

Nationwide Express honored at safety awards

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Nationwide Express of Shelbyville was one of 18 trucking companies honored by the Truckload Carriers Association during its National Fleet Safety Awards.

This is the 34th year for the trade group to present the awards.

Erb International Inc., of New Hamburg, Ontario, won the award for truckload companies in the small carrier division (total annual mileage of less than 25 million miles), and Roehl Transport, Inc., of Marshfield, Wisconsin, won in the category for truckload companies in the large carrier division (total annual mileage of 25 million or more miles).

Nationwide Express won second place in Division III, for companies with 15 to 24.99 million annual miles.

The judging process for the awards began with the determination of the top companies in each of six mileage-based divisions. The division winners (listed below) were selected based on accident frequency only. The top three winners in each division were then able to compete for the two grand prizes. The grand prize-winning companies were judged on their excellent overall safety programs, both on- and off-highway. During the judging, some of the factors considered included safety program organization, employee driver/

independent contractor selection procedures, training, supervision, accident investigation, inspection and maintenance of equipment, and outside activities. In an effort to ensure the highest level of integrity in the contest, all grand prize finalists were audited by independent auditors not affiliated with TCA or any of the carriers.

The following companies are the top divisional winners based on low accident frequency per million miles:

Division I

Less than 5 Million Miles

1st Place - Specialty

Transport, Inc.,

Knoxville, Tennessee

2nd Place - PAF

Transportation Inc.,

Scarborough, Maine

3rd Place - Frerichs Freight

Lines, Inc., Belleville,

Illinois

Division II

5-14.99 Million Miles

1st Place - Davis Transport,

Inc., Missoula, Montana

2nd Place - Refrigerated

Food Express Inc. / RFX

Specialized Division,

Avon, Massachusetts

3rd Place - AAT Carriers,

Inc., Chattanooga,

Tennessee

Division III

15-24.99 Million Miles

1st Place - Erb

International Inc., New

Hamburg, Ontario

2nd Place - Nationwide

Express, Inc.,

Shelbyville, Tennessee

3rd Place - Ace Doran

Hauling & Rigging,

Cincinnati, Ohio

Division IV

25-49.99 Million Miles

1st Place - MacKinnon

Transport Inc., Guelph,

Ontario

2nd Place - Kennesaw

Transportation, White,

Georgia

3rd Place - Freymiller,

Inc., Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma

Division V

50-99.99 Million Miles

1st Place - Carter Express,

Inc., Anderson, Indiana

2nd Place - Earl L.

Henderson Trucking Co.

Inc., Salem, Illinois

3rd Place - NFI, Cherry

Hill, New Jersey

Division VI

100 Million or More

Miles

1st Place - Bison Transport

Inc., Winnipeg,

Manitoba

2nd Place - Gordon

Trucking, Inc., Pacific,

Washington

3rd Place - Roehl

Transport, Inc.,

Marshfield, Wisconsin

TCA represents dry van, refrigerated, flatbed, and intermodal container carriers operating in the 48 contiguous states, as well as Alaska, Mexico, and Canada. It represents operators of more than 200,000 trucks, which collectively produce annual revenue of more than \$20 billion.