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Fall has arrived, the summer seemed all too short, to me at least. I do however enjoy the changing of the seasons and the new set of events and challenges it brings.

With shorter days and cooler temps you can feel winter closing in, and we are reminded that transportation professionals work during the toughest of weather conditions. Whether in a downpour or a blizzard, truck drivers maintain deliveries, so Americas most necessary items are not lost or late. They are also often among the first responders who are first on sight during national emergencies. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

In September NDMCA hosted its 77th Annual Convention in Fargo, you can see a recap of the event in this issue on page 10. We had a great convention this year, even competing with Big Iron in Fargo at the same time. The convention began with a golf tournament that raised money for the NDMCA Foundation and concluded with a banquet that celebrated our industries well-deserved award winners! Our driver of the year, Randy Kautzman, especially deserving, you are a special man when your sons will write a speech for you! Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to everyone who attended to make the event successful and to our sponsors that make convention possible. I want to thank all our speakers who provided insight and knowledge during their sessions. Some of us have now learned that we are part of two generations. Thank you to everyone who attended to make the event successful and to our sponsors that make convention possible. Kacey and her staff worked very hard to



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pack a lot of information, networking, and fun into two short days. Thank you!

Next year's convention and foundation golf tournament will be held in Bismarck at the Radisson Hotel and Hawktree Golf Course September 5-7.

As we near the upcoming elections, remember our trucking friendly candidates as you enter the ballot box. TruckPac North Dakota had a good fundraising campaign and the NDMCA will be supporting candidates that have a record and history of supporting us, but they need your support on election day as well. I encourage everyone to get out and vote in November.

With a year behind me and a year yet to go, I continue to look forward to serving the NDMCA.

Sincerely,

Eric Grove

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IMPROVING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY IN NORTH DAKOTA THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

By Lieutenant Adam Dvorak and Lieutenant David Wolf with the North Dakota Highway Patrol; and Kim Vachal and Brenda Lantz with the North Dakota State University, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute

The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) has a long-term partnership with the North Dakota State University, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (NDSU-UGPTI). Each year, NDSU-UGPTI assists the NDHP with its Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) by compiling data and conducting analysis to identify trends to report in the CVSP. The team works together to locate problem areas for various education and enforcement activities in the upcoming year.

NDSU-UGPTI also prepares Issue Briefs that are short summaries of the analyses conducted (these are available at the site www.ugpti.org/rtssc/briefs/). In particular, the Truck Crash Facts brief includes a summary of truck-involved crashes versus crashes without truck involvement. It also identifies the types of citations issued and common contributing factors in crashes.

In one of the regular meetings between the NDHP and NDSU-UGPTI, the NDHP noted they were having difficulty obtaining up to date commercial vehicle crash data that they could use to quickly respond to any new problem areas. NDSU-UGPTI had recently completed another project for the ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) to build a traffic volume dashboard using Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) data, and suggested a project to add commercial vehicle crash and inspection data to this dashboard. Working with the NDHP, NDSU-UGPTI submitted a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) grant proposal that was awarded earlier this year. In addition to crashes and inspections, the project is also examining incorporating weigh-in-motion (WIM) data and weather data. Kim Vachal, the NDSU-UGPTI principal investigator for the project, describes the dashboard as "a customizable tool dedicated to truck crash prevention, designed to harness multiple data sources that support timely NDHP resource decisions." Each type of data has a different owner and a different method to obtain the data that needed to be identified. NDSU-UGPTI recently met with the NDHP to demonstrate an initial prototype of the dashboard and seek feedback regarding the filters and information that will be most useful for their efforts. The initial project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2023.

Lieutenant Adam Dvorak with the NDHP summarizes that "the partnerships between the NDHP, NDSU-UGPTI, and the NDDOT are critical to safety on our roadways. The three entities all share the same goal – to reduce serious injury and fatal crashes on all of North Dakota's roadways. The data gathered, analyzed, and presented is a valuable piece of the puzzle to move us toward zero serious injury and fatal crashes."



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LOCAL NEWS

IFTA & IRP DISTANCE RECORDKEEPING & RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

Carrier records must be adequate to allow a base jurisdiction to verify all distances traveled for IFTA and IRP units and all fuel purchased for IFTA units. All miles traveled by registered units– whether loaded or unloaded, must be documented, and supported by trip detail. Records may be produced through any means and retained in any format as long as the records are accessible upon request. The burden of proof is the responsibility of the carrier to maintain and retain the required records.

The IFTA and IRP program requirements for distance records are outlined below. (Note: Look for the fuel recordkeeping requirements in an upcoming newsletter!)

Distance Recordkeeping Requirements – Manual Systems:

- Trip beginning and ending dates
- Trip origin and destination (city and state including stops along the route)
- Route of travel
- Trip beginning and ending reading from the odometer, hubodometer, engine control module (ECM), or any similar device for the trip
- Total trip distance
- Trip distance traveled in each jurisdiction
- Vehicle identification number or vehicle unit number

Distance Recordkeeping Requirements – Electronic/GPS Systems:

- Original GPS or other location data for the vehicle
- Date and time of each GPS or other location data for the vehicle at intervals sufficient to validate the total distance traveled in each jurisdiction
- Location of each GPS or other system reading
- Trip beginning and ending reading from the odometer, hubodometer, engine control module (ECM), or any similar device for the period to which the records pertain
- Calculated distance between each GPS or other system reading
- Route of vehicle's travel
- Total distance traveled by the vehicle
- Distance traveled in each jurisdiction
- Vehicle identification number or vehicle unit number

Summaries are required. For IRP, monthly, quarterly, and annual summaries should include: full distance traveled for each apportioned vehicle in the fleet and the distance traveled by each apportioned vehicle in each jurisdiction. For IFTA, a monthly summary of the fleet's operations reported on the corresponding quarterly tax return which includes distance traveled by and the fuel placed into each vehicle in the fleet both in total and by jurisdiction.

Record Retention Requirements:

IRP

Records on which the application for apportioned registration is based – must be retained for a period of three years following the close of the registration year to which the application pertains.

Due to the staggered registration periods made available to carriers, along with the reporting period, NDDOT suggests carriers keep all IFTA/IRP records for 7 years following the close of the activity to ensure retention requirements are met.

IFTA

Records of IFTA operations must be retained for a period of four years following the date the IFTA tax return was due or was filed, whichever is later, plus any period covered by waivers or jeopardy assessments.

NDDOT's website contains IFTA and IRP program resources including an example of a printable daily distance recordkeeping form. The information can be found at: https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/mv/ vehicle.htm#irp-ifta.

The Motor Vehicle Division, Motor Carrier Division and Audit Services Division are available to help answer questions. Please reach out if you have recordkeeping or records retention questions. We are here to help!

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MM NO ZONE WIN

NDMCA brings "No Zone" to Educate Public About CMV's

Earlier this year the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association along with the NDMCA Foundation had an opportunity to display its "No Zone" at two separate events. On July 30th, we were at the second annual "Celebrate My Ride" event which was held in Bismarck at Legacy High School. This event was hosted by the Camaro Club of North Dakota and featured a car show and several safety demonstrations by various local and state agencies.

A few days later, we were at the Bismarck VFW for the Ford Driving Skills for Life program that was hosted by Vision Zero. This program helps teens learn the skills they need to take personal responsibility to make the right choices every time they get behind the wheel.

"These two events have been a great way to educate the public on the importance and safety required when driving around trucks. We all have to share the road together. Allowing drivers of all ages to sit in the seat of a CMV and experience the view from a truck drivers perspective is an eye-opening experience." says Kacey Heidrich, NDMCA.

The two displays were sponsored by Dixon Insurance and Interstate Truck Licensing, Great West Casualty Company, Holland Enterprises, Inc., EW Wylie and Magnum Companies.







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NDMCA HOLDS 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & AWARDS BANQUET

Honoring Top Industry Professionals

The winners of the 2022 North Dakota motor Carriers Association's (NDMCA) awards have been named during the organization's annual convention, which took place on September 13th and 14th. Among the awards announced at this event were the Driver of the Year Award, Safety Professional of the Year, Service Technician of the Year, Service Manager of the Year, Trooper of the Year, and several Fleet Safety Awards. Randy Kautzman took home the Driver of the Year Award, and Kelly Krapu was named the Safety Professional of the Year.

These awards were highlighted during the Awards Banquet, which occurred on the final day of the convention. This year's convention marked the 77th year of the annual gathering and focused on safety and unique challenges impacting the trucking industry. The first day started with a golf tournament at The Meadows in Moorhead, Minnesota, to support the NDMCA Foundation, and was followed by a vendor networking event and Casino Night that included dinner. The evening wrapped up with a Fun Night Dessert.

The second day of the conference featured opening keynote remarks by Jeff Butler, a Generational Workplace Expert, and author of Building an Effective Multigenerational Workplace. Lunchtime keynote remarks featured ATA Second Vice President Andrew Boyle of Boyle Transportation. Among those successes celebrated were the awards given to Mr. Kautzman and Ms. Krapu. The winners were determined by an independent panel of officials from the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation.

The Driver of the Year Award winner, Randy Kautzman, is currently employed by Hofmann Trucking and has over ten years of total commercial driving experience. He has had 3 million accident and violation-free miles in his career, with approximately 1.1 million of those miles occurring with his current employer. Kautzman is considered the type of driver that every company wants – safe, punctual, professional, and easy on the equipment. These traits were likely instilled in Randy from a young age, as his father was a trucker for nearly fifty years with five million accident-free miles. Randy has two brothers who have also driven; one of whom is still employed in the industry.

Randy is also recognized for being someone who will step up when needed. He often takes calls from drivers having issues unloading or loading. He takes the time to talk them through those issues, which is a tremendous asset to Hofmann Trucking.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

2021 Driver of the Year: Randy Kautzman, Hofmann Trucking

2021 Safety Professional of the Year: Kelly Krapu, TrueNorth Compliance Services

2021 Service Technician of the Year: Scott Skjefte, Oaks Truck and Trailer Center

2021 Service Manager of the Year: Jamie McGee, Midwest Motor Express

Trooper of the Year: Trooper Kristjan B. Helgoe, North Dakota Highway Patrol









Service Technician of the Year - Scott Skjefte





Kautzman's on-time load and delivery record are unmated. He heads up the Bulk Foods Division as one of the top drivers for safety, miles, and revenue. He also leads the company drivers with six clean roadside inspections in the last three years. When speaking of his win, Randy says, "I was shocked. I never win anything, but the celebration was an amazing night, and it was a lot of fun."

Randy attends various sporting events and academic activities with his four sons when he is not driving. He is a proud father and talks about his sons often, telling of their various academic and athletic achievements. And while he recognizes that trucking is a job that often takes you away from home, Randy also recognizes his family's sacrifice. "It's tough to be away from home, but my friends and family are very understanding and supportive." Kautzman also finds time to volunteer with the Pingree, ND Fire Department.

Kelly Krapu was also honored at the convention as NDMCA's Safety Professional of the Year, as she has served the transportation industry for more than 14 years. She is highly respected by her peers and employees in the safety, compliance, and transportation industries. In addition, she is currently the President of the Transportation Club of F-M, an NDMCA board member, and the NDMCA Foundation Chair.

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Unlike many past winners of the Safety Professional of the Year award, Krapu currently serves as the Compliance Manager for TrueNorth Compliance Services in West Fargo, ND, which serves many companies in the trucking industry. In this role, she has the ability to make a tremendous impact on the safety of truckers working in the state of North Dakota. Speaking about her win, Kelly notes, "It is a huge honor for me to win this award. There are tons of safety professionals – men and women – working in this industry with tons of experience and knowledge. It is an honor to be part of this group."

Kelly conducts multiple safety and hazmat refresher meetings throughout the year as part of her routine. She has extensive knowledge of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and stays up to date on any changes to the guidelines. Over the years, she has worked with the Special Olympic Truck Convoy, North Dakota Truck Driving Championship, and No Zone. Her love for trucking is evident, and she recognizes the benefits of working in this industry by saying, "While it can be a difficult job, it is also a great industry to be in. Without truckers, our nation would be at a standstill. All of the food you eat, the clothing you wear, everything comes on a truck." Kacey Heidrich from NDMCA discusses the significance of these awards by stating, "The NDMCA is honored to recognize the hard work of the individuals celebrated at this year's NDMCA Awards Banquet. Their commitment to safety, hard work, and dedication in this industry do not go unnoticed, and the annual convention is a great way to recognize their achievements in our industry."

NDMCA also recognized Scott Skjefte of Oakes Truck and Trailer Center as Service Technician of the Year and Jamie McGee of Midwest Motor Express as Service Manager of the Year. North Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper Kristjan Helgoe was named Trooper of the Year. In addition, several companies were awarded Fleet Safety Awards for their safety effort accomplishments. These awards are based on total fleet mileage, and all contestants are classified according to fleet size, type of operation, and accident rates.



INDUSTRY NEWS

PERSPECTIVE: TRUCKERS ARE UNDENIABLY ESSENTIAL

The following article originally appeared in Transport Topics, September 23, 2022.

The term "essential" came into sharp focus during the pandemic. The urgency of the moment forced Americans to recognize the many hands at work that keep our society going. There was an outpouring of gratitude for our nation's truck drivers, rightfully so, as they persevered through adversity to keep stores stocked and hospitals supplied.

But the true meaning of essential isn't momentary. It isn't fleeting like our country's attention span. It doesn't come and go like the news cycle. To be essential is a duty that endures. It's constant. And as the severity of the pandemic wanes, the indispensable role that truckers play in our daily lives remains as vital today as it ever was.

Just ask the people of Jackson, Miss., who right now are suffering through a weeklong water crisis. American Trucking Associations is proud to be coordinating relief loads into the city, with our member companies already having delivered more than 1 million bottles of drinking water — the most essential good of all. For those residents, the sound of our engines is a herald that help is on the way. Of course, being essential isn't limited to times of crisis. The drinking water that millions of Americans consume daily depends on purification chemicals delivered by trucks. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the medicine we take — all of it is brought to us by a professional truck driver. Without them, the countless material blessings that fulfill our lives would not be within reach. These men and women are the heartbeat of America.

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, which took place earlier this month, is an annual opportunity to stress these points. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life and throughout the changing seasons, it's easy for Americans to lose sight of that bigger picture. For those who don't work in trucking, it's hard to comprehend the sacrifice, dedication and skill required to keep the economy's supply chain moving. But in order to understand why truckers are essential, all they need to do is look around.

There are millions of reasons to thank a trucker, and they surround us everywhere. We're glad to have taken a moment to apperciate them, but know they'll be there next week, and the week after, and the week after that, too. You can thank a trucker for that.



The North Dakota Motor Carriers Association held its annual Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament, September 14th at The Meadows in Moorhead, Minnesota prior to this year's annual convention. The mission of the NDMCA Foundation is to fund educational scholarships and to further the understanding and image of the North Dakota trucking industry.

For more information on how you can learn more about the NDMCA Foundation, visit https://www.ndmca.org/foundation/



















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WSI CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AND ADD NEW FUNCTIONALITY TO MYWSI

Serving employers beyond the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. has been a priority for Workforce Safety & Insurance over the past several years. While we have offered employers online services for many years, in 2017 we took a big step with the myWSI portal, connecting employers to their WSI account. And this past summer, we gave employers a new experience and additional functionality.

The experience includes a customized dashboard based on the user's access, improved navigation to applications, enhanced tools for managing users, and overall new look. In addition, the Designated Medical Provider application was updated and is now accessed in myWSI.

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- 2. Permitted movements that are over-height and/or over-length only, may travel on any day, ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- 3. Permitted movements that are ten feet in width or less, one hundred twenty feet long or less, or overweight only may travel on any day or night with proper lighting.

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| New Year's Day | January 2, 2023 | Permitted movements <u>exceeding</u> 16 feet in width, <u>may not</u> travel from noon on December 31 until sunrise on January 2. |
| Martin Luther King Day | January 16, 2023 | Permitted vehicles and load movements are allowed to travel as stipulated. |
| President's Day | February 20, 2023 | Permitted vehicles and load movements are allowed to travel as stipulated. |
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