



# FTA/SMC Safety Awards Competition 2025 SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR ENTRY

Entries must be received in the FTA office by Friday April 11, 2025.  
Competition period for this awards program is January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

The objective of this program is to advance the standards of excellence for truck fleet safety professionals. Recognition for those accomplishments which are judged outstanding will be recognized by Florida Trucking Association and FTA Safety Management Council.

**WHO MAY SUBMIT NOMINATIONS:** Any FTA member company may submit an entry for their Safety Professional.

**COMPANY ELIGIBILITY:** Entries for the Safety Professional of the Year Award must be a member company of Florida Trucking Association and must have an active terminal in the state during the competition period. Eligibility is extended to persons responsible for safety in their FTA member company who have the authority to affect development of policies and programs related to loss prevention, safety awareness and compliance. Any individual or official of a trucking company who is a member of FTA in good standing may submit nominations. Nominees must agree to full disclosure of qualifications and background, including providing information to FTA/SMC Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall keep such information confidential. Unsuccessful candidates may update and resubmit their nomination the following year. Award winners are ineligible to win again within a five-year period. Please note: special consideration is given to those applicants who actively participate in FTA Safety Management Council activities and events, such as TDC volunteering, SMC Executive Committee, driver appreciation events, vehicle inspections, etc.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged by a Selection Committee composed of former Safety Professional of the Year winners, whose decision will be based on the information provided as outlined in the "Nominee's Experience and Record" form. The nominee's activities in leadership and participation in FTA's Safety Programs will also be reviewed by the Selection Committee to determine the candidate's accomplishments in these areas.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Safety Professional of the Year award is not necessarily awarded on an annual basis. It is awarded at the Selection Committee's discretion.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Failure to provide items in a portfolio format will disqualify you from consideration.

- Nominee must be a person responsible for safety in their FTA member company who has the authority to affect development of policies and programs related to loss prevention, safety awareness and compliance.
- Nominee must submit a portfolio to include career résumé, accomplishments and contributions as it relates to safety. The portfolio should include a photograph of nominee, index, introduction letter\* and tabbed sections.
- The portfolio work product content is to be supported by documents; photos, videos, charts and/or graphics which demonstrate the Nominee's ability to develop and implement safety initiatives which improved safety performance and awareness.
- Nominee's involvement in industry associations, safety councils, community service are to be included. Supporting documents should be included.
- Nominee's career training and accredited professional certifications.
- If Applicable - Copy of your DD214 (Military Discharge Form)

\*Introduction Letter – Nominee is to include a letter to the Judging Committee summarizing the Nominee's career and contribution to safety. Maximum 500 words.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. All applications must be presented in a portfolio format. Seek to present yourself in the most professional manner possible.

**Complete nominations must be received no later than midnight April 11, 2025, to:**

**FTA-SMC Safety Awards, Florida Trucking Association  
350 E. College Ave., Tallahassee FL 32301, or email application in PDF format to [info@floridatrucking.org](mailto:info@floridatrucking.org)  
Entries received and/or completed after this date will not be considered.**



# Safety Professional of the Year

2025 NOMINATION FORM

**Nominations must be received in the FTA office by midnight Friday April 11, 2025.**

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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee Name

Age

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Employer

US DOT#

Company Mailing Address

Cell Phone

City

State

Zip

Marital Status

Spouse Name

Children's names & ages

Trucking industry positions held

Recognition received as a driver (if applicable)

Email Address (required):

Ring size:

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT (list in reverse order)**

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*Company*

*Dates*

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*Mailing Address*

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*City*

*State*

*Zip*

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*Company*

*Dates*

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*Mailing Address*

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*City*

*State*

*Zip*

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*Company*

*Dates*

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*Mailing Address*

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*City*

*State*

*Zip*

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*Military Service (Branch)*

*Highest Rank*

*Dates*

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*Principal Duties*

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*Campaigns and military citations*



# Safety Professional of the Year

2025 CERTIFICATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual Being Nominated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

The individual named above is hereby nominated for FTA SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD. The undersigned attest that the nominee directs a truck fleet safety activity and is responsible for the inauguration and administration of the fleet safety program. He/she is of good moral character and has devoted his/her career to highway and industrial safety.

We further attest that all statements supporting this nomination are true. We understand and agree that FTA and the FTA/SMC Selection Committee may review this nominee’s records, background information, and accomplishments. This review shall be made only to substantiate the nomination. The Selection Committee shall keep all such information confidential.

It is agreed that if selected for the award, the nominee will attend the presentation ceremonies. The recipient will be notified of the presentation date in advance by Florida Trucking Association, Inc.

Signed:

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Nominator Signature

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Nominee Signature

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Company Executive Signature

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Company Address

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Nominator Phone & Email (Required)