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TransForce Announces Outstanding Safety Record

TransForce, the nation's leading supplier of outsourced staffing and compliance services to the trucking industry announced that it has again achieved an outstanding safety record as measured by its latest annual accident rate of 0.29 DOT defined crashes per million miles for 2008, substantially lower than the industry average.

While DOT does not publish an annual average crash rate for all motor carriers, TransForce's rate is much lower than available industry benchmarks. For instance, the crash rate for private fleets is 0.55 crashes per million miles, according to a recent study released by the National Private Truck Council (NPTC) – a national trade association of company owned fleets operated by manufacturers, distributors, retailers.

Also, TransForce's 2008 rate compares favorably against the average crash rate for all DOT audited fleets – which was 0.77 crashes per million miles in 2008. While it is intuitive that audited carriers would have slightly higher crash rates than other carriers (because many fleets selected for audits are chosen due to their poor safety performance), the fact that TransForce's rate is so much lower than the DOT figure is significant.

“Our better than average annual crash rate is a reflection of our careful applicant screening, compliance training, driver qualification and driver training programs,” says Rob Abbott, VP of Safety and Compliance for TransForce. In addition, it is a credit to the nation's reputable, safe fleets that partner with TransForce to provide transportation services.

TransForce takes a number of steps to ensure tighter controls and safer, more carefully screened drivers. In addition to requiring all staff to complete DOT compliance training, TransForce requires that all driver applicants be screened and approved by its applicant processing center, housed in its corporate office.

“By requiring that each applicant be reviewed by a gatekeeper at our corporate office, we help ensure that applicants are viewed objectively by an individual who specializes in doing so,” said Abbott. “Further, we are able to heighten the focus on safety and compliance in the hiring process.”

TransForce is one of the largest workforce solutions firms in the United States, dedicated entirely to the transportation industry. The company serves over 1500 fleets nationwide through a growing number of 100% owned/controlled offices in more than 32 markets from coast to coast.

*Background Information:***2008 RECORDABLE CRASH RATE**

TransForce's recordable crash rate for 2008 was 0.29 crashes per million miles traveled, remarkably low by comparison to other benchmarks. For instance, the National Private Truck Council reports an industry average for private carriers of 0.55 crashes per million miles traveled – based on their annual benchmarking survey.¹

Unfortunately, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) does not report an industry average crash rate for all motor carriers. However, FMCSA *does* track the average recordable track crash rates for carriers that undergo compliance reviews (audits). As you can see in the chart below, the average crash rate for audited carriers was 0.77 crashes per million miles, much higher than TransForce's rate.

Intuitively, it makes sense that audited carriers would have an inflated crash rate. FMCSA deliberately targets unsafe carriers for audits, so their rates are not indicative of the entire industry. However, it is noteworthy that TransForce's rate was so substantially lower than the average rate for audited carriers.

DOT Recordable Crash Rates – Reported Annually by FMCSA
Collected & Retained by the American Trucking Associations, Inc.

YEAR	FMCSA-REPORTED DOT RECORDABLE CRASH RATE* <i>(Recordable Crashes Per Million Miles Traveled)</i>
1998	.857
1999	.886 “
2000	.842 “
2001	.805 “
2002	.708 “
2003	.744 “
2004	.780 “
2005	.744 “
2006	.826 “
2007	.833 “
2008	.771 “

* DOT recordable crash rate based on recordable crashes and mileage collected by FMCSA and state agency personnel during federal and state compliance reviews performed on motor carriers.

Note of Caution – Since these data are collected from motor carriers that have been targeted by FMCSA for a compliance review as a result of either a high SafeStat score, noncompliance during roadside inspections, a high profile accident(s), one or more complaints, etc., the rates above are likely to be higher than the industry average.

¹ National Private Truck Council 2008 Benchmarking Survey, pg. 27.