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**FedEx to Send Ninety-Eight Drivers to National Truck Driving Championships**  
*Competitors Reflect FedEx Commitment to Safety and Professionalism*

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 14, 2009 – Ninety-eight drivers from 42 states representing the FedEx Corp. ([NYSE: FDX](#)) operating companies will compete in the [National Truck Driving Championships](#) (NTDC) in Pittsburgh Aug. 18-22.

Each FedEx driver earned the right to compete in the NTDC by qualifying at state-level truck driving championships. [The American Trucking Associations](#) (ATA) sponsors the NTDC, which is designed to recognize industry leadership in safety and to promote professionalism among truck drivers.

“The backbone of our company is made up of thousands of professional drivers and contractors who not only strive to deliver every shipment on time but also ensure that safety remains a fundamental priority in everything they do,” said Frederick W. Smith, chairman, president and chief executive officer, FedEx Corp. “The overall performance of the more than 1,400 FedEx drivers, couriers and contractors who competed in their respective state championships and the accomplishments of our 98 NTDC competitors in particular exemplify the commitment of our entire driving force to safely share the road with other motorists each day.”

Here are some facts about the 2009 FedEx NTDC competitors:

- Collectively, the drivers have more than 1,880 years of professional driving experience among them.
- In total, the team has safely driven more than 96 million miles during their careers – enough to circle the globe almost 3,855 times.
- Forty-eight of the FedEx competitors have driven professionally for 20 years or more.
- Forty-one of them have each accumulated at least one million miles of safe driving.
- Eight of them have won five or more state championships.

At the NTDC, the FedEx drivers will be among nearly 450 competitors who will vie for national titles in nine different classes of vehicles and for the National Grand Champion title.

The drivers accumulate points by demonstrating their driving skills and knowledge of the industry through a written exam, pre-trip inspection and field test.

John Smith Jr., a contractor for FedEx Ground based in Tupelo, Miss., will be competing at his fifth NTDC. The reigning National Champion in the Tank Truck class and the National Flatbed Co-Champion in 2007, he has driven more than 1.7 million miles during his 17-year career without ever having had an accident.

“Competing at the NTDC is like playing in the Super Bowl,” said Smith. “The competitors at this event represent the safest and most professional drivers on the road today. To be counted among them is truly an honor.”

The 2009 FedEx National Truck Driving Championships team includes:

<b>Driver</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Domicile</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Special Awards</b>
<a href="#">Ron Bernier</a>	AK	Anchorage	Step Van	
<a href="#">Blake Reves</a>	AK	Anchorage	3-Axle	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Doug Rickel</a>	AK	Anchorage	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Steve Alley</a>	AL	Mobile	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">David Thompson</a>	AR	Little Rock	Step Van	
<a href="#">Brad Clyne</a>	AZ	Tucson	Twins	
<a href="#">Joe Gross</a>	AZ	Tempe	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Sean Saxon</a>	AZ	Tempe	Step Van	Rookie of the Year; Highest Driving Score
<a href="#">Tyrone Burghardt</a>	CA	Lancaster	Step Van	
<a href="#">Mike Thacker</a>	CA	Fontana	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Matthew Allison</a>	CO	Denver	Step Van	
<a href="#">Paul Frisby</a>	CO	Denver	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Roland Bolduc</a>	CT	Windsor Locks	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Paul Brandon</a>	CT	New Haven	Flatbed	
<a href="#">Tim Cohen</a>	CT	Hartford	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Tom Griffin</a>	CT	New Haven	5-Axle Sleeper	
<a href="#">Dennis Lavallee</a>	CT	Hartford	Step Van	
<a href="#">Karen Roderick</a>	CT	Hartford	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Michael Conaway</a>	DE	New Castle	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Joe LeBlanc</a>	DE	Salisbury, Md.	Step Van	
<a href="#">Rusty Pederson</a>	DE	Wilmington	Twins	
<a href="#">Shane Hilligoss</a>	FL	Lakeland	Step Van	
<a href="#">Neil Ramlochan</a>	FL	Orlando	Twins	
<a href="#">Greg Sams</a>	FL	Ocala	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Tim Banasiak</a>	IL	Peru	Twins	
<a href="#">Brian Clark</a>	IN	Indianapolis	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Don Logan</a>	KS	Topeka	3-Axle	Grand Champion; Highest Written Exam
<a href="#">Bertram Buntain</a>	KY	Lexington	Twins	
<a href="#">John Willinger</a>	KY	Louisville	5-Axle	
<a href="#">Kenny Benoit</a>	LA	Lafayette	5-Axle	
<a href="#">Kyle Mitchell Sr.</a>	LA	Baton Rouge	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">Bill Anthony</a>	MA	East Boston	5-Axle	Best Pre-Trip Inspection
<a href="#">Joe Brennan</a>	MA	Needham	Step Van	
<a href="#">Ed Oakes</a>	MA	Springfield	Twins	

<a href="#">Mike Forchetti</a>	MD	Rockville	Step Van	
<a href="#">Chester Masser Jr.</a>	MD	Hagerstown	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">Tommy Shope</a>	MD	Hagerstown	Twins	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Brad Bartlett Jr.</a>	ME	Portland	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Jason Brooks</a>	ME	Bangor	Step Van	
<a href="#">Matt Richardson</a>	ME	Augusta	Twins	Grand Champion; Rookie of the Year
<a href="#">Jim Fisher</a>	MI	Toledo, Ohio	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Ron Metternick</a>	MI	Grand Rapids	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">Chris Thomas</a>	MI	Flint	Twins	
<a href="#">Reggie Copeland</a>	MN	Minneapolis	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Rob Janke</a>	MN	Minneapolis	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Bill Pudney</a>	MN	White Bear Lake	Step Van	
<a href="#">Mike Westphall</a>	MN	Minneapolis	Twins	Best Pre-Trip Inspection
<a href="#">Jon Hume</a>	MO	St. Louis	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">Greg Kauffmann</a>	MO	St. Louis	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Joe Mangiaracino</a>	MO	St. Clair	3-Axle	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Rick Surrisi</a>	MO	Columbia	Step Van	
<a href="#">Tommy Boyanton</a>	MS	Jackson	3-Axle	
<a href="#">John Smith Jr.</a>	MS	Tupelo	Tank Truck	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Rodney Talbert</a>	MS	McComb	Step Van	Rookie of the Year
<a href="#">Brad Butler</a>	MT	Billings	Twins	
<a href="#">Matt Alberts</a>	NC	Greensboro	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Jake Brown</a>	NC	Greensboro	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Neil Morgan</a>	NC	Greensboro	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">John Janousek</a>	ND	Fargo	5-Axle	Best Pre-Trip Inspection
<a href="#">Steve Tucker</a>	NE	Lincoln	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Paul Robichaud</a>	NH	Londonderry	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Norman Sullivan</a>	NH	Londonderry	Flatbed	
<a href="#">Curt Wheeler</a>	NH	Manchester	Step Van	
<a href="#">Lester Beben</a>	NJ	S. Brunswick	5-Axle	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Bart Masciulli</a>	NJ	Mount Laurel	Step Van	
<a href="#">Dan Bruch</a>	NM	Albuquerque	5-Axle	
<a href="#">Oscar Delgado</a>	NM	El Paso, Texas	Step Van	
<a href="#">Dion Saiz</a>	NM	Albuquerque	Twins	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Arthur Corral Jr.</a>	NV	Las Vegas	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Matt Meyer</a>	NV	Las Vegas	Step Van	Rookie of the Year
<a href="#">Gragg Wilson</a>	NV	Reno	5-Axle Sleeper	
<a href="#">Jim Kohr</a>	NY	Rochester	Straight Truck	Grand Champion
<a href="#">Mark McLean</a>	NY	Newburgh	Twins	Highest Written Exam
<a href="#">Robby Wakely</a>	NY	Jamaica	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Scott Woodrome</a>	OH	Dayton	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Chris Outen</a>	OR	Portland	Twins	
<a href="#">Nick Paradiso</a>	OR	Portland	Step Van	
<a href="#">Dan Shamrell</a>	OR	Portland	3-Axle	Grand Champion; Best Pre-Trip Inspection
<a href="#">Sam Leaper</a>	PA	Harrisburg	3-Axle	
<a href="#">John Nash</a>	PA	Harrisburg	Step Van	
<a href="#">Ron Desorcy</a>	RI	Providence	Step Van	
<a href="#">Troy Swenson</a>	SD	Watertown	5-Axle Sleeper	Highest Written Exam

<a href="#">Mike Whitehead</a>	SD	Sioux Falls	Twins	
<a href="#">Dave Magee</a>	TN	Dresden	Tank Truck	
<a href="#">Brady Todd</a>	TN	Memphis	Step Van	Rookie of the Year
<a href="#">Mike Lopez</a>	TX	Dallas	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Matt Barnett</a>	VA	Fredericksburg	Step Van	
<a href="#">Carroll Bean</a>	VT	Alburg	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Danielle Carbonneau</a>	VT	Lebanon, N.H.	Step Van	
<a href="#">Chris Goddard</a>	VT	Williston	5-Axle Sleeper	
<a href="#">Christopher Novak</a>	VT	Williston	Flatbed	
<a href="#">Bernie Spine</a>	VT	Williston	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Tony Todd</a>	WA	Seattle	Step Van	
<a href="#">Jim Burmesch</a>	WI	Milwaukee	3-Axle	
<a href="#">Brent Glasenapp</a>	WI	Milwaukee	Straight Truck	
<a href="#">Jason Hillier</a>	WI	Madison	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Daryl England</a>	WV	Charleston	4-Axle	
<a href="#">Jerry Pugh</a>	WV	Parkersburg	Tank Truck	

In 2008, FedEx drivers captured National Champion titles in the Tank Truck, 4-Axle and Twins classes and the NTDC Rookie of the Year honor. In addition, FedEx drivers earned three other top-three finishes in their respective vehicle classes.

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