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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

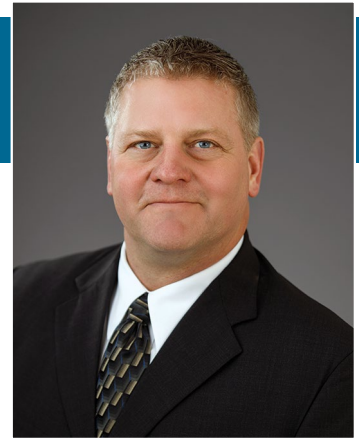
As we roll through summer, anxious to spend all the time outdoors we can and enjoy the sunshine, we will travel along with 3.5 million professional truck drivers across this great nation. These unsung heroes bring most everything we enjoy, wear, or consume... all brought to us by truck. Our industry is the backbone of our nation. I am so proud to be part of this great American industry!

There are many challenges we all face each day, our NDMCA partners in trucking are a very adaptable group. We do our best to stay safe, provide for our families and our great state. We have navigated the onset of ELD's and the COVID pandemic without wavering. Our hard-working group pressed on and continued to serve our state and nation.

Our next set of challenges are already on the horizon. Electric-trucks and new emissions standards. Many consider our industry to be opposed to this, it is my belief nothing is further from reality. Take in consideration that today's clean diesel trucks produce 99% lower emissions as our 1980's predecessors. Fifty percent of ND commercial trucks are powered by the latest generation near-zero emission engines. This isn't to say that there are not rivals to electric products for us. Our environment, the lack of charging infrastructure and availability of power at the heart are some just to name a few. To make these elevated goals/standards before us, there needs to be better planning, or we will all suffer the consequences of undue costs and burdens on our industry. NDMCA will continue to advocate for a clear, consistent approach to emissions regulations that will keep pace with technology.

As we get ready to move into the fall season, summer is all too short as usual. We have a lot to look forward to as the season changes. NDMCA is set to have its 78th annual convention on September 5th and 6th at the Radisson Hotel, Bismarck. The event will kick off with our Foundation's Scholarship

Golf tournament at the beautiful Hawktree Golf Course in Bismarck. On the 6th we will be joined by ATA Vice Chairman Dennis Dellinger and Pat Bertagnolli from Job Service ND. We will have other breakout sessions, networking opportunities and of course our annual awards banquet where we celebrate safety! All the details can be found on pages 4-5 of this issue. I hope to see many of you there.



ERIC GROVE

The fall will bring to a close my term as President. I want to thank you all for the privilege to serve NDMCA, I truly appreciate it. From the time Pat Severson passed the torch to me, it has been a great honor. I have enjoyed everyone I have had the opportunity to work with. I have gotten to experience the legislative session in a new light and have learned so much. I would like to especially thank Kacey Heidrich, as usual she has been the nerve center for our organization. At the convention I am excited to be turning over the gavel to Jeremy Oistad from Butler Machinery. I am confident Jeremy will do an excellent job and serve our association well. All the best Jeremy!

To our industry, stay safe, stay involved and of course... keep on Trucking!

God Bless

Eric Grove

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# 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION & SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

### NDMCA Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament

Hawktree Golf Course, Bismarck

Presenting sponsor *RDO Truck Centers*, Supporting Sponsor *Allstate Peterbilt Group*

10:00 a.m. Golf Arrival and Registration  
11:00 a.m. Foundation Golf Tournament

### NDMCA Annual Convention

3:30-5 p.m. Vendor Set Up, Radisson Hotel, Bismarck  
5:00 p.m. Convention Registration, Sponsored by *Penske Truck Leasing*  
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Vendor networking  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Social sponsored by *Fargo Freightliner Forks Freightliner, IState Truck Center, Westlie Truck Center*  
Fun Night Dinner Buffet  
Trivia with Budd sponsored by *Interstate Powersystems, Bauer Built Tire and Service, Allstate Peterbilt Group, Acuity Insurance*  
8:30 p.m. Fun Night Dessert sponsored by **STILL AVAILABLE**  
8 30p.m. Foundation Golf Tournament Awards; Doorprizes

## SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET

The North Dakota Motor Carriers Association Annual Safety Awards Banquet gives special recognition to Industry Professionals and Fleets who go above and beyond in helping keep our roads and highways safe. Awards for Fleet Safety, Service Technician of the Year, Safety Professional of the Year, Trooper of the Year and Driver of the Year will be given in 2023 in recognition for achievements in the previous year.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration Deadline – August 25th, 2023

- ▶ Early Bird registration before **August 1st**. (Excludes Golf) – \$200.00
- ▶ Member Registration after **August 1st** (Excludes Golf) – \$250.00
- ▶ Wednesday Only – \$175.00
- ▶ Banquet Ticket – \$125.00
- ▶ Fun Night Ticket – \$125.00
- ▶ Golf – Individual – \$135.00 (register before **August 21st**)
- ▶ Golf – Team – \$540.00
- ▶ Fun Night Dinner Sponsor – \$350.00
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Register Online at [www.ndmca.org](http://www.ndmca.org) | Registrations are transferable.

## LODGING INFORMATION

The North Dakota Motor Carriers Association has secured a room block at the Radisson Hotel for **\$109** per night until **August 4th**. Reservations can be made by calling **701-277-9000**.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

7:00 a.m. Leadership breakfast sponsored by *Johnsen Trailer Sales, TMI Transport*

8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:10 a.m. Keynote Speaker **Pat Bertagnolli**, Job Service ND

9:30 a.m. Industry Segment Meetings

Allied – **Kelly Krapu**, Chair  
LTL – **Eric Bischke**, Chair  
Private – **Reggie Hooten**, Chair  
Specialized – **Jeff Jacobson**, Chair  
Truckload – **Tracy Buzick**, Chair

10:15-10:45 a.m. Vendor Networking Break sponsored by *Pro Transport and Leasing, EW Wylie, Magnum Companies; Midwest Motor Express, Wallwork Financial*

10:45 a.m. Session A: Understanding and Applying OSHA regulation in the Transportation Industry, Travis Clark, OSHA  
Session B: Safety Culture and its Impacts on Driver Retention, Christian Henderson, CEO, Safety Forward

12:00 p.m. Member Lunch with Keynote Speaker **Dennis Dellinger**, Cargo Transporters, ATA Vice Chairman sponsored by *Wallwork Truck Centers*

2:00 p.m. Session A: Regulatory Update, FMCSA  
Session B: The future of trucking and the race to zero emissions, Shaun Carlson, Cummins Sales and Service

3:00 p.m. Vendor Networking Break sponsored by *Pro Transport and Leasing, EW Wylie, Magnum Companies; Midwest Motor Express, Wallwork Financial*

3:30 p.m. Annual Board Meeting and Foundation Meeting

5:00 p.m. Last chance vendor networking

6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet Social sponsored by *Nelson International*

7:00 p.m. Annual Safety Awards Banquet sponsored by *Great West Casualty Company, Dixon Insurance and Interstate Truck Licensing, Butler Machinery, Vaaler Insurance, Allstate Peterbilt Group, Cummins Sales and Service, Bison Transport USA, Strata Corporation*





# CONVENTION SPEAKERS



## **DENNIS DELLINGER**

Dennis joined Cargo Transporters in April of 1986 as a Driver Supervisor. Through the years, personal and company growth allowed Dennis the opportunity to serve in the capacity of General Manager, VP of Operations, and Vice President of Cargo Transporters. In February 2004, Dennis was named President of Cargo

Transporters. In 2019 he was named President and CEO where he continues to serve in that capacity.

Dennis is currently serving as Vice Chairman of the American Trucking Associations, the largest national trade association for the trucking industry. Through a federation of 50 affiliated state trucking associations and industry-related conferences and councils, ATA is the voice of the industry America depends on most to move our nation's freight.

Under Dennis' leadership, Cargo Transporters has grown. It has added two terminals (Rocky Mount, NC, and Charlotte, NC) and a \$6 million facility expansion for parking that enabled consolidation of locations and improved operations. Additionally, the Cargo team has won numerous safety and environmental awards, including ATA's President's Fleet Safety Award, TCA's Fleet Safety Award, EPA Smartway Excellence Award, Inbound Logistics' 75 Green Supply Chain Partners award, and HDT's Top 50 Green Fleets award. Cargo Transporters has also had one America's Road Team Captain.

In addition to his responsibilities at Cargo Transporters, Dennis serves as the Immediate Past Chair for Truckload Carriers Association (TCA). Through Dennis' leadership and steadfastness, TCA's programs continued to grow through the challenges of 2020 – 2021 from record attendance at the Fourth Annual Bridging the Border Barriers meeting held virtually, maintaining TCA's prominence in the Capitol Christmas Tree tradition to vital education webinars led by TCA staff with larger than normal attendance. He also serves on the Board of Directors and Vice-Chair of the Safety Policy Committee at American Trucking Associations (ATA). He represents the North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA) where he serves on the Board of Directors and is a Past Chairman. He also holds an advisory position with The Trucking Alliance.

Dennis' interests include reading, spectator sports to include supporting the Carolina Panthers and spending time with his family. Dennis and his wife, Sherel, live in Hickory, NC. He is the father of daughter, Dana (Graham) McRary and Papa D to Lachlan and Emma.



## **PAT BERTAGNOLLI**

Pat Bertagnolli is the Executive Director for Job Service North Dakota. He has extensive experience in leadership positions, most notably as a multistate operations manager and workforce planning and employee relations manager. Prior to joining Job Service, he was the Community Enhancement Director at the Rough Rider

Center in Watford City, ND and was instrumental in engaging the community by establishing partnerships with industries, promoting student ambassador programs, and leading the organization in its strategy to promote the benefits of working and living in North Dakota. Pat has been a substantial contributor to the North Dakota Workforce Development Council for over 10 years. Pat also currently serves on the State Board for Career and Technical Education, Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Administrative Committee for Veterans Affairs, State Information Technology and Advisory Board, Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems committee, and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

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## THE NEW CFO: TAKING YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

By: Jenni Huotari, CPA



The role of the CFO is evolving. Gone are the days where a CFO's primary responsibility was simply running an accounting team. Technology advancements, such as data analytics, automation and AI, are changing business operations and driving the need for a different type of CFO. The new CFO is tasked with strategic planning, technology adoption and alignment and collaboration with business units.

In today's complicated finance landscape, CFOs must adapt their approach to go beyond a basic toolkit of tactical accounting. The most successful CFOs are increasingly strategic. They combine traditional skillsets with modern capabilities and prioritize upskilling and adopting digital tools and strategies that will increase efficiencies. By taking a strategic, forward-thinking approach, modern CFOs can help elevate finance teams and take an organization to the next level.

### Signs Your Organization Needs a Strategic CFO

According to McKinsey, leading finance departments should focus on achieving even higher levels of effectiveness over the next decade. In this rapidly changing environment, organizations need to make strategic CFOs an integral part of their business strategy – and CFOs are central to this shift.

### Here are common signs your organization needs a strategic CFO:

- **Disparate Systems** - It's not uncommon for finance departments to use disparate systems that don't meet their needs and create information silos. In fact, 54% of financial leaders say data silos are one of their biggest barriers to innovation. In addition to an array of challenges with technology, this ultimately takes precious employee time away from value-added tasks.

- **Inefficient Processes** - Inefficiencies can prevent employees from achieving higher levels of effectiveness and cause burnout among staff. Unfortunately, many accounting teams still rely on error-prone and time-consuming manual processes. This is often due to limited experience or a lack of technology which can significantly increase efficiencies.
- **Staff Shortages** - Many organizations face a continuing shortage of finance talent. More than half of CFOs surveyed last summer said finding and retaining top talent was their biggest challenge. With fewer younger people entering the accounting field, staffing shortages can cause significant disruption within the finance department and across the organization.

### How a Modern CFO Can Drive Significant Growth

A modern, adaptive CFO can take your organization to the next level by aligning strategic goals across the organization, diving into technology solutions to create greater efficiencies, using data to make informed business decisions, and contributing to future planning.

Here are some of the ways a strategic CFO can help drive growth in your organization:

- **Improve Cross-Functional Communication** - The strategic CFO is now working across the organization. A forward-thinking CFO can help create alignment between senior leaders, business units, and the finance department. This will provide a more holistic understanding of the organization's performance and potential.
- **Develop, Monitor, and Evaluate Strategic Plans** - Today's CFOs have faced a pandemic, economic uncertainty and more. An adaptive CFO will provide direction and leadership for developing and monitoring strategic plans, while also planning and preparing for the future – whatever it might entail.
- **Implement Digital Solutions** - There has been a significant increase in finance teams leveraging digital solutions. Modern CFOs have turned to digital solutions to help create greater efficiencies, engage staff and improve alignment of strategic goals across the organization.

### Today's CFOs Deliver Far More Than Financial Skills

The reality is that the role of a CFO simply isn't what it used to be. And organizations are looking for more well-rounded leaders to take the business to the next level.

A modern, adaptive CFO can help you navigate the complexities of growth initiatives, minimizing costs, reducing risk, and leveraging technology. They'll also play a critical role in preparing for future

challenges and opportunities, while ensuring the organization is positioned for long-term success.

As the roles of finance teams continue to evolve, look to outsourcing to elevate your organization's expertise and scale your teams. Outsourcing with an experienced firm can give you access to experienced professionals with specialized knowledge in finance, technology, and other business issues.

**How Eide Bailly Can Help**

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# NDMCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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My name is Alece Blazek. I graduated from Legacy High School in Bismarck, spring of 2022. This coming fall, I will start my second year at Bismarck State College pursuing my degree in nursing.

Growing-up, I have always had a love for taking care of people and helping whenever I could. Nursing is something that I have been around for a long time, and I have also been working in one of the local hospitals as a CNA, which has given me first hand experience. My end goal for my career is to be a Nurse Practitioner working in a trauma setting.

My aunt works at Jobbers Moving and Storage in Bismarck, ND as an accountant.



My name is Alexis Blazek, I am a second-year dental hygiene student at MSCTC-Moorhead.

I was born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota and was fortunate enough to discover my passion and career goals at a young age through a local pediatric dentist. One of the main reasons I fell in love with dentistry is because of the impact I have on my patients. I have learned that so many patients have had past, bad experiences and don't like going to the dentist. Also, there are many people that are not confident with their smile for various reasons, and it hinders their life in an unfortunate way. The experience of providing confidence and hope and a new smile to someone is life changing; there is so much joy and reward.

Outside of school, homework and working part time, I am involved in an amazing program in Fargo called BIO Girls, which stand for Beautiful Inside and Out. It is a mentorship program for girls in 2nd-6th grade that focuses on mental wellness, healthy relationships, leadership, and kindness. There's a special place in my heart for programs like these and volunteering and being able to give back to others around you.

Thanks to the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association for providing me with this scholarship for the upcoming school year.



My name is Andrew Adams, I'm a father of four amazing kids.

I also own and operate a DJ business. I currently drive for Coca-Cola. I'm currently working to get my passenger endorsement so I can add a party bus service to my DJ business.



My name is Paige Jacobson. I am from Killdeer, North Dakota. I live on a cattle ranch with my parents and sister.

In August I will be heading to college in St. George Utah, attending Utah Tech University to pursue a degree in Dental Hygiene. In high school I was number 1 on the Killdeer Golf team for a couple of years. I graduated on the honor role at Killdeer High School. My tie into the trucking industry is my dad. He's been in the trucking industry for over 25 years.



My name is Samantha Whalen and I will be starting my 4th year at the University of North Dakota in the fall of 2023.

I am double majoring in Biology and Secondary Education and have two years left in my program. After graduation I plan on moving to the Bismarck area to pursue a career in teaching high school science.

In my free time I enjoy reading, spending time outside, and spending time with family. My dad, brothers, aunt, and uncle all work for a company associated with the NDMCA. I'm honored and thankful to have been chosen as a recipient for the NDMCA Scholarship.



## INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT (IFTA) & INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN (IRP) SUMMARY REQUIREMENTS

Motor Carriers are required to maintain summaries for both IFTA and IRP.

- IRP requires summaries of the fleet operations for each month, quarter, and year to include:
- Full distance traveled for each apportioned vehicle in the fleet.
- Distance traveled by each apportioned vehicle in each jurisdiction.
- IFTA requires a monthly summary of the fleet operations reported on the corresponding quarterly tax return to include:
- Distance traveled by and the fuel placed into each vehicle in the fleet both in total and by jurisdiction.

If summaries are not maintained by the carrier, the records may be determined inadequate for audit and therefore not in compliance with IFTA and IRP.

If IFTA records provided are insufficient to allow auditors to verify the distances traveled and fuel reported on quarterly tax returns:

- An additional assessment will be imposed by either:
- Adjusting the reported fleet MPG to 4.00
- Reducing the reported MPG by 20%
- Disallowing claims for tax paid fuel may also occur.

If IRP records provided are insufficient to allow auditors to verify the distances reported on the application:

- An additional assessment of 20% of the apportionable fees paid for each jurisdiction during the years under audit will be imposed.

**Note:**

**Summaries by themselves are not adequate documentation for audit.** The carrier must maintain all supporting documentation (fuel receipts and trip detail) in compliance with IFTA and IRP requirements to support summaries.

The Motor Vehicle Division, Motor Carrier Section and the Audit Services Division are available to help answer questions. Please reach out if you have recordkeeping or records retention questions or if you would like a sample of a mileage or fuel summary.

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## MICHIGAN LAWMAKER PROPOSES BILL TO LIMIT EPA EMISSION RULES

By: Riley Beggin

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) has introduced a bill that would bar the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing strong new emission standards that would push the auto industry toward electric vehicles. The legislation, dubbed the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act, would also amend the Clean Air Act to say that regulations cannot mandate the use of specific technology or “result in limited availability” of new vehicles with any particular engine type.

“The Biden administration cannot continue to create regulations that limit consumer choice, hamper mobility, make vehicles more expensive for families, and cede America’s auto leadership and jobs to China,” Walberg said in a statement July 6. “This legislation would put a stop to this executive overreach, allowing consumers to have the freedom to decide what car works best for them and their families and preventing auto manufacturers from being forced to meet unrealistic mandates driven by the President’s Green New Deal agenda.”

EPA’s proposed rule, unveiled in April, would require a 56% reduction in emissions in light-duty vehicles for model years 2027 to 2032. They’re the most aggressive light-duty emissions regulations in U.S. history, and EPA Administrator Michael Regan called them both “ambitious” and necessary to confront climate change.

The rule does not mandate automakers use battery-powered vehicles to achieve emissions reductions. However, EPA estimates they would push automakers to sell more than two-thirds electric vehicles by 2032. EPA argued the goals are achievable in part because automakers are already investing heavily in producing EVs.

The proposal set off a firestorm of opposition from Republicans in Congress, who argued it is a de facto mandate for electric vehicles. They have argued that a push to electric vehicles would reduce choice and increase costs for consumers because EVs are still typically more expensive than gas-powered cars.

Leading auto advocacy groups have also been critical. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation told EPA the rules are “neither reasonable nor achievable” and argued they could open the door to Chinese manufacturers in the market. Democrats, environmental groups and consumer advocacy groups have supported the EPA’s proposal, saying it is a necessary step to reduce emissions from transportation, which is still the largest producer of greenhouse gases in the country.

Consumer Reports argued the industry could reach compliance with the rules with 25% of Americans owning EVs, which is in line with potential demand. The bill has little chance of becoming law, as it would need President Joe Biden’s signature for approval. It has 19 co-sponsors in the House.

The public comment period for EPA’s rule closed July 5. The agency will now review public comments and may choose to alter the proposal before finalizing it.



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# NORTH DAKOTA TRUCK DRIVING ★ CHAMPIONSHIP ★

North Dakota's top truck drivers met at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in Fargo on June 10 for the North Dakota Truck Driving Championship (TDC) hosted by the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA).

The Chairman of the NDMCA Championship event and board member, Clint Larby, said "It was a bit windy, but the weather was great and it made for a near-perfect competition." Participation and attendance were up from last year. The Red River Valley Fairgrounds provided a great venue and included plenty of space for the driving course and the 2nd Annual Safety Expo / Touch-A-Truck. The Expo was a hit and included various pieces of equipment from around the Valley. One of the best parts about the Expo is that it provides an opportunity to draw out additional stakeholders from the broader community and highlight trucking in a positive manner and have some fun along the way.

Asked about the overall feeling of the event, Larby said, "It is always great, and this year proved no different, to see companies championing their drivers and supporting them in this competition. These drivers are the best of the best from companies around the state."

For the second year this event included the Safety Expo, which was added as a way to allow the public an opportunity to get up close with commercial vehicles and also watch them on the TDC course in action. The Safety Expo included a number of different demonstrations, including multiple large trucks, cranes, rollover simulator, Airboats and a simulated impaired driving experience. In addition to including families more, the Safety Expo also highlights how important safety is to NDMCA and the truck driving industry as a whole.

This year's event was slightly larger than 2022 with 44 competitors. Eight of these were competing for the first time. National TDC competitors are made up of the winners in nine classes of competition from drivers who either are from North Dakota or work for a company in ND. During the TDC competition, drivers undergo a written examination, a pre-trip inspection test, and finally, the most visible – a driving skills test. A perfect score in all three categories earns the competitor 500 points. Only drivers who operate accident-free for the 12 months prior to August 16, 2023 are allowed to compete.

"This year, the driving course was one of the most challenging I have seen in my time with the NDMCA. This was a great course that showed the skills of the each competitor," said Kacey Heidrich, NDMCA Administrator.

Scott Meyers of FedEx Freight was crowned the TDC Grand Champion, and Brady Bebeau of FedEx Express was the 2023 Rookie of the Year.

Meyers, took home the Grand Champion title by scoring the highest across the three categories. He scored 396 out of 500 possible points for the competition.

Meyers has been with FedEx Freight for 26 years, and has a total of 39 years in the trucking industry. He has been competing in the TDC for 18 years after a friend (and coworker) invited him to watch the TDC. "After seeing it, I was hooked," says Meyers.

Preparation for the competition included reading the Facts for Drivers book and setting up practice courses on his own time at the yard. He also says that "Doing a proper pre-trip inspection before starting each day is also great preparation." When asked what advice he would offer to other drivers who are thinking of competing, Meyers said, "I would tell anyone interested in competing to come and watch. I believe learning from my fellow competitors has helped me to become a better driver and gain a stronger understanding of the industry."

Meyer says the best parts of his job are the places he has been and the people he's met. This job has taken him to almost every part of the state either by delivering or picking up packages. Giving him great appreciation for all that North Dakota has to offer. "There's so much to see and do. I've learned so much about North Dakota's history," said Meyers.

Meyers has been happily married to his wife, Lois (Satrom) Meyers, for 40 years. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys playing hockey, softball, and golf. He also enjoys watching his grandkids play their respective sports.

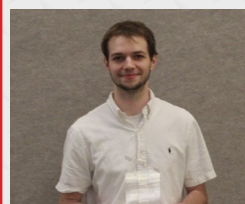
Brady Bebeau was crowned the Rookie of the Year and has been with FedEx Express for almos 2 years and has 20,000 lifetime safe driving miles. He has been with FedEx Express for a year and a half, and the OPS Lead for 6 months. He says the best part of the job is meeting new people, while being able to develop and learn new skills on a day-to-day basis.

When asked why he decided to compete in the TDC, Bebeau said "After I heard about the event, my manager recommended that I give it a try." Then he and a co-worker set up a driving course outside of their station so that they could practice.

Bebeau loved the experience of the entire event, especially meeting drivers from across the state. His advice to anyone interested would be to study the Facts for Drivers book before competing in the event

The Truck Driving Championships are held each year and provide a great incentive for professional truck drivers to operate safely because they must be accident-free for at least one year prior to the national competition. This years class of competitors have an estimated 73 million+ accident free miles combined. The champions for each class will now move on to the National Truck Driving Championship in Columbus, Ohio, from August 16-19, where they will represent North Dakota. Three of the nine competitors are going to nationals for the first time ever. The last time a North Dakota driver won a national championship came in 2004 when Randy Anton was crowned.

## ROOKIE OF



Brady Bebeau  
FedEx Express  
Step Van

## THE YEAR

## GRAND



Scott Meyers  
FedEx Freight  
Flatbed

## CHAMPION

### 3 AXLE



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|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Christopher Scholand | FedEx Freight |
| 2 | Steve Krogen         | XPO Logistics |
| 3 | Tom Tweten           | ABF Freight   |

### STRAIGHT TRUCK



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|---|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Steve Johnson   | XPO Logistics |
| 2 | Tyler Tollefson | FedEx Freight |
| 3 | Sharon Olds     | FedEx Express |

### 4 AXLE



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|---|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | David Comings  | FedEx Freight |
| 2 | Brendan Klocke | Old Dominion  |
| 3 | Thomas Opgrand | XPO Logistics |

### TANK TRUCK



- |   |                  |               |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Michael Barry    | Magnum LTD    |
| 2 | Ronald Ackerland | FedEx Freight |
| 3 | Keith Morris     | Dixon Bros    |

### 5 AXLE



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|---|------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Jon Simonson     | XPO Logistics |
| 2 | Carlos Salazar   | FedEx Freight |
| 3 | Richard Hartleib | FedEx Freight |

### TWIN TRAILERS



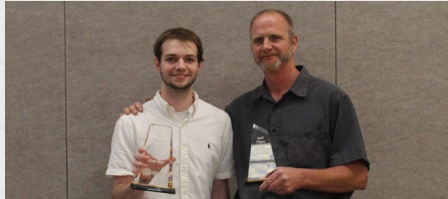
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| 1 | Drew Bartelson   | Old Dominion  |
| 2 | Cameron Janousek | FedEx Freight |
| 3 | Bradley Morrow   | XPO Logistics |

### FLATBED



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|---|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Scott Meyers  | FedEx Freight       |
| 2 | Eugene Conrad | Holland Enterprises |
| 3 | Adam Krenzel  | Magnum LTD          |

### STEP VAN



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|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Brady Bebeau      | FedEx Express |
| 2 | John Janousek     | FedEx Freight |
| 3 | Mark Leichtenberg | FedEx Ground  |

### SLEEPER BERTH



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|---|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ryan Seward   | FedEx Freight           |
| 2 | Audie Jaeger  | EW Wylie                |
| 3 | Travis Kizima | Altendorf Trucking Inc. |

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Scott Meyers         | FedEx Freight | Flatbed        |
| Christopher Scholand | FedEx Freight | 3 axle         |
| David Comings        | FedEx Freight | 4 axle         |
| Ronald Ackerland     | FedEx Freight | Tank Truck     |
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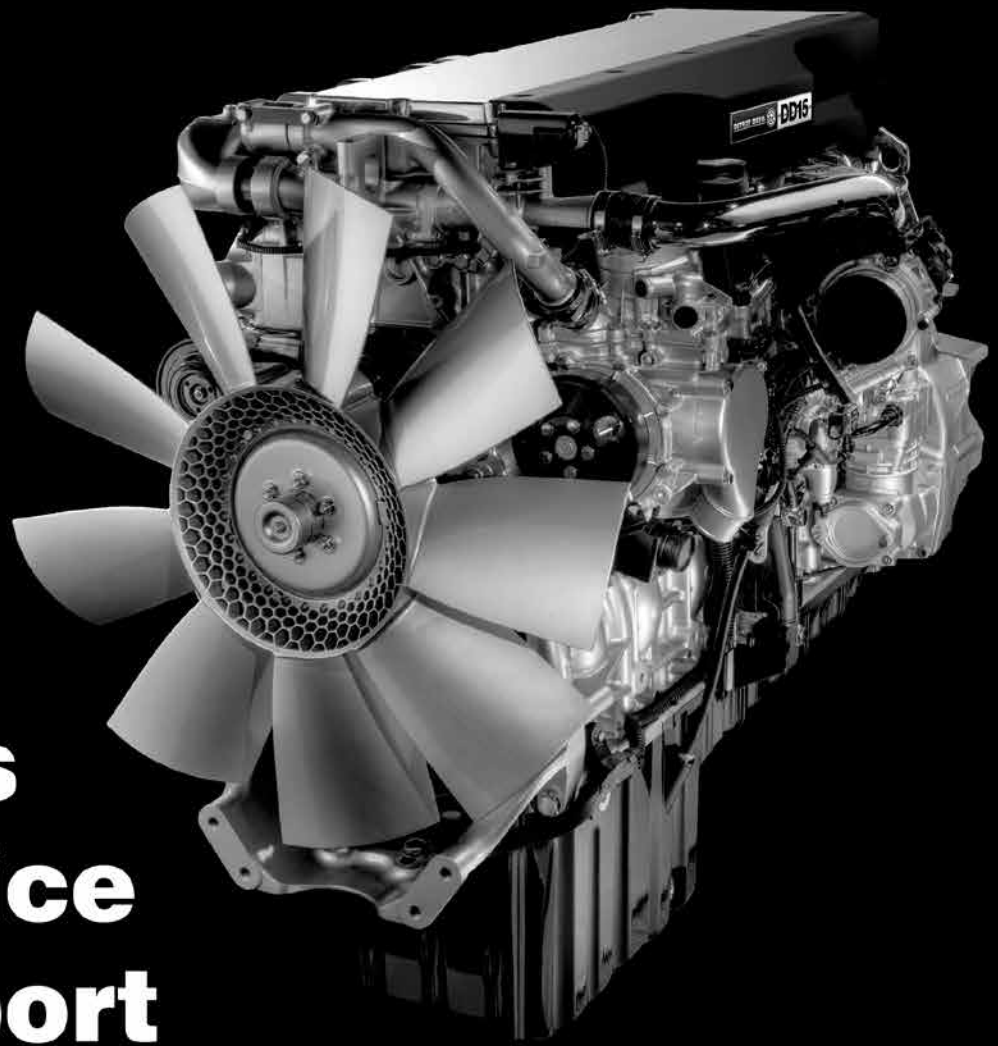
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## NDHP PERMIT UPDATES

Several legislative changes stemming from passage of House Bill 1060 and 1181 related to the NDHP permit system will go into effect August 1, 2023.

The following permits will have a 30-day option for a \$50 fee:

- Interstate Permits
- Bridge length Permits
- Over-width permits up to 14'6"
- Over-length permits up to 120'

These permits are located under the multi-trip permit tab in the NDHP permit system.

Annual permits currently have the option to be valid for 365 days from date of purchase but will now have the option to expire December 31 of each calendar year. This option was added as per the request of industry.

The 129,000 Primary Network permit holders will no longer be required to purchase interstate permits if weights are between 80,001 and 105,500 pounds.

Nighttime travel will now be allowed for vehicles up to 12' wide but must have proper lighting.

For additional information or clarification, contact the NDHP Permit office at 701-328-2621 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday.



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