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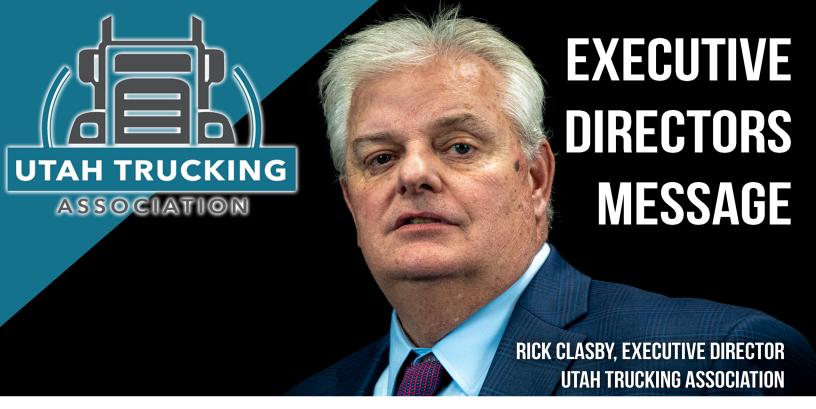
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As I reflect on this past summer, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the wonderful people who make up the Utah Trucking Association. Each season seems to bring with it another reminder of just how strong, generous, and committed our industry is. This summer has been especially full, with major events that highlight the professionalism of our drivers, the spirit of our companies, and the unity of our members.

#### Celebrating Skill and Professionalism: The Truck Driving Championship

One of the highlights of the summer is always the Truck Driving Championship. Few events put us in closer contact with the very individuals who represent the heart of our industry: our professional drivers. These men and women are not only skilled and disciplined, but they also embody the intelligence, patience, and professionalism that define trucking at its best.

We congratulate all who competed and extend special recognition to our nine classification winners who went on to represent Utah at the National Truck Driving Championship. This event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, the companies that came out to cheer, and those who provided food and encouragement for participants and families. A special thank you goes to **Prime Inc** for graciously hosting the event, ensuring security, and handling countless logistical details.

Most importantly, we owe a sincere debt of gratitude to the Truck Driving Championship Planning Committee.

Their dedication, countless hours of preparation, and steady leadership ensured that every aspect of the competition was handled with professionalism and care. The committee's efforts not only made the event possible, but also elevated it to the level of excellence our drivers deserve.

#### The Road Rally: Networking at Its Best

One of the primary purposes of an association is to provide opportunities for networking and learning. The Road Rally does just that. It allows us to come together, build relationships, and share insights that strengthen the entire industry. My sincere thanks to those who devote their time and energy to make this unique event a success each year.

#### Supporting a Worthy Cause: The Great Salt Lake Truck Show

The Great Salt Lake Truck Show is another event that reflects the generosity of our members. This show requires an incredible amount of time, energy, and coordination, and the results are nothing short of inspiring. Led by Jeff and Pat England, and Sunny Wallace, the organizing committee truly works miracles. The proceeds from this event go to support Kidney Camp, a cause that touches many lives. The Utah Trucking Association is proud to play a supporting role in an event that combines passion for trucking with compassion for people.

#### Rocky Mountain Safety Rendezvous: Recognizing Excellence in Safety

This year, the 66th Annual Rocky Mountain Safety Rendezvous was hosted by the Wyoming Trucking Association in Cody, Wyoming. Reports confirm it was a marvelous gathering, with outstanding participation from Utah Trucking Association members as well as representation from our regulatory and enforcement partners.

Each year, this event recognizes a Regional Safety Supervisor of the Year, and I am especially proud to share that one of our own received this prestigious honor.

Please join me in congratulating Bryant Shulsen, Director of Safety at Parke Cox Trucking, who was named the Rocky Mountain Regional Safety Supervisor of the Year. Bryant is not only a safety professional but also a mentor, a leader, and a culture-builder. Under his leadership, Parke Cox Trucking has seen an 80% reduction in accident frequency since 2022, a remarkable testament to his vision and dedication. Beyond the numbers, his empathy, consistency, and collaborative leadership set him apart. We couldn't be prouder to see him honored in this way.

#### Truck Driver Appreciation Week: Many Hands, Great Impact

Closing out the summer, **Truck Driver Appreciation Week** was yet another reminder of what can be achieved when our members work together. More than 25 individuals from across numerous companies came together to assemble over 1,000 goodie bags. Hundreds more joined us at four different ports of entry to distribute them to well-deserving drivers.

The saying goes that "many hands make light work," and never has that been truer than during this special week. To everyone who contributed time, effort, or resources, please know that your support made a lasting impression on the drivers who keep our industry — and our state — moving forward.

This summer has been a season of gratitude. Gratitude for the companies and individuals who volunteer, sponsor, and support. Gratitude for the drivers who represent the very best of our profession. And gratitude for the collective spirit of the Utah Trucking Association — a community of professionals who lead by example and give generously of their time and talents.







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# INEXPENSIVE, ABUNDANT NATURAL GAS GETS THE JOB DONE!

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Where transportation fuel is concerned, natural gas is cheap; natural gas is clean, and natural gas can do the work + go the distance.

First, Compressed fossil Natural Gas (CNG) and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is extremely inexpensive. Given the cost of the gas molecules themselves, as well as the value from sale of tax and environmental credits that accrue when CNG and RNG are used as transportation fuel, CNG and RNG can cost as little as \$0.50 -\$1.00 per Diesel Gallon Equivalent (DGE) when a fleet finances, builds, and maintains its own natural gas-fueling station. When fleets retain a 3rd party to finance, build, and maintain a natural gas-fueling station for them, then the cost of fuel climbs to \$2.00 - \$3.00 per gallon. Fleets see a similar price point when they purchase CNG or RNG from a public-access natural gas-fueling station. As such, fleets can accrue meaningful cash savings by switching from Diesel to natural gas.

Natural gas is clean. For example, Cummins' current line of 9 and 15 Liter engines release 90% fewer particulate and Nitrogen Oxide emissions as compared with the cleanest-burning Diesel engines without need for expensive pollution-control equipment. This has a direct benefit on human health, especially in disadvantaged communities

that are close to freeways, ports, and industrial facilities. Combustion of CNG and RNG also releases fewer Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions than fossil Diesel or Renewable Diesel. For example, fossil Diesel has a Carbon Intensity (CI) Score of approximately 100, and Renewable Diesel has a CI Score of roughly 40. In contrast, fossil-derived CNG has a CI Score of roughly 80; RNG that comes from a landfill has a CI Score of about 50; RNG that is produced at wastewater treatment plants lowers the CI Score to between 10 and 40, and RNG that comes from a dairy or a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) will have a CI Score significantly less than zero. Collecting methane and producing RNG at dairies and CAFOs prevents methane from going into the atmosphere, which is far more harmful. In this way, using CNG and RNG as transportation fuel offers meaningful opportunities to improve human health and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Natural gas can do the work. Prior to the introduction of Cummins' X15N natural gas engine, CNG- and RNG-powered trucks could not operate well at weights greater than 82,000 lbs. Following the US commercial introduction of Cummins' X15N engine in 2024, natural gas-powered trucks are operating successfully at 105,000 – 115,000 pounds – even on grades of 6% - 7%! To that end, Alliance Members can point to multiple fleets that are successfully "running heavy" on natural gas.

Natural gas can go the distance. With a 175 DGE

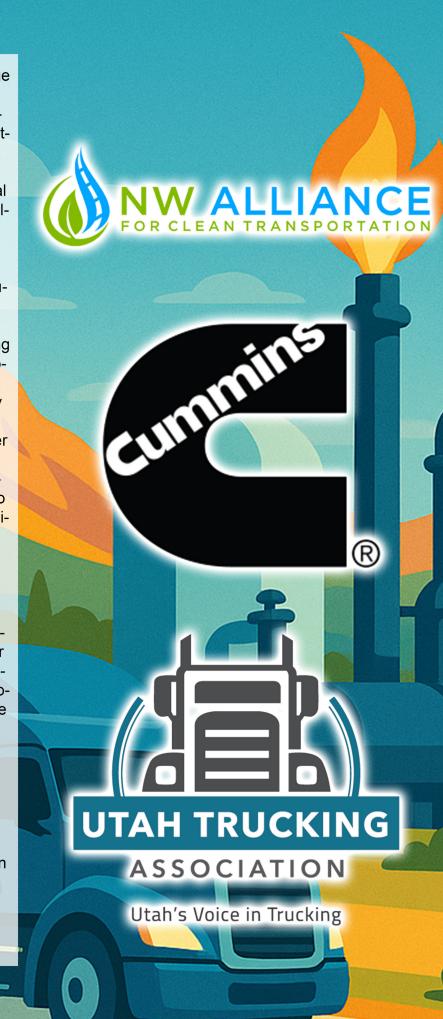
fuel tank, natural gas-fueled trucks have a range that is only slightly less than their Diesel counterparts. For example, if a Diesel-powered tractor has a maximum range of 1,200 miles, its natural gas-fueled counterpart would likely have a range of approximately 900 miles. Also, fueling a natural gas-powered truck at a Fast-fill natural gas-fueling station takes no more time than fueling a Diesel truck.

In this way, CNG and RNG offer the only technologically-viable way to decarbonize heavy-duty transportation.

To be clear, there is nothing wrong with pursuing Zero Emission Vehicle technology where appropriate. For lighter vehicles with less demanding routes, it may make sense to convert to Battery Electric or Hydrogen Fuel Cell technology. When fleets need to move heavier material over greater distances (e.g.: Concrete, agricultural products, logs, or construction materials), natural gas engine technology offers the only way to decarbonize in a manner that makes technological and financial sense.

To learn whether using CNG and RNG could make sense for you, please reach out to Alex Schay from the Alliance for Clean Transportation at aschay@nwalliance.net. Because the Alliance for Clean Transportation receives regular dues from members, including engine manufacturers, fuel providers, gas utilities, and RNG producers, the Alliance can help your fleet estimate net cash savings over time, fleet-conversion payback periods, and GHG reductions, free of charge.

If interested, the Alliance for Clean Transportation, Cummins Engines, Freedom-CNG, and Hexagon Agility Fuel Solutions, will present at Utah Trucking Association Safety Luncheons on March 4th & 5th, 2026. To learn more, please reach out to Jon Boyer from the Utah Trucking Association on: jon@utahtrucking.com.



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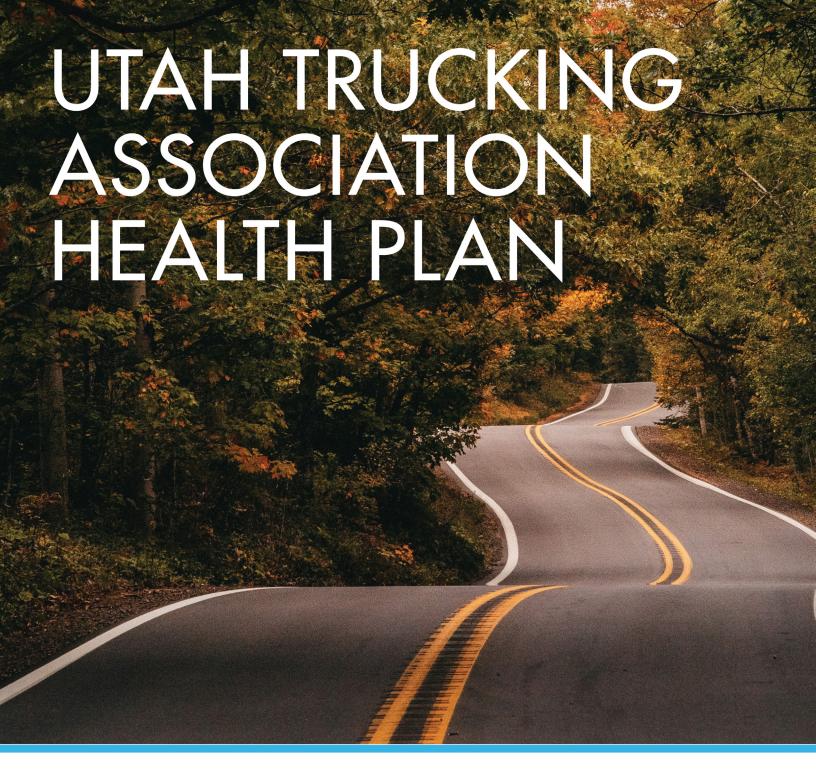
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On May 7, 2025, the Utah Trucking Association held its annual Sporting Clay Tournament at Purgatory Clay Sports in Hurricane, Utah. This year's event broke records, drawing 121 shooters and the support of 13 sponsors, making it one of the most successful tournaments to date.

#### Tournament Highlights

The competition featured four-person teams rotating through a 12-station, 50-shot course. The skill on display made for an exciting day of sport and networking. Congratulations to this year's top shooter, Kaden Francis of Francis Trucking, who scored an impressive 46 out of 50 shots.

Francis Trucking also claimed the top team honors, with Shane Francis, Trace Francis, Justin Francis, and Kaden Francis combining for a score of 147 out of 200.

#### Awards, Raffle, and Shoot Out

After the course wrapped up, winners were recognized, and raffle prizes were distributed, adding to the excitement. The competition didn't end there—shooters then had the chance to square off in the always-popular Annie Oakley Shoot Out. Congratulations to Ryan Tingey of Intermountain Rigging & Heavy Haul, who took top honors in this thrilling finale.

#### **Sponsor Appreciation**

The UTA extends heartfelt thanks to all who made this event possible:

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We also thank the volunteers who came out to support the event, including those who helped distribute ammo and keep the tournament running smoothly.

This tournament continues to be a highlight of UTA's annual events, combining friendly competition, industry fellowship, and strong member support. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the 2026 Sporting Clay Tournament, scheduled for May 6, 2026.





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St. George delivered once again. On May 7–8, 2025, members and partners from across the state gathered at the Dixie Convention Center for the Utah Trucking Association's annual Management Conference & Trucking Expo—two energetic days of connection, learning, and celebration.

#### By the Numbers

Total Attendance: 458

Sponsors: 33+

Exhibit Booths: 43

Equipment on Display: 16 tractors & 10 trailers

#### **Opening Night: Casino Social**

We kicked things off Wednesday evening with our always-popular Opening Social Casino Night. Guests enjoyed an open bar, live music from Jenna and the Silver Belly Band, friendly rounds of blackjack, and a big raffle that set an upbeat tone for the week.

#### **Expo Hall & Thursday Endevors**

Thursday began with breakfast and an inspiring morning session featuring Jeff Griffin, who moved the room with his story and practical insights. The Expo Hall buzzed throughout the day as attendees visited a diverse lineup of exhibitors and sponsors showcasing products, services, and innovations shaping Utah's trucking community.

Midday brought the crowd-favorite Bingo Extravaganza—special thanks to Jenny King (King Farms Trucking) for planning and executing a fantastic event. Meanwhile, the Silent Auction in the expohall was a major success, raising over \$10,000 for the Association's PAC account. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid so generously.

#### Breakouts, Board Work, and Big Moments

After the expo wrapped, we shifted into afternoon breakouts with Lee and Terry Resnick (Resnick Associates) and Olympic gold medalist Peter Vidmar, delivering timely ideas on leadership, planning, and performance. The UTA Board of Directors then convened for its mid-year board meeting to advance key initiatives for the months ahead.

#### Capping It Off: Presidents Reception & Awards Banquet

We closed the conference in style with the Presidents Reception and Awards Banquet, celebrating standout contributors and the collective strength of our industry. To our sponsors and exhibitors—thank you. Your support fuels this event and helps fund the Association and its many endeavors throughout the year.

Save the Date: Mark your calendars for the 2026 Management Conference & Trucking Expo, May 6–8, 2026. We can't wait to see you there!































































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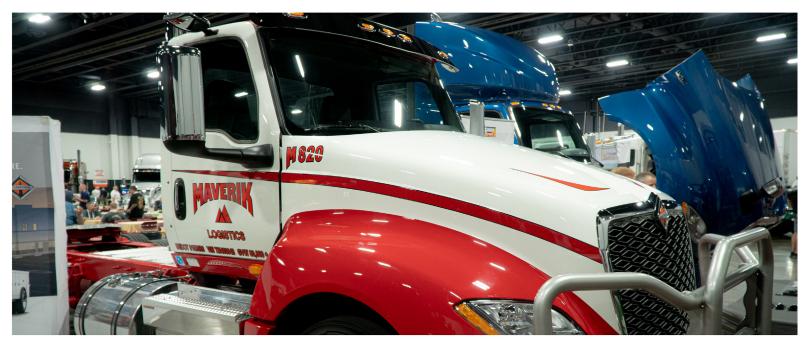
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GREAT WEST CASUALTY: TANK TRUCK, TLC CARRIER, HEAVY HAULER, DIRT HAULER

UTA INDUSTRIAL AWARD: TANK TRUCK, HEAVY HAULER, LTL/SMALL PACKAGE CARRIER, DIRT HAULERS



GREAT WEST CASUALTY: TANK TRUCK

UTA INDUSTRIAL AWARD: GENERAL COMMODITIES, TANK TRUCK



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GREAT WEST CASUALTY: PRIVATE CARRIER

UTA INDUSTRIAL AWARD: PRIVATE CARRIER



Each year, the Utah Trucking Association honors a member whose dedication and behind-the-scenes service profoundly shape the success and culture of our organization. In 2024, that honor goes to Dave Walker of North American Trailer.

For more than six years, Dave has been the driving force behind one of our most treasured traditions: the sporting clay tournaments. These events are highlights of the year—providing camaraderie, relaxation, and networking opportunities. While many enjoy the tournaments, few realize how much effort Dave quietly puts in to make them successful. He handles every detail, from scheduling venues months in advance to coordinating food, overseeing scoring systems, gathering raffle prizes, organizing volunteers, and ensuring the awards are in place. On more than one occasion. Dave has even filled in personally when a sponsor or volunteer couldn't make it, hauling gear or setting up tables himself to keep the event running smoothly.

His steady commitment, subtle leadership,

and unwavering focus on enhancing member experiences reflect the very spirit of this award. According to UTA Board Member Brandt King (King Farms Trucking), "Dave is one of those people you can always count on—he doesn't just talk about getting things done; he shows up and makes them happen. We'd be hard-pressed to run these tournaments without him."

Dave's efforts exemplify selfless service, and we are proud to recognize his profound impact.

Congratulations to Dave Walker, our 2024 Distinguished Service Award recipient.



The Association gathered to recognize a truly exceptional individual whose life and career have embodied the values of hard work, perseverance, and service — values that form the bedrock of our industry and our association.

This story begins far from Utah, in the heart of Junction City, Kansas, where a young boy was taught the importance of community, commitment, and grit. At just 15 years old, he made his first big move—graduating from bagging groceries at Dillon's Market to working parts and sales at his father's Farm Implement and Truck store. Whether helping customers with inventory or hosting community tractor dinners, these early experiences planted seeds that would grow into a life defined by relationships, reliability, and service.

A proud son of the Sunflower State, he graduated from Emporia State University in 1965 and immediately hit the road, taking an entry-level sales position with John Deere Industrial. From Oklahoma to Colorado to California, he built his career mile by mile while serving his country in the National Guard and daz-

In fact, it was his dance moves that led him to meet the love of his life, Linda, at the Red Slipper in Denver, Colorado. They would share 52 wonderful years together until Linda's passing in 2020.

Throughout his 27-year career with John Deere, he excelled at building territories and earning national recognition for his leadership and sales growth. But his greatest pride was in raising his two daughters, Kelly and Mindy. They both credit their father for giving them not only the opportunity for a college education, but a love for travel, adventure, and family.

In 1992, when corporate restructuring forced a transition, he didn't slow down. Reinventing himself, he launched a new career in finance leasing, showing the same drive and optimism that had carried him throughout his life. Moves to Boulder City, Nevada, and eventually Park City, Utah, followed — each bringing new opportunities and new relationships.

But through all the career changes and relocations,

one thing remained constant: his unwavering devotion to family. Whether navigating the world of 4-H horse shows, cheering at dance recitals, coaching homework sessions, or skiing down snowy slopes as the self-proclaimed "Ski King," he made sure that weekends were about family memories. And when his daughters grew up and moved to different corners of the country, a family ski trip to Park City in 1996 sparked a chain of events that reunited them all in Utah.

He continued to balance career and family with inspiring dedication. He became "Papa" in 2003 to his only granddaughter, Abbigale, and has been her loyal champion ever since — from pushing swings at the park to giving car-care tips when she got her first set of wheels. Today, as Abbigale prepares to graduate with her degree in Elementary Education and Spanish, she shares how proud she is of the man she calls Papa.

Beyond family, his professional legacy is remarkable. He has left an indelible mark on the Utah trucking industry, serving customers with unparalleled care, integrity, and humor. His success wasn't just built on contracts signed or deals closed — it was built on handshakes, relationships, and treating everyone with respect and kindness.

Tonight, we celebrate a life and career that span thousands of miles, a mountain of credit applications, a treasure chest of memories, and an enduring spirit that never gave up. In addition to this recognition, the Walwork team has gifted Joe a wooden semi-tractor and trailer to display at his home office during retirement. His family invites friends, colleagues, and customers to sign it in celebration of his career.

Congratulations to Joe Bowman, 2024 Distinguished Service Award recipient. a career defined by hard work, relationships, and integrity—values that earned him the 2024 Distinguished Service Award.

From his early days in Junction City, Kansas, Joe embraced service. At 15, he was already working parts and sales at his father's farm equipment business. After graduating from Emporia State in 1965, he launched a successful 27-year career at John Deere Industrial, earning accolades across multiple states. In 1992, Joe transitioned into financial leasing, bringing his same drive and optimism to a new field.

Despite career changes, one thing remained constant: his commitment to family. Joe and his late wife, Linda, raised two daughters with love and adventure. He became "Papa" to his granddaughter Abbigale, with whom he shares a special bond.

Joe's story is one of humility, dedication, and service. Through thousands of miles, decades of work, and countless lives touched, he has left a legacy that speaks volumes.

Congratulations to Joe Bowman, 2024 Distinguished Service Award recipient.





Few programs have had the impact of Truck Smart, and few people have shaped it as powerfully as Natalie Lovell. As the energy behind the Utah Trucking Association's youth education initiative, Natalie is the recipient of our 2024 Distinguished Service Award. Since taking charge of Truck Smart, Natalie transformed it into a vibrant safety campaign. With slogans like "Two lights in the mirror or stay clear" and "Can't see me? I can't see you," the program expanded to reach over 30,000 students annually through classroom visits, driver education, and ports of entry videos. Her work with the Utah State Board of Education ensured Truck Smart became part of high school Driver's Ed.

Natalie's success has also been fueled by strong collaboration with motor carriers, safety professionals, and law enforcement across the state. Companies have stepped up to provide trucks, drivers, and support for live demonstrations, while Natalie has created videos that feature real commercial vehicles to better connect with students.

One particularly memorable success was a series of bilingual outreach sessions in Salt Lake County that reached hundreds of students from diverse backgrounds.

In 2024 alone, the program reached over 20,000 students through 709 in-person classes and another 10,000 through the online module. This year is already off to a strong start with more than 6,000 students reached in the first quarter.

Beyond numbers, Natalie brings unmatched joy, commitment, and creativity to every event, safety fair, and classroom. Her passion has saved lives and inspired countless young drivers.

We are proud to honor Natalie Lovell with the 2024 Distinguished Service Award.



Bryant Shulsen, Director of Safety at Parke Cox Trucking Company, Inc., has set a new standard for safety excellence in the Utah trucking industry.

Under his leadership, accident frequency has dropped significantly year over year. Bryant established and now oversees a comprehensive safety training curriculum that includes monthly safety meetings tailored to trends in incident data, quarterly compliance refreshers, defensive driving workshops, and real-time coaching based on dash cam footage. His use of data-driven strategies to proactively identify and address safety risks has been instrumental in reducing incidents across the company's fleet.

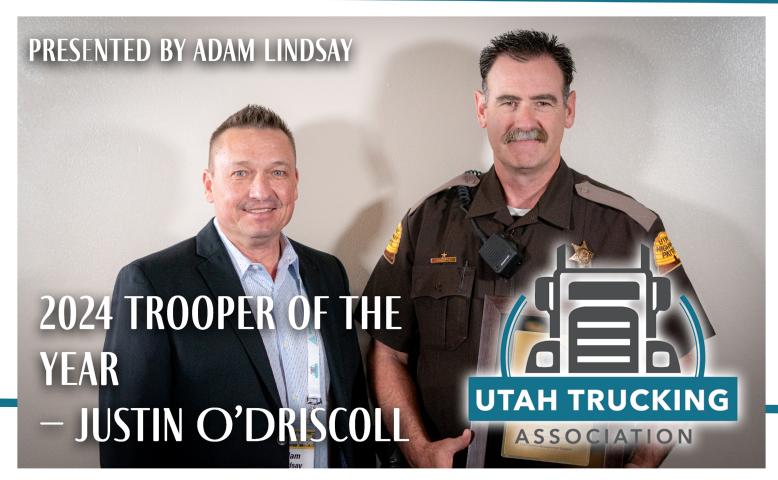
Beyond formal training, Bryant is deeply engaged with drivers. He conducts ride-alongs to evaluate behavior and reinforce best practices in real time. When incidents occur, his focus is not on assigning blame but on educating and preventing recurrence. His open-door policy has earned him respect throughout the company, creating a culture where safety is a shared responsibility.

He also led a revamp of the driver incentive program, aligning it with safety metrics and creating rewards for zero-violation inspections, clean logs, and incident-free miles. This approach has boosted morale and significantly increased driver participation in the safety process.

In the shop, Bryant implemented new OSHA training sessions and safety audits, resulting in marked improvements in PPE compliance and hazard communication. These efforts have led to a cleaner, safer work environment and stronger accountability among technicians and staff.

According to his leadership, "Bryant brings a perfect balance of knowledge, empathy, and discipline. He doesn't just set the bar—he walks alongside everyone to make sure they reach it."

For his commitment, innovation, and integrity, we are proud to name Bryant Shulsen the 2024 Safety Supervisor of the Year.



From construction to law enforcement, Trooper Justin O'Driscoll has lived a life of service rooted in understanding and respect. After 34 years in the construction industry—including running equipment and working side-by-side with truckers—Justin brought a wealth of industry knowledge with him when he joined the Utah Highway Patrol in 2017. His real-world experience gives him a unique and authentic understanding of the pressures commercial drivers face.

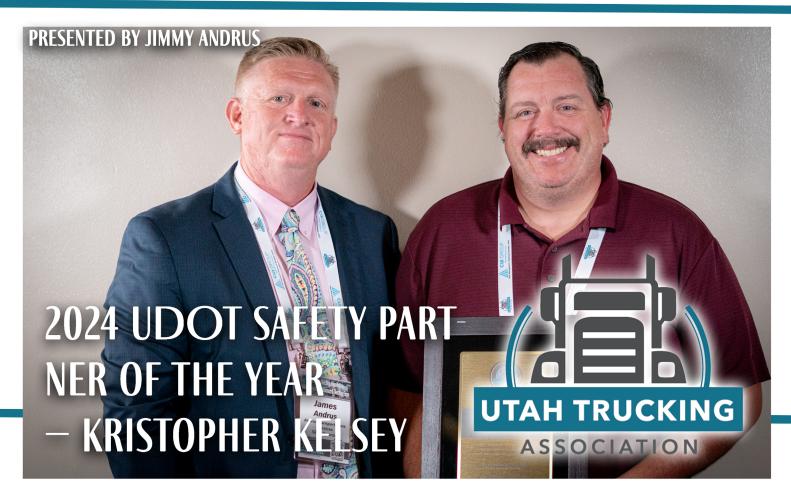
After five years as a field trooper serving Summit and Wasatch Counties, Justin transferred into the Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Section in 2022. There, he quickly distinguished himself as both a highly capable inspector and a trusted industry resource.

Upon completing his CVSA certification, he began performing Level 1 inspections with a balanced approach—one that blends regulatory enforcement with driver education. One standout moment came during a severe winter storm in Parleys Canyon. While conducting inspections

Justin encountered a driver struggling to chain up in the icy conditions. Rather than stand by or issue a citation, he jumped in to help—on his knees in the snow—ensuring the driver could safely complete the climb. That incident exemplifies Justin's character: action-oriented, compassionate, and deeply committed to safety.

Whether assisting with port inspections, offering safety talks to carriers, or answering compliance questions from confused or frustrated drivers, Trooper O'Driscoll's presence is a calming and professional one. His work builds trust, reduces friction, and ultimately makes Utah's roads safer for everyone.

For his courage, professionalism, and unwavering support of Utah's carriers, we are proud to honor Trooper Justin O'Driscoll as the 2024 Trooper of the Year.



For more than two decades, Kristopher Kelsey has exemplified public service through his work with UDOT's Motor Carrier Division. A master trainer and national subject matter expert in hazardous materials, Kristopher has elevated safety training, DataQs processes, and inspection standards across the state.

As Training Coordinator and a certified Master Instructor, he has shaped curriculum, mentored instructors, and led the Top Hands Training & Competition. His influence spans state and national committees, including CVSA's COHMED and HazMat divisions. One notable example of his impact came during a recent Top Hands competition when Kristopher introduced a new real-world simulation module for hazardous materials response. The exercise was so effective that several visiting instructors requested copies to implement within their own state training programs. His approach not only sharpened inspection skills but also built confidence among newer officers.

A colleague shared, "Kristopher doesn't just teach procedures—he builds professionals. He's patient, thorough, and always willing to go the extra mile to help someone grow." Kristopher's dedication, leadership, and family-centered integrity make him a true partner to the trucking industry.

We proudly present the 2024 UDOT Safety Partner of the Year Award to Kristopher Kelsey.



Excellence in safety, customer service, and industry leadership define the recipient of the 2024 Grand Trophy Award: Advantage Transportation.

With FMCSA safety metrics well below national averages and no reportable accidents or fatalities in the past two years, Advantage sets a high bar for operational integrity. Their reputation for flexibility and client-focused logistics has made them a cornerstone carrier in the Wine and Spirits sector for over 40 years.

Advantage Transportation also invests heavily in community and industry. From event support to board participation, their team exemplifies professionalism and service. As their General Manager noted, "Our team takes pride in making every load personal—we know our clients, we know their needs, and we build relationships that last."

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# We are proud to recognize Advantage Transportation with the 2024 Grand Trophy Award.

The award was received by Darek Roberts, owner of Advantage Transportation, who accepted the honor on behalf of the entire team with humility and gratitude. In his brief remarks, Darek credited the company's success to the unwavering dedication of their drivers, office staff, and maintenance crews. He spoke about the culture of accountability and service they have cultivated over the years, and emphasized how proud he is to lead a team that puts integrity and safety at the forefront of every operation. 'This award belongs to everyone at Advantage,' he said. 'It's a reflection of the pride we take in doing the job right—and taking care of each other along the way.'

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### 2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARD: SENATOR WAYNE HARPER



Each year, the Utah Trucking Association President's Award honors an individual whose leadership, vision, and dedication have made a meaningful and lasting impact on Utah's trucking industry and broader community. The 2024 recipient, Senator Wayne Harper, embodies all of these qualities and more.

Driven by a deep commitment to public service and civic improvement, Senator Harper has spent his career empowering others—both individuals and organizations—to thrive. His approach to leadership is collaborative and purposeful, shaped by decades of experience in governance, economic development, and infrastructure planning.

Those who know Senator Harper recognize him not only as a skilled legislator but as a thoughtful listener—someone who actively seeks input and builds lasting relationships. This relational style of leadership has helped bring unity and effectiveness to complex policy challenges, both in his home district and across the state.

One of the hallmarks of Senator Harper's public service has been his unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility. Throughout his tenure in the Utah Legislature, he has consistently championed tax reductions and streamlined policies aimed at easing the burden on working families and small businesses. His efforts have strengthened Utah's economy, encouraged growth, and fostered resilience.

In transportation policy, Senator Harper is regarded as a national leader.

He has played a central role in enhancing transit systems, reducing congestion, and guiding long-term infrastructure investments. From advocating for efficient freight corridors to securing funding for regional improvements, his work has improved mobility for thousands of Utahns and businesses alike.

Perhaps most significantly for our industry, Senator Harper has been a trusted ally to the Utah Trucking Association. He understands the vital role trucking plays in Utah's economy and has consistently supported initiatives to make our transportation networks safer, more reliable, and more interconnected. Whether speaking on regulatory reform, advocating for clean transportation solutions, or working to ensure appropriate truck parking and infrastructure planning, his voice has been informed, supportive, and impactful.

While Senator Harper was unable to attend the awards ceremony in person, he extended his heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the recognition. Utah Trucking Association Executive Director Rick Clasby will present the award to him personally.

Senator Wayne Harper's public service is a masterclass in principled leadership—one that has made our roads safer, our industry stronger, and our communities more connected.

It is with great pride and appreciation that we recognize him as the recipient of the 2024 Utah Trucking Association President's Award.



This year, we honor a man whose life journey echoes the very foundation of our industry. Thurel Mason's path in trucking began with hauling live turkeys in the 1950s and evolved into the family-run enterprise known as Thurel Mason Trucking.

Thurel got his start with a 1950 Chevrolet 3500, running live poultry from Santa Clara to Salina, Utah. After serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, he returned to trucking with renewed purpose. He invested in a cabover Freightliner through a lease-purchase program with Hatchco and began hauling crude oil out of Escalante. Over the decades, Thurel hauled everything from oil and coal to box freight and refrigerated loads, driving for respected companies such as Motor Cargo, MST, DP Curtis, Barney Trucking, and Dunkley Trucking.

In 1983, Thurel and his wife Karen used the proceeds from their general store to reinvest in their own company, bringing in their son Kelly to lay the foundation for what would become Thurel Mason Trucking.

Dispatch ran out of the basement, with Thurel managing maintenance, Karen booking loads, and Kelly driving the rig. The business soon outgrew their home and moved into its own yard with a shop. Years later, the company earned its own operating authority in 1987, officially putting the Mason name on the road.

Today, the business continues through the hands of Thurel's grandsons, Wyatt and Oakley, making it a three-generation operation steeped in values of faith, family, and hard work.

Thurel's contributions also extended deeply into his community. He served on the Aurora City Council for nearly a decade, where he advocated for infrastructure improvements and youth programs. He was a reliable presence in church service and civic activities, often volunteering equipment and time to help neighbors in need. Thursday lunch gatherings with friends and retired colleagues are still a highlight of his week, showing how much his community values his enduring friendship and wisdom.

His grandsons Oakley and Wyatt describe him as a quiet giant—someone who speaks volumes through his actions. "He always showed up," Oakley shared. "It didn't matter if it was a piano recital or a wrestling match. Grandpa was there—early, in the front row, and proud." Wyatt added, "He taught us that showing up and working hard are how you build a name—and a life."

At 91 years old, Thurel Mason continues to inspire his family and his industry. His story is a living testament to what's possible when resilience meets integrity.

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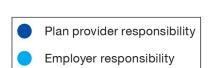
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On May 9, 2025, the Utah Trucking Association hosted the annual Presidents Cup Golf Tournament at The Ledges in St. George, Utah. With 140 golfers and 31 sponsors, the event delivered a full day of friendly competition, networking, and fun under perfect spring skies. Teams competed in a four-person, 18-hole scramble, keeping the leaderboard tight from the first tee to the final putt.

### **Tournament Results**

### **Team Winners**

**1st Place**: Trevor Thompson, Rob Sillito, Andy Alldredge, Shawn Heinz

**2nd Place**: Ryan Tingey, Devery Tingey, Ron Montgomary, Stephen Florez

3rd Place: Dan Hill, Christopher Bal, Zach Robin-

son

### Individual Hole Prizes

Closest to the Pin — Hole #5: Ryan Tingey
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A big shout-out to every sponsor who sat on a hole to engage with golfers—your presence elevated the experience for everyone on the course.

Thank you to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for your support and energy. Mark your calendars: the next Presidents Cup Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026. We look forward to seeing you back at The Ledges for another outstanding day on the links.











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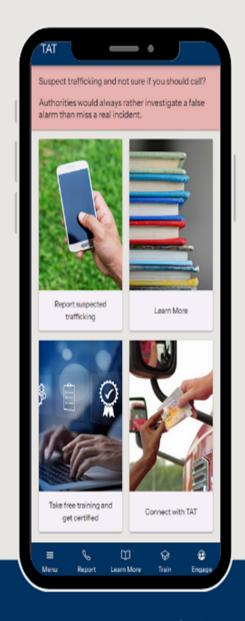


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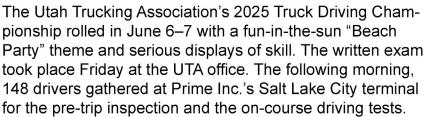




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Congratulations to all competitors—especially our **Team Champion, Walmart Transportation**—and thank you to everyone who came out to cheer them on. We can't wait to see you at next year's championship!





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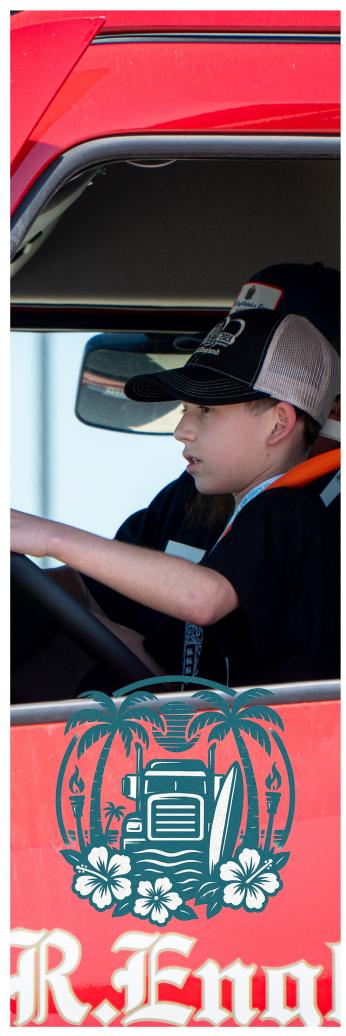


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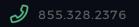
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