

COMPANY NEWS

Old Dominion Freight Line Pledges Ongoing Support for the Red Cross

Old Dominion Freight Line announced its support of American Red Cross disaster relief efforts through the Disaster Responder Program.

Old Dominion and the American Red Cross celebrated the partnership during a May 23 event.

Old Dominion, which is based in Thomasville, N.C., has made an annual pledge of \$250,000. As part of the Disaster Responder Program, Old Dominion also has launched redeross.org/odfl as a platform to channel employee and customer donations to the Red Cross.

Old Dominion also will leverage Red Cross assets to help its more than 22,000 employees better prepare for disasters.

"This announcement is a way to formalize the work we've done and the work we will continue to do with the American Red Cross. Our goal is to help these communities not only monetarily, but also through our OD Family support," said Chip Overbey, senior vice president of strategic planning at Old Dominion, which ranks No. 11 on the TRANSPORT TOPICS Top 100 list of the largest for-



Overbey (left) and Congdon show their support of the American Red Cross during a May 23 event.

hire carriers in North America. "From hurricanes and flooding to wildfires, we've seen the impact that the American Red Cross has on our communities. We're dedicated to helping Red Cross keep their promises by assisting with disaster preparation and response. This partnership will help many communities around the country, communities where our OD Family lives and works every

day," Overbey said. Overbey and Old Dominion CEO Dave Congdon attended the event. Don Herring, chief development officer at the Red Cross, said the generosity of Disaster Responder members, including Old Dominion, ensures the Red Cross can provide comfort and care to people in their darkest hours.

JTS Takes Home CargoNet's Best in Cargo Security Award

Johanson Transportation Service, a third-party supply chain solutions provider, received CargoNet's Best in Cargo Security Award for its 2018 prevention efforts in the mid-size broker category.



This is the second time JTS has received the honor. In 2016, CargoNet awarded JTS Best in Cargo Security in the small broker category. The award is based on a company's willingness to commit

resources to security, its standard operating procedures and best practices, and the scope of utilization and support for the CargoNet program. "It is with great pleasure to be able to recognize Johanson Transportation Service's cargo security efforts as they clearly demonstrate a cargo security-centric environment," said Ryan Shepherd, general manager for CargoNet. "It is easy for an intermediary to place the responsibility of cargo security on the carrier and shipper; yet that doesn't seem to stop Johanson from implementing best practices

Utility Manufacturing Plant Receives Safety Award

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Co.'s manufacturing plant in Glade Spring, Va., received a plant safety award from Liberty Mutual Insurance.

The awards are based on the days away, restricted and transferred rate, which is calculated from the number of hours worked relative to the number of accidents at the plant.

"Receiving a safety award is an honor and takes a total team effort to accomplish. Keeping safety at the forefront every day with employee participation is key to earning such an award. Employees identifying hazards, removing them or managing them in the workplace keeps us all safe," said

Keith Walsh, Utility's Glade Spring environmental health and safety manager.

Richard Williams from Liberty Mutual Insurance's risk control services department presented the safety award to a group of Glade Spring employees.

"This is the fifth Liberty Safety Award for the Glade Spring plant. This is a huge honor, particularly considering less than 0.5% of Liberty's customers receive this award. More importantly, our employees are continuously focused on the safety of themselves and each other," said Bob Griffis, corporate environmental health and safety manager for Utility, which is based in City of Industry, Calif.



Utility employees in Glade Spring, Va., celebrate the recognition as Walsh (front left) accepts the award from Williams.

to help protect their customers' freight." JTS, which is based in Fresno, Calif., has been a CargoNet member since 2013. JTS uses the Cargo

Net program to educate shippers and carriers about possible risks that have been identified as significantly important to their primary logistics and shipping activities.

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Lightning Transportation Executive Honored As Maryland MTA's 2019 Person of the Year

Wayne Gaumer, president emeritus of Lightning Transportation, was chosen as the Maryland Motor Truck Association 2019 Person of the Year.

The award honors a key figure dedicated to serving the trucking industry.

Gaumer has spent 53 years in the industry. Lightning Transportation, based in Hagerstown, Md., is one of the largest motor carriers providing drayage services hauling containers to and from the Port of Baltimore.

Under Gaumer's leadership, the company's terminal network has grown from one to seven, with terminal locations in Hagerstown, Baltimore, Norfolk, Va., Charlotte, N.C., Savannah, Ga., Atlanta and Charleston, S.C.



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and 50 employees throughout its terminal network.

Gaumer has made several contributions to the trucking industry. He has been Maryland's representative to American Trucking Associations, serving within ATA's Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference and ATA's Independent Contractor Policy Committee.

Gaumer also has served as a long-time MMTA board member.

The award was presented during MMTA's 2019 Person of the Year Banquet, which generated more than \$5,000 in scholarships that will be given to students training to get their commercial driver licenses at Garrett College and Montgomery College.

Lightning has about 350 drivers

Southeastern Announces Employee Promotion

Lawson Saunders was promoted to service center manager at the Southeastern Freight Lines' service center in Sherman, Texas.

Saunders has more than 10 years of experience at Southeastern Freight Lines, a regional less-than-truckload carrier. He started his career as a part-time freight handler. Since then, he has served in a variety of roles, including quality assurance leader, management trainee, inbound supervisor, outbound supervisor, inbound operations manager and most recently, outbound operations manager.

"Lawson is a true embodiment of the passion and dedication to quality without question service that is central to the company culture at Southeastern," said Jim Jones, regional vice president of operations for Southeastern Freight Lines, which is based in Lexington, S.C. "His outstanding track record and selfless val-



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ues have consistently motivated those around him, and we're excited to see his continued success leading the Sherman team."

Southeastern Freight Lines, which operates 89 service centers in 13 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, ranks No. 30 on the TRANSPORT TOPICS Top 100 list of the largest for-hire carriers in North America.