



VTA PRESENTS SAFETY AWARDS

The Virginia Trucking Association presented its 2008 Safety Awards on April 17 during the Annual VTA Safety Management Conference in Charlottesville, Va. The safety awards are generously sponsored by **Service Insurance Agency** of Richmond, Va.

Houff Transfer, Inc. of Weyers Cave, Va. was presented the **2008 Grand Trophy for Fleet Safety** in Virginia, which is awarded to the company judged to have had the state's most effective motor carrier safety program during 2007. Houff Transfer won the award in their division with an accident frequency rate of 0.4. In 2007, their Virginia-based drivers worked a total of 315,000 hours with no fatalities and no lost time injuries.

Dwight Lynch of Richmond, Va., and a driver for **FedEx Express** out of their Sandston, Va. terminal, was named the **2008 Virginia Truck Driver of the Year**. In his over 24 years as a professional truck driver with FedEx Express, Lynch has amassed a remarkable record of driving over 1.1 million miles and has never received a traffic citation. He has received recognition for going above and beyond in helping others and is a driver development coach for his company.

Debra Eisner of Windsor, Va. and Fleet Safety Coordinator for **Smithfield Transportation Company** out of Smithfield, Va. was named the **2008 Virginia Truck Safety Professional of the Year**. In her current position, Eisner is responsible for the safety, compliance and training of 160 drivers in Virginia and North Carolina. The company's fleet is continuously reducing crash rates, costs and severity of crashes. Eisner is active in state and national trucking associations, truck driving championships, Make-A-Wish Foundation Roadeo, No-Zone presentations and the Safety Management Council for which currently serves as Secretary and has been the conference committee chairperson for the past 2 years.

Fleet Safety Awards for having the lowest 2007 Virginia accident frequency rate in their class of competition were presented to:

Apollo Van Lines – Ashland, VA
FedEx Ground - Charlotte, NC
Gwaltney Transportation Company, Inc. - Smithfield, VA
R.O. Harrell, Inc. – South Boston, VA
Houff Transfer, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA
Howell's Motor Freight – Roanoke, VA
Regional Enterprises, Inc. – Hopewell, VA
Roadway Express - Akron, OH
Robinson Terminal Warehouse - Alexandria, VA
Security Storage Company of Washington - Dulles, VA
Wilson Trucking Corporation – Fishersville, VA

Improvement Awards for the fleets which had the greatest percentage of improvement in their accident frequency over the previous contest year were won by:

Gwaltney Transportation Co., Inc., Smithfield, VA
Roadway Express, Akron, OH
Wilson Trucking Corporation, Fishersville, VA.

Fleet Safety Certificates were awarded to the following companies who had an improved safety record over the previous year:

Con-way Freight Southern – Ft. Worth, TX
Cox Transportation Services - Ashland, VA
CVS Transportation LLC. – Fredericksburg, VA
Dick Harris & Son Trucking Co, Inc. - Madison Heights, VA
Eagle Transport Corporation, Inc. – Rocky Mount, NC
FedEx Freight – Harrison, AR
Gwaltney Transportation Company, Inc. – Smithfield, VA
Houff Transfer, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA
Howell’s Motor Freight – Roanoke, VA
R.O. Harrell, Inc. - South Boston, VA
Roadway Express - Akron, OH
Smithfield Transportation Company, Inc. – Smithfield, VA
Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc. - Lexington, SC
Whitehurst Transport, Inc. - Richmond, VA
Wilson Trucking Corporation – Fishersville, VA