

Oklahoma Trucking Association's 2018 Midwinter Conference Safety Awards Packet

The Oklahoma Trucking Association's 2018 Midwinter Conference & Safety Awards is approaching quickly. The event will be held February 28 at the Embassy Suites, located Downtown at 741 North Phillips in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The banquet honors those companies and persons who prove excellence in safety within the trucking industry. The Safety Awards include Fleet Safety, Professional Driver, Oklahoma Driver of the Year and Million Mile Driver categories.

If you would like to nominate your company and/or drivers, please review the following information about completion of the nomination forms, requirements and other pertinent information.

All nomination forms are due Monday, January 30, 2018.

Absolutely NO extensions will be given

If your nomination forms are received after the due date, your entry will not be considered for the safety awards, it is also your responsibility to confirm receipt of nominations submitted to OTA.

All award forms may be faxed to the OTA office at (405) 525-9490, **You may also email forms to Rebecca, before January 30 at RebeccaChappell@oktrucking.org.**

If you would like more information about registering for the event, please contact Rebecca Chappell at (405) 525-9488 ext. 1, or refer to the information posted on the OTA's website at www.oktrucking.org.



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Oklahoma Fleet Safety Awards

The Oklahoma Trucking Association's Fleet Safety Award Contest has been conducted for many years to promote transportation safety on Oklahoma's streets and highways. This contest gives recognition to member fleets that achieve the highest standards of safety. The Oklahoma Trucking Association (OTA) is aware that the culture of safety created by our fleets is of paramount importance to our industry. Any measure we can take to improve our safety image is not only in our own best interests, but the best interest of all.

To compete in the Fleet Safety Contest, please complete the single page form containing accident frequency and mileage information. A panel of experts will judge the contest entries and awards up to three places per division per mileage category. Winners will be announced during the 2018 OTA Midwinter Conference.

If you would like your company to be considered for the Grand Trophy Award for Excellence in Safety, you must complete all pages in the accompanying package of detailed safety program information. Companies will be judged on their entire safety program. The winner of the Grand Trophy will also be announced during the 2018 OTA Midwinter Conference.

The following rules have been established to govern the safety contest and will be revised as changes are necessary:

- The Fleet Safety Contest of the Oklahoma Trucking Association is open to any OTA member company in good standing.
- Each contest year runs from January 1 through December 31.
- Contestants will compete in the mileage category indicated by the company.
- Only mileage operated in Oklahoma is to be included in this report.
- Total mileage of all units operated in Oklahoma is to be reported, except passenger cars, pickup trucks and similar service units.
- The accident frequency rate will be determined using only Department of Transportation recordable accidents during the contest year. All other accidents/incidents must be reported in the appropriate column to assist with the judges' decision; but they will not be figured into the carrier's accident frequency rate. Accidents must be included whether company-owned or leased vehicles are involved. If the vehicle was under the direction and supervision of the company at the time of the accident, the accident must be included.
- It is recommended that each participant submit for the judges a summary of the safety department accomplishments for the year.
- The accident rate of each contestant shall be determined on the basis of DOT recordable accidents per one million (1,000,000) vehicle miles as determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Frequency Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Recordable Accidents} \times 1,000,000}{\text{Vehicle Miles}}$$

- Fleets operating under common management but having otherwise separate identities may be entered as separate fleets in the contest whether they perform the same or different types of services.
- A company must be an active OTA carrier member at the beginning of the contest year (January 1, 2017).
- The decision of the judges is final in all matters pertaining to the OTA Fleet Safety Contest.

- Verification by your insurance company, DOT, or a member of OTA to audit your records may be required.
- There shall be no identification of participants except for announcement of awards. At this discretion, OTA may publish the contest standings. Only award-winning fleets shall be identified by name. All other fleets shall be identified by a code number known only to OTA and the fleet to which the number is assigned.
- A total of four divisions will be used for safety awards regardless of the number of contestants in a division. **Judges reserve the right not to grant awards in a division if the accident ratios do not warrant them.**

Prizes

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each mileage category in each division.

The Grand Trophy is awarded to the company which, in the opinion of the judges, had the best overall safety record and safety program during the contest year. The Grand Trophy Entry Form must be completed to be considered for this award. **Only those companies placing first, second or third in their mileage division and submitting a grand trophy form will be judged for the grand trophy.**

If you apply for the Grand Trophy award and would like to receive a copy of your scores, please contact Rebecca Chappell at the OTA Office after March 31, 2018 for a copy of your final score sheets.

Professional Driver Award

About the Award

The purpose of this program is to promote and encourage safety and courtesy on our nation's highways, recognize our professional drivers for their outstanding achievements and to improve relations within the trucking industry by rewarding those who make it possible – your drivers.

The program is designed to award the best drivers, regardless of their particular route or equipment, and has been planned to include all phases of the trucking industry. Of the twelve (12) nominees selected to receive Professional Driver Awards, one will be chosen as the Oklahoma Driver of the Year. The Driver of the Year may also receive a 3-in-1 Driver of the Year jacket and trophy.

Presentation of the Award

Each recipient and his/her guest will be honored at the Annual Safety Awards Banquet during the Oklahoma Trucking Association's 2018 Midwinter Conference. The drivers will receive:

- Recognition of achievements which may be via news media
- A certificate of commendation from the OTA
- Automatic eligibility for the Oklahoma Driver of the Year Award

Basis for Nomination

- A minimum period of five (5) years safe driving with no preventable accidents or arrests. (The five years can be non-consecutive.) For the purposes of this award, 'preventable accident' is defined as an accident which could have been prevented with reasonable and proper action of the driver.
- An outstanding act of heroism, courtesy or contribution to highway safety. An outstanding act is defined as unusual or other than normal everyday courtesies afforded by good truck drivers. When an outstanding act is involved, the minimum period of driving with no preventable accidents or arrests is one (1) year, rather than the normal five-year period. If an outstanding act

of heroism, courtesy or contribution to highway safety is a part of this nomination, describe the act on a separate sheet and attach it to the nomination. Also, to assist the judges, any supporting letters, statements, news clippings or additional documents may be included when and if they are available.

- Previous grand prize winners of Oklahoma Driver of the Year contest may not be eligible to enter the contest.

General Rules

1. A driver may be nominated for:
 - a. Outstanding deed of heroism
 - b. Outstanding acts of courtesy on the highway
 - c. Outstanding contribution to highway safety
 - d. Long standing record of courteous and safe driving
2. Only drivers employed by OTA member companies are eligible.
3. Drivers must be domiciled or live in Oklahoma.
4. All drivers must be accident-free for the past year.
5. All fields must be completed.
6. Required documentation:
 - a. Letter of recommendation
 - b. Copy of MVR
 - c. Photograph of driver
 - d. Completed nomination packet

Procedure for Nomination

All nominations must be made on the enclosed form. The form may be copied as needed.

Board of Judges

Nominees will be screened and judged by no less than three and no more than five impartial judges approved by the OTA. The program is set up with a certain amount of flexibility, and it will be the duty and responsibility of the judges to weight the driver's records and render a decision. A majority vote of judges will rule, and their decision will be final.

Million Mile Driver Awards

Eligibility Requirements

To uphold the integrity of the Million Mile Awards, it is essential that awards be given only to drivers who have achieved unbroken safe driving records. **To be recognized, a driver must have had no preventable accidents during the time period stipulated in the award documentation.**

Drivers previously honored with this award are eligible for additional awards when they have completed an additional million miles of accident-free driving. Motor carriers must certify each driver's record. Recognition is awarded only to eligible drivers.