



## **PMTA Safety Management Council Fleet Safety Awards 2026**

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### **General Information**

- The Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) Safety Management Council administers the Fleet Safety Awards program.
- Judging is based on the thoroughness of the safety program, not company size.
- Entries must be typed.
- Except for the cover page, entries must not identify the company by name anywhere in the body of the submission.

### **Eligibility**

- Your company must be a PMTA Member in good standing at the time.
- You must agree to have pertinent records audited by PMTA staff or an independent, objective auditor of PMTA's choosing (see details under Phase 2 - Verification and Auditing).
- Reporting requirements for the PMTA-SMC Fleet Safety Awards – Except as noted below, ALL mileage and ALL DOT accidents from PA domiciled fleet vehicles (except those determined nonpreventable by FMCSA) regardless of severity, injuries/fatalities, or crash location, must be reported. Accidents not reportable for these awards include fleet operated passenger vehicles, miscellaneous vehicles such as service trucks and wreckers, those in which the fleet vehicle was legally parked, debris thrown up by the vehicle's tires, objects falling from overhead, and collisions with animals.
- Eligibility – Applicants for Fleet Safety Awards must be members of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association in good standing and have equipment domiciled in Pennsylvania.
- Eligibility for Pass Thru Carriers - Applicants for Fleet Safety Awards must be members of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association in good standing and provide all miles and all DOT Reportable Crashes.

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- Vehicles – Except for accidents involving fleet-operated passenger vehicles, service vehicles, or similar miscellaneous equipment, accidents must be reported whether the fleet vehicle was owned, rented, short-term/long-term lease, interchange, or similar arrangement.
- President's Award Trophy – Motor Carriers who wish to be considered for the President's Trophy must submit a summary description of their fleet safety program and industry safety activities as listed in Phase 3.
- Contest Participation – In addition to the recognition given to winning fleets, contest participation is a major source of the trucking industry's own accident rate information. Fleets are urged to submit completed applications to PMTA-SMC Fleet Safety Awards via mail – 910 Linda Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011; or email – [acloud@pmta.org](mailto:acloud@pmta.org).

### **Selection**

- Companies submitting applications for the Safety Awards will be placed in one of four categories according to the miles traveled based on submissions.
- Once the companies have been assigned to the proper category, the top three companies in each category will be selected to compete for the President's Awards. All companies that are selected to continue will be presented with a plaque (1st-3rd place in each category).
- There will be two (2) President's Awards presented at the 2024 PMTA Annual Conference Fleet Safety Luncheon one from category 1 & 2 and one from category 3 & 4.

### **PHASE 1 Entry Application Submission**

**Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2026**

All mileage and recordable accidents are for the time period between January 1 and December 31 of previous year.

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All divisions and/or subsidiary companies are to be included with the parent company's application unless the division(s) and/or company(ies) are also separate and distinct members of the PMTA.

Phase one requires you to complete the Fleet Safety Award Application and Entry Form and send it (via mail or email) to the office of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

*\*The entry must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026.*

- The application is to include all company and contact information, the accident and mileage information.
- The application should contain all accidents regardless of fault.
- The application must also be signed acknowledging that all information is correct to the best of the individual's knowledge and agreeing to all obligations and awards program rules.

The U.S. DOT Recordable Accident is defined as follows:

An "accident" required by DOT to be recorded is defined in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.5 as: An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce (as defined in 390.5) that results in:

- (1) A fatality;
- (2) Bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or
- (3) One or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

The term "accident", as defined in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.5, does not include:



- (1) An occurrence involving only boarding and alighting from a stationary motor vehicle;  
or
- (2) An occurrence involving only the loading or unloading of cargo.

Based on each company's entry, PMTA will notify the top three companies of each of the four categories with the best Accident Frequency Ratio (number of accidents divided by the miles traveled) based on miles traveled during the reporting period. Up to twelve companies will be invited to participate in Phase 2 - Verification and Auditing.

### **PHASE 2 Verification and Auditing**

*If you are selected to participate in Phase 2, it is highly recommended that you begin Phase 3, the President's Award Entry, right away to allow plenty of time.*

**Deadline for the President's Award Entry: March 20, 2026**

The individual conducting the audit will contact the top three companies of each category to verify the following information:

- (1) The mileage that should be used is from January 1 through December 31 of the previous year. The auditors will simply review the total mileage and verify that mileage against the total mileage on your entry form. Mileage verification will be taken from IFTA reports or internal mileage reports.
- (2) The number of DOT recordable accidents will be verified by comparing the company's accident register as required by Section 390.15 (b) of the FMCSRs with a copy of a recent Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) report that has been run subsequent to December 31 covering accidents January 1 through December 31 of the previous year.

Should an auditor determine that an error was made inaccurately completing the entry form, he/she will notify the appropriate representative of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association. Should that entry be disqualified, the next best entry will be selected and placed in line for one of three plaques in the respective category.



Based on successfully completing Phase 2, companies will be invited to participate in Phase 3 - President's Award Entry.

*\*We highly recommend you start Phase 3 before the invitation to participate, to allow yourself plenty of time.*

### **PHASE 3 President's Award Entry**

**Deadline: March 20, 2026**

The President's Award is the highest safety honor presented to a member of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

Each year, PMTA will recognize two carriers judged to have the most outstanding safety record and safety program.

### **How To Prepare Your Entry**

The Phase 3 submission process is designed for the motor carrier to highlight information in each of the following areas, in bullet format. The only two sections that may be in narrative form are page 1 and page 8, the introductory statement and the summary.

*\*Any entry not following these rules may be disqualified.*

### **Cover Page**

- (1) Company name
- (2) Address
- (3) Telephone number
- (4) Email Address
- (5) Name (signature and title of the person submitting the entry)
- (6) The entry must also contain the name, signature and title of company executive, president or owner with his or her verification that all information contained in the entry is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief.

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**Page 1** - Introductory statement describing motor carriers' safety philosophy/culture (Narrative Form)

**Page 2** - Hiring process (bullet list)

**Page 3** - Orientation program (bullet list)

**Page 4** - In-service training for drivers, fleet and safety personnel (bullet list)

**Page 5** - Process of supervising drivers (bullet list)

**Page 6** - Inspection and Maintenance of Fleet (bullet list)

**Page 7** - Accident investigation process (bullet list)

**Page 8** - Summarize what sets your safety program apart from other motor carriers. (Narrative Form)

Judging will be based on thoroughness of programs and policies. Especially important are company efforts to exceed minimum state and federal safety requirements.

Return President's Award Entries:

- E-mail (preferred): [acloud@pmta.org](mailto:acloud@pmta.org), or
- Mail to: PMTA, 910 Linda Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**PLEASE NOTE:** Except for cover page, entries must have all references to the company and specific personnel redacted prior to submission to ensure anonymity with the impartial judges.



**PMTA Safety Management Council**  
**Fleet Safety Awards 2026 - APPLICATION**

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Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email (mandatory):

USDOT Number:

Number of power units (Tractors and/or Trucks):

Miles traveled from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year:

*\*Please include page that indicates the total miles of each quarter on IFTA report or internal company report.*

Number of recordable accidents:

Number of drivers:

Print Name (individual submitting form):

Title:

Signature:

*\*By signing this entry form, you are authorizing a member of PMTA-SMC to audit safety records should you be selected to receive an award. Failure to permit an audit will render the contestant ineligible to participate.*