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**SIX FEDEX DRIVERS EARN HONORS
AT THE ALASKA STATE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP**
Winners Demonstrate Commitment to Safety and Professionalism

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – May 11, 2009 – Six drivers representing FedEx Express placed among the winners at the 2009 Alaska State Truck Driving Championship in Anchorage on May 15-16.

- **Blake Reves**, based in Anchorage, captured the top spot in the 3-Axle class. He also earned the coveted Grand Champion title for achieving the highest score among the winners of each class.
- **Doug Rickel** (Anchorage) won the Straight Truck class for his second state title.
- **Ron Bernier** (Anchorage) earned first place in the Step Van class.
- **Jason Edwards** (Wasilla) and **Victor Enriquez** (Anchorage) completed the FedEx sweep of the Step Van class, finishing second and third, respectively.
- **Scott Watts** (Anchorage), the 2007 National Champion in the Straight Truck class, finished third in the 5-Axle class.

Reves, Rickel and Bernier will go on to compete at the American Trucking Associations' 2009 National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC), known as the "Super Bowl of Safety" August 18-22, 2009 in Pittsburgh. In addition, each state winner will be recognized by FedEx as part of its safe driving initiative, *The Chairman's Challenge*.

The Alaska State Truck Driving Championship is an opportunity for professional truck drivers to demonstrate their driving skills and commitment to safety. The event includes a difficult driving skills test, pre-trip inspection and written examination covering vehicle operation and knowledge of federal safety regulations.

In 2008, 70 driving professionals from 36 states representing FedEx Freight, FedEx National LTL, FedEx Ground, FedEx Express and FedEx Custom Critical qualified to compete at the National Truck Driving Championships by winning their respective state's competition and driving accident-free for at least one year. 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 additional top-three finishes in their respective vehicle classes.

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