and far-reaching. His commitment to industry associations and conventions underscored his status as a true trailblazer—a visionary leader who led by example and inspired others to reach greater heights. His recognition as Utah's Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997 stands as a testament to his exceptional leadership and business acumen.

But perhaps Mike's greatest legacy lies not in the boardrooms or convention halls, but in the hearts and minds of those whose lives he has touched. His dedication to community service, his steadfast support of charitable endeavors, and his commitment to family values serve as a testament to his character, integrity, and generosity of spirit.

Mike's civic involvement and membership in various associations further underscore his commitment to making a difference. From his leadership roles in the Barbershop Harmony Society Foundation and Rotary Club 24 to his contributions to the Westminster College Foundation Board and his active participation in organizations like the Young Presidents Organization, Mike consistently demonstrated his dedication to serving

to serving others and effecting positive change in the community.

As we gathered to celebrate Mike's remarkable achievements, we also acknowledged the support of his family—the true pillars of his success and the source of his strength. Together, they weathered the storms, celebrated the victories, and forged a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

Mike Deputy embodies the very essence of the David R. Free Lifetime Achievement Award. His passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence serve as an inspiration to all. Mike received a standing ovation indicating heartfelt congratulations to Mike Deputy on this well-deserved honor.

Congratulations Mike Deputy, to a Lifetime of Achievements!



Honoring Jimmy Andrus: A True Leader in the Trucking Industry

Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director





As part of an annual Trucking Association Management Conference and Truck Expo, the association convened to honor an individual whose dedication and exceptional leadership had left an indelible mark on the industry. As the presentation was offered, it became clear that Jimmy Andrus was not only deserving of recognition but embodied the very essence of excellence and innovation in trucking.

The prestigious Utah Trucking Association President's Award, a symbol of distinction and honor and was bestowed upon Jimmy amidst resounding applause. This accolade, reserved for individuals who exemplified extraordinary leadership and service, found its rightful recipient in Jimmy, a trail-blazer whose contributions had significantly shaped the landscape of the trucking community.

During his tenure, Jimmy had not only served in every leadership position within the association but had done so with grace, poise, and dedication to the collective mission. His decades of service and leadership had steered the association through both calm and turbulence.

In the face of unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Jimmy's often-joked that he was the president who did not have to do anything. However, his cool, calm, and steady demeanor

proved to be a guiding light for the association. Despite the inability to meet in person, Jimmy's leadership ensured that the association remained steadfast in its commitment to its members, navigating the storm with resilience, creative thinking, and determination.

Beyond his leadership prowess, Jimmy's infectious smile, witty sense of humor, and genuine warmth endear him to all who have the pleasure of working alongside him. He was not just a leader; he was a friend, a mentor, and a source of inspiration for all.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, his commitment, and his enduring impact on the association and the trucking industry, Greg McCandless, Association President, offered this award to Jimmy and indicated that he did so with a feeling of extreme honor. Congratulations, Jimmy, on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your extraordinary service and leadership.

Thank You Jimmy, for All your Dedication & Service

Leadership Changes Announced by the Utah Trucking Association



Written By Rick Clasby, Executive Director



During the annual business meeting of the Utah Trucking Association, the Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, to receive recommendations regarding Board leadership from the Nominating Committee. As a result of that meeting significant leadership changes are announced.

In accordance with association bylaws, nominations to the Board of Directors were solicited at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. Rick Clasby, Executive Director, issued a call for leadership nominations on March 26, 2024, resulting in several qualified candidates. Greg McCandless, Association President, appointed Jimmy Andrus as the Immediate Past President to chair this year's nominating committee. The committee convened on April 25, 2024, to evaluate this year's slate of candidates.

Expressing sincere appreciation, Jimmy Andrus acknowledged Greg McCandless for his outstanding service as the association's president over the past two years. McCandless will transition to the role of Immediate Past President, bringing valuable experience and guidance to the association. Justin Deputy, serving as the 3rd Vice President for more than a decade, was also recognized for his consistent leadership and support.

The following leadership changes were recommended by the Nominating Committee and ratified by the Board:

- Adam Mason of Bridgesouce, LLC, has been ap pointed as the new Utah Trucking Association President.
- Adam Lindsay of Alpha Transport will serve as the 1st Vice President.
- Dustin England of CR England, Inc., has been elected as the 2nd Vice President.
- Lindsey England of Blendyd Studios, Inc., will assume the role of 3rd Vice President.

- Mark Lawver of Stokes Trucking, Inc., will serve as the Treasurer.
- Greg McCandless of James H. Clark and Son, Inc., Immediate Past President.

The following individuals will continue their service on the Board of Directors as At-Large Executive Committee members:

- Drew Free of Superior Service Transport
- Danny Hansen of Transwood, Inc.
- Anne Glenn of AG Needs, Inc.
- Greg Robinson of Pursell Tires
- Keith Jensen of Jackson Group Peterbilt of Utah
- Ronnie Johnson of Mountain West Truck Center
- Bryon Gravely of Double D Distribution

Additional terms of service on the Board were recommended for:

- Rand Austin of Beehive Insurance
- Trevor Passman of Kenworth Sales of Utah
- Justin Schiffman of Bridgestone Off Road Tire Group
- Ed Miles of Interstate Transportation Consulting

The following Region Presidents and Safety Management Council Chair were recommended for an additional term of service and where approved:

- Brecken Cox of Cox Trucking, Inc., as the Southern Utah Region
- Craig Payne of Barney Trucking, as the Central Utah Region President
- Reed Newman of Great West Casualty, as the Safety Management Council Chair

Luke Braegger of Tramcor Corporation has been elected as the new Northern Utah Region President and member of the Board.

New members of the Board of Directors include:

- Ryan Barney of Barney Trucking
- Morgan Williams of Blendyd Studios, Inc.
- Jon Holdorf of 1580 Utility

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The tournament followed a 4-man scramble format, fostering competition among the participants. After a day of skillful play and friendly rivalry, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the top teams:

1st Place: Ryan Master, Kent Pahman, John Rubles, and TJ Siri (14 Under Par)

2nd Place: Brecken Cox, Don Cox, Rick White, and Bill Nehmer (11 Under Par)

3rd Place: Nick Theodore, Darin Housekeeper, Aaron York, and Matt Rinehart (10 Under Par)

In addition to the team successes, individual achievements were recognized with special awards:

Longest Drive on hole #3: Seth Parkinson
Longest Drive on hole #11: Cris Spencer
Closest to the Pin on hole #5: Jonah Robles
Closest to the Pin on hole #12: Dennis Johnson

A special thanks goes out to all the hole sponsors who set up on the course, providing an interactive and enjoyable experience for the golfers. Your support, along with that of our event sponsors, played a crucial role in making the day a success.

We are already looking forward to next year's tournament, set to return to the Ledges Golf Course on May 9th, 2025. Mark your calendars and get ready for another fantastic day of golf and networking!

















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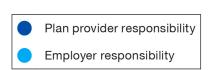
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The 2024 Utah Truck Driving Championship (TDC) took place on June 8th, 2024, in Salt Lake City, bringing together 150 of the state's most skilled truck drivers. This annual event, which celebrates the precision and expertise of professional truckers, saw competitors vying for the title of Grand Champion across 9 different categories.

The day began early, with participants tackling a challenging written exam that tested their knowledge of safety regulations and industry standards. Following the exam, drivers moved on to the heart of the competition—demonstrating their driving prowess on a specially designed course that tested everything from maneuvering skills to parking accuracy.

A huge thank you goes out to Prime Inc, our dedicated course sponsor, for not only sponsoring the event but also hosting us this year. We also extend our sincere gratitude to all our other sponsors, including FedEx, Old Dominion Freight Line, Great West Casualty Company, UPS, and C.R. England. Your support is what makes events like these possible.

Congratulations to the winners of each category! Each 1st place competitor earned the honor of representing the state of Utah at the American Trucking Association's National Truck Driving Championship, showcasing the top-tier talent our state has to offer. As we wrap up this year's TDC, we're already looking forward to next year's event. Mark your calendars for June 2025, when the Utah Truck Driving Championship returns for another round of top-notch competition.





2024 Truck Driving Championship Winners

3-Axle



1st: Greg Baun (FedEx Express)
2nd: Lynn Wilson (Walmart Transportation)
3rd: Steven Clark (FedEx Freight, Inc)

5-Axle



1st: Buddy Gray (New Prime, Inc) 2nd: Barry Geck (Walmart Transportation) 3rd: Ben Walker (New Prime, Inc)

Sleeper Berth:



1st: Erich Lish (Walmart Transportation)
2nd: Terry Kirgan (Walmart Transportation)
3rd: Roy Romo (New Prime, Inc)

4-Axle



1st: Robert Bjelland (Walmart Transportation) 2nd: Glenn Springer (FedEx Freight, Inc) 3rd: James Falconburg (Nicholas & Company, Inc)

Flat Bed:



1st: Scott Johnson (Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc) 2nd: Scott Fischer (New Prime, Inc) 3rd: Daniel Thornton (New Prime, Inc)

Straight Truck:



1st: Judd Adams (XPO)
2nd: Adam Johnson (Walmart Transportation)
3rd: Lonnie Christensen (FedEx Ground)

2024 Truck Driving Championship Winners

Tanker Truck:



1st: Scott Ambler (Savage Services)
2nd: Trevor Langford (Airbags)
3rd: Sean McClure (Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc)

Step Van



1st: Michael Mclaughlin (FedEx Ground) 2nd: Morgan Hallows (FedEx Ground) 3rd: Lisa Steed (FedEx Ground)

Twins



1st: Scott Young (Walmart Transportation) 2nd: Shawn Baxter (FedEx Ground) 3rd: Shawn Dahl (Walmart Transportation)

Rookie Awards



1st: Erich Lish (Walmart Transportation) (Sleeper Berth) 2nd: Trey Haworth (FedEx Freight, Inc) (3-Axle) 3rd: Arturo Ojeda (Walmart Transportation) (3-Axle)

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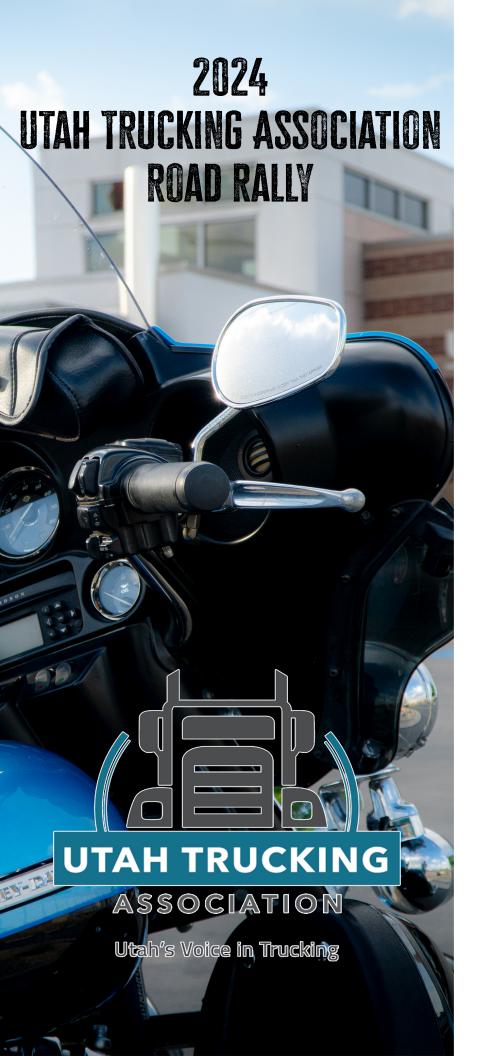
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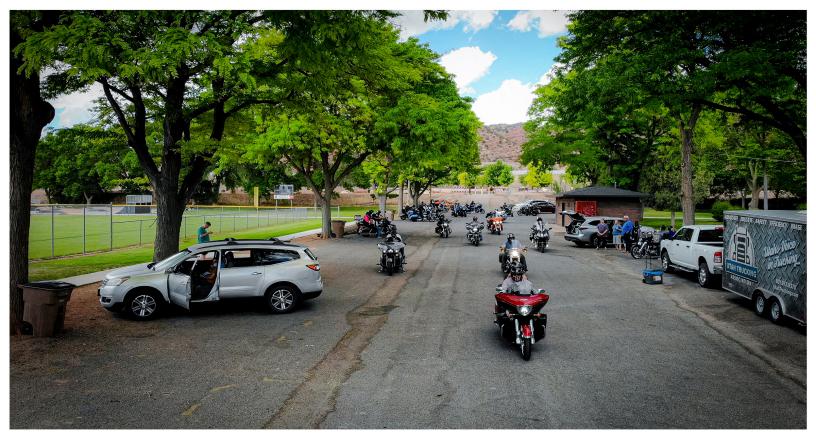
The journey began with a drive leading into Richfield where the group met with members from the southern regions for a delicious lunch. This mid-day stop provided an opportunity for everyone to catch up and enjoy the sense of community that defines the Road Rally.

After lunch, the adventure continued along the breathtaking Cedar Breaks Highway. Riders were treated to some of the most stunning views Utah has to offer, making their way toward Kanab, where the day's journey would come to a close.

The event concluded with a memorable dinner at the Iron Horse Restaurant, where participants enjoyed great food, lively conversation, and the excitement of an awesome raffle.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make this event possible, including our sponsors: Double D Distribution, Wheeler Power Systems, Stockley Local Delivery, Premier Truck Group, and Evolution Construction Services. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

We're already looking forward to next year's adventure, so keep an eye out for details on the 2025 Road Rally!



































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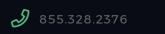
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