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**Michigan Trucking Association Awards Edward Siemaszko III of Davis Cartage Company
2021 Driver of the Year
*Old Dominion Freight Line Named Excellence in Fleet Safety Grand Champion***

Lansing, MI: Michigan Trucking Association (MTA) awards 2021 Driver of the Year to Edward Siemaszko III of Davis Cartage Company, Corunna, Michigan and names Old Dominion Freight Line, headquartered in Thomasville, North Carolina, as its Excellence in Fleet Safety Grand Champion.

Siemaszko has driven more than 2.1 million miles in his 20-year driving career, 17 with Davis Cartage. He is also a proud and distinguished veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was chosen from among nine other nominated drivers for the award sponsored by J.J. Keller & Associates based on his accident-free driving record, over-the-road mileage, customer service and professionalism. This is the second consecutive Driver of the Year win for Davis Cartage.

Since 1948, MTA has honored Michigan's "knights of the highway" by selecting a Driver of the Year.

Siemaszko and the other finalist drivers were honored earlier as part of MTA's *Safety on the Road* Program, a personalized Facebook Live event. Each driver was recognized as a 2021 Driver of the Year finalist at his home terminal in front of company owners, management, peers and family.

MTA also proudly honors Old Dominion (OD) Freight Line as its Excellence in Fleet Safety Grand Champion. The nearly 90-year-old national less-than-load freight leader and global transportation company currently operates 248 service centers across the United States. The award, sponsored by Great West Casualty Company, recognizes those carriers that create and foster a culture of safety. OD was chosen from among 12 Fleet Safety Award winners based on miles driven, number of accident-free miles and specific best practice safety protocols undertaken by the company.

MTA's Driver of the Year and Excellence in Fleet Safety Grand Champion honors coincide with 2021 National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 12-18. This year, the awards take on even greater meaning as drivers continue risking their health and safety as essential workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is the perfect time to recognize MTA's Driver of the Year," says MTA President Mickey Blashfield. "The pandemic has placed the trucking industry in the spotlight. These everyday heroes are responsible for keeping America's essential workplaces stocked. Recognizing a driver's dedication not only celebrates their individual achievements but also shines a light on all truck drivers who earn and deserve praise."

"Trucking is also at its best when companies embody safety from the top down, establishing a safety-first mindset. The Fleet Safety Grand Champion Award is special recognition of what trucking companies do every day — raise the bar on truck safety excellence."

About Michigan Trucking Association

[Michigan Trucking Association](#) is a statewide trade association that has represented Michigan for-hire trucking companies and private company fleets since 1934. Headquartered in Lansing, MI, the association offers federal and state transportation regulations assistance, legislative representation and other trucking-related guidance.

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