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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **VIRGINIA TRUCK FLEET SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTED**

The Virginia Trucking Association presented its 2010 Safety Awards on April 22 during its Annual VTA Safety Management Conference, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Blacksburg, VA. The safety awards are generously sponsored by Service Insurance Agency of Richmond, VA.

Regional Enterprises, Inc. of Hopewell, VA was presented the 2010 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 2009. Regional Enterprises, Inc won the award in their division with an accident frequency rate of 0%. In 2009, their Virginia-based drivers worked a total of 78,000 hours with no fatalities.

John Joe, Jr. of Suffolk, VA, and a driver for Smithfield Transportation Co., Inc. of Smithfield, VA, was named the 2010 Virginia Truck Driver of the Year. Mr. Joe has been a professional truck driver with Smithfield Transportation Company, Inc. for over 26 years, during which he has driven accident-free. John has been recognized by Smithfield Transportation as the company's driver of the quarter on several occasions. He has competed in the Virginia Truck Driving Championships and the Make-A-Wish Charity Driving Competition. He is active in programs that enhance public awareness of the trucking industry and safe driving. Mr. Joe is heavily involved in charitable activities. He spends some of his free time each year touring with Paula Dean to deliver food to food banks in cities across the United States.

Alan Caviness of Fishersville, VA and Safety Director for Houff Transfer, Inc., Weyers Cave, VA, was named the 2010 Virginia Truck Safety Professional of the Year. He has been involved in the motor carrier industry for 19 years and worked for Houff Transfer for the past 7 years. During this time, he has helped his company achieve significant improvements in its safety record. Under his leadership, they have reduced their workers' compensation claims by 83% over the past 5 years and their accident claims have dropped in six of the past seven years. Alan was also instrumental in spearheading a "Move Over" law public education campaign in partnership with the Virginia State Police and several other trucking fleets. He has been active

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in the Virginia Trucking Association Safety Management Council for 13 years serving as chairman of numerous committees and also as chairman of the council.

Fleet Safety Awards were presented to the following companies that had the lowest 2009 Virginia accident frequency rate in their class of competition:

**Associated Asphalt Transport, LLC – Roanoke, VA  
FedEx Ground – Corapolis, PA  
Fleetmaster Express, Inc. – Roanoke, VA  
R.O. Harrell, Inc. – South Boston, VA  
Howell's Motor Freight – Roanoke, VA  
Intertrans Carrier Company – Gordonsville, VA  
Regional Enterprises, Inc. – Hopewell, VA  
Security Storage Company – Dulles, VA  
Smithfield Transportation Company, Inc. – Smithfield, VA  
Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc. – Lexington, SC  
Whitehurst Transport, Inc. – Richmond, 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 Eagle Transport Corp., Rocky Mount, NC; FedEx Ground, Corapolis, PA; and Security Storage Company, Dulles, VA.

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

**Eagle Transport Corp. – Rocky Mount, NC  
FedEx Ground – Corapolis, PA  
Fleetmaster Express Inc. – Roanoke, VA  
Hilldrup Moving & Storage – Stafford, VA  
I.D.M. Trucking, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA  
Intertrans Carrier Company – Gordonsville, VA  
Regional Enterprises, Inc. – Hopewell, VA  
Security Storage Company – Dulles, VA  
Smithfield Transportation Co, Inc. – Smithfield, VA  
Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc. – Lexington, SC  
Whitehurst Transport, Inc. – Richmond, VA  
Wilson Trucking Corp. – Fishersville, VA**

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