



Parents Against Tired Truckers and Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

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## **TRUCK SAFETY COALITION RECOGNIZES INDUSTRY LEADER WITH FIRST-EVER, DISTINGUISHED SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

BALTIMORE, MD (May 11, 2010) – The Truck Safety Coalition today announced that it awarded its first-ever Distinguished Safety Leadership Award to Don Osterberg, Senior Vice President of Safety, Security & Driver Training at Schneider National during the Sleep Apnea & Trucking conference.

The award was presented to Osterberg by Jeff Burns, National Transportation Counsel for the Truck Safety Coalition and Dawn King, whose father, William Badger, was killed on December 23, 2004 in Georgia when a Schneider National tractor trailer driver fell asleep behind the wheel and collided with his car.

“This award has special meaning to me and my family,” said King, currently a board member of Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) and a participant in the Truck Safety Coalition’s First Response program, assisting fellow grieving truck crash victims. “I know only too well the devastation that can happen when truck drivers are tired. By screening all their drivers for sleep apnea, Osterberg is helping to create a new industry standard at Schneider, and we salute him for his leadership.”

During his tenure at Schneider, Osterberg led efforts to install speed governors on all company truck engines, place electronic onboard recorders in all trucks and screen all drivers for sleep apnea to ensure the highest level of safety.

“I have long viewed myself as a public safety advocate and I am honored to receive this recognition from the Truck Safety Coalition,” said Osterberg. “Through collaboration, we can work towards the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries. I am privileged to work for a company with a core value of safety first and always, and that supports a proactive approach to safety leadership.”

“Don has always pushed the industry envelope when it comes to safety on our nation’s highways,” said Jeff Burns, a board member of both Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.) and Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways. “Don doesn’t just talk about truck safety. He pursues it with a vengeance, and follows up with persistent reassessment and improvement, with the ultimate goal of saving lives.”

The Truck Safety Coalition ([www.trucksafety.org](http://www.trucksafety.org)) is a partnership between Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) and Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T) dedicated to reducing death and injury caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers and media about truck safety issues.

The Sleep Apnea & Trucking Conference is organized by the American Sleep Apnea Association and is co-sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and American Trucking Association.

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