



MEDIA RELEASE

AWARDED FOR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN BC'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

Langley, BC / May 19, 2017 - SafetyDriven - Trucking Safety Council of BC (SafetyDriven – TSCBC) has honoured five companies for their commitment to keeping their workers and workplaces safe from injury, illness, and disease.

All five companies earned their Certificate of Recognition (COR), a designation awarded to employers with a health and safety management system that exceeds regulatory requirements. They are certified after passing audits by third parties. This group of companies achieved the highest COR audit scores in 2016.

“Getting COR strengthens morale and relationships within the organization and that can translate into higher productivity and a healthier workplace for everyone,” says Mark Donnelly, Executive Director of SafetyDriven - TSCBC.

“COR has a positive influence on a company’s safety culture which, in turn, drives down injury rates and claims costs.”

Phoenix Truck & Crane won SafetyDriven – TSCBC’s first-ever *Health and Safety Innovation Award* for mandating all of their owner-operators to become COR certified and providing them with the necessary tools and time to succeed. This Coquitlam-based company has been an active part of the Lower Mainland business community for more than 25 years and believes that excellence in health and safety will help in its continued expansion.

“Phoenix Truck & Crane, our client partner in development, testing, and launch of our integrated Health & Safety – Certificate of Recognition pilot program, deserves special recognition for both achieving their Certificate of Recognition and for helping us spearhead a new method of delivering safety certification for owner operators,” Donnelly says. “This unique approach to reaching new clients will allow us to grow our impact into the future.”

Phoenix also won the *Large Employer COR - Achievement of Excellence*, along with:

Sutco Transportation Specialists - Operating out of Salmo and West Kelowna, this family-owned business has seen continued growth throughout Canada and the Northwestern US for more than 20 years. Knowing that continued success requires progressive methods, they are early adopters of technologies and techniques.

Bandstra Transportation Systems Ltd. - This family-owned business, based in Richmond, has been in operation for more than 60 years. Whether it is adopting new technologies or developing new operating techniques, they have never backed away from the challenge.

MasonLift Ltd. - This Delta-based company provides material handling solutions and support across BC. Established 70 years ago, MasonLift has experienced many changes through the years and made adaptability part of how they do business. MasonLift also earned the **Best Overall** award.

Small Employer COR - Achievement of Excellence (4 – 19 employees)

Len's Transportation Group - Based in Surrey, this family-owned and operated firm started with unique solutions for lift trucks. They built a high level of service based on innovative solutions that now includes heavy haul of all descriptions.

SafetyDriven – Trucking Safety Council of BC is a not-for-profit organization and is also a certifying partner for the Health and Safety Certificate of Recognition (COR). SafetyDriven works with management, employees and owner/operators in B.C. trucking and related industries to strengthen safety performance and reduce the number and severity of workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

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