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**FIVE FEDEX DRIVERS EARN HONORS
AT THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP**
Winners Demonstrate Commitment to Safety and Professionalism

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – June 1, 2009 – Five FedEx Freight drivers placed among the winners at the 2009 West Virginia State Truck Driving Championship in Charleston on May 30.

- **Gerald Pugh**, based in Parkersburg, captured the top spot in the Tank Truck class for his second state title in three years.
- **Daryl England**, domiciled in Charleston, won the 4-Axle class.
- Huntington-based drivers **Williams Adkins** and **James May** placed third in the 4-Axle and Twins classes, respectively.
- **Jamey Priddy** was third in the Straight Truck class. He is based in Charleston.

In addition, **Arthur Thompson**, a FedEx Freight driver based in Huntington, posted the highest score in the Pre-Trip Inspection portion of the competition.

At the event's awards banquet, **Bill Haycraft**, regional safety manager for FedEx Freight, was recognized as the 2009 Safety Professional of the Year by the West Virginia Motor Truck Association.

Pugh and England 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 West Virginia 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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