American Trucking Associations’ Technology & Maintenance Council Presents Schneider National’s Kirk Kabel With Excellence in Maintenance Supervision Award

GREEN BAY, Wis. - (May 20, 2013) - The Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) of the American Trucking Associations recently presented its 2013 Excellence in Maintenance Supervision Award to Kirk Kabel, shop supervisor in Washington Courthouse, Ohio, for Schneider National. The award was presented at the TMC Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition held in Nashville, Tenn.

Since 1990, the annual TMC Excellence in Maintenance Supervision Award has recognized top supervisors for their contributions to the equipment maintenance profession. A committee of TMC leaders selects the winner from a pool of nominees that represent the very best in the industry.

“Maintenance supervisors play an integral part not only in unifying management’s strategy and goals with daily operations and performance but also in motivating employees and cultivating an environment focused on teamwork, safety and continuous improvement,” said Carl Kirk, Technology & Maintenance Council executive director. “To be successful, a maintenance supervisor must be people oriented and possess a special skillset of decisiveness, integrity and consistency. The Excellence in Maintenance Supervision Award is a great way to honor this imperative position.”

Kabel started his career with Schneider in Akron, Ohio, as a mechanic in 1989. He quickly became an expert in all technical areas within the shop, receiving his Automotive Service Excellence Master Certification in 1999. As Shop Supervisor, Kabel oversees a maintenance team of nine mechanics specializing in heavy truck and trailer repair and preventive maintenance.

Kabel’s dedication to enforcing Schneider’s number-one core value of safety has allowed the shop to continue to build on its notable record of being injury free for six years running. Leveraging his skills as a mechanic, Kabel improved the shop’s quality levels over his first three years, largely owing to one-on-one mentoring.
“The mechanics have really rallied behind his hands-on approach,” said Rob Reich, vice president, Maintenance Operations, Schneider National. “Kirk truly embraces the role of shop leader. He’s a strong advocate for his team, a remarkable role model and ambassador for the Schneider National maintenance system. It’s a great honor to have one of our very own receive the Excellence in Maintenance Supervision Award.”

This is the second time in three years that a Schneider National shop supervisor has received the prestigious award. To learn more about mechanic and shop management opportunities with Schneider, please visit www.schneiderjobs.com or call 800-44-PRIDE (800-447-7433).

About the Technology & Maintenance Council
TMC is America’s premier technical society for truck equipment technology and maintenance professionals. TMC, a technical council of American Trucking Associations, features a diverse membership of equipment managers, service-dealers, owner-operators, industry suppliers and manufacturers, educators, academia and others that support the trucking industry. TMC member fleets represent the broad range of industry vocations, including truckload, less-than-truckload, municipal, private, on-/off-highway, construction and other operations. Find out more about TMC online at http://tmc.trucking.org.

About the American Trucking Associations
American Trucking Associations is 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.

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