



## ***VTA PRESENTS SAFETY AWARDS***

The Virginia Trucking Association presented its 2009 Safety Awards on April 23 during its Annual VTA Safety Management Conference, held at the Marriott City Center in Newport News, VA. The safety awards are generously sponsored by Service Insurance Agency of Richmond, VA.

***Interstate Van Lines of Springfield, VA*** was presented the ***2009 Grand Trophy for Fleet Safety in Virginia***. This award is presented to the company that was judged to have had the state's most effective motor carrier safety program during 2008. Interstate Van Lines won the award in their division with an accident frequency rate of .16. In 2008, their Virginia-based drivers worked a total of 440,030 hours with no fatalities.

**Colin Richardson of Raphine, VA, and a driver for Howell's Motor Freight, Inc. of Roanoke, VA,** was named the ***2009 Virginia Truck Driver of the Year***. At the age of 23, Richardson began his driving career operating a tractor-trailer in Los Angeles, CA. It was there that he honed his driving skills in one of the most congested and unforgiving traffic environments in the country. He has continued his career as a professional truck driver for the past 26 years, working the past 14 years for Howell's Motor Freight. During that time, Richardson has driven over 2.2 million miles. As a Howell's Motor Freight employee, he has driven over 1.5 million miles without a chargeable accident. During his career, he has received recognition from his employer and the customers he serves for his dedication to professionalism and his commitment to safety.

**Robert "Willie" Taylor of Springfield, VA and General Manager for Robinson Terminal Warehouse Corporation out of Alexandria, VA** was named the ***2009 Virginia Truck Safety Professional of the Year***. He has worked for his current employer for the past 33 years, starting out as a mechanic, later working as a forklift operator and then becoming a driver. He later became the driver trainer for his company. Taylor has demonstrated a dedication to safety and a sincere passion for the well being of professional drivers throughout his career. He is an active member of the VTA Safety Management Council and has served as Council Chairman and led a number of committee. When he was a full-time driver, Taylor competed in the Virginia and National Truck Driving Championships. Once his driving career ended, he became an active volunteer official for these safe driving competitions.

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**Fleet Safety Awards** were presented to the following companies that had the lowest 2008 Virginia accident frequency rate in their class of competition:

Associated Asphalt Transport, LLC – Roanoke, VA  
Con-way Freight – Ann Arbor, MI  
FedEx Ground - Charlotte, NC  
R.O. Harrell, Inc. – South Boston, VA  
Houff Transfer, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA  
Howell's Motor Freight – Roanoke, VA  
Interstate Van Lines – Springfield, VA  
Lydall Transport, LTD – Glen Allen, VA  
Robinson Terminal Warehouse - Alexandria, VA  
SmithfieldTransportation Company, Inc. - Smithfield, 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:

Lydall Transport, LTD, Glen Allen, VA  
Dick Harris & Son Trucking Co, Inc., Madison Heights, VA; and  
Smithfield Transportation Co., Inc., Smithfield, VA.

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

ABF Freight System, Inc. – Ft. Smith, AR  
Associated Asphalt Transport, LLC – Roanoke, VA  
Con-way Freight, Inc. – Ann Arbor, MI  
CVS Transportation LLC. – Fredericksburg, VA  
Dick Harris & Son Trucking Co, Inc. - Madison Heights, VA  
FedEx Ground – Coraopolis, PA  
R.O. Harrell, Inc. - South Boston, VA  
Hilldrup Moving & Storage – Stafford, VA  
Houff Transfer, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA  
Howell's Motor Freight – Roanoke, VA  
Interstate Van Lines – Springfield, VA  
Intertrans Carrier Company – Gordonsville, VA  
Lawson Logistics, Inc. – Roanoke, VA  
Lydall Transport, Ltd. – Glen Allen, VA  
Paxton Van Lines, Inc. – Springfield, VA  
Robinson Terminal Warehouse Corp. – Springfield, VA  
Wilson Trucking Corporation – Fishersville, VA