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## **Rogers Resident Tim Hay Named Arkansas Driver of the Year**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Northwest Arkansas truck driver Tim Hay has been named the 2024 Driver of the Year by the Arkansas Trucking Association, recognizing his exceptional 46-year career and outstanding safety record.

Hay, who drives for Tyson Foods and calls Rogers home, received the prestigious honor at the Arkansas Trucking Association's annual conference in Hot Springs on May 16.

During his distinguished career, Hay has amassed more than six million accident-free miles, including 15 years with Tyson Foods. Beyond his professional achievements, he is well-known locally for his commitment to veterans, volunteering with Wreaths Across America for over a decade to deliver memorial wreaths to national cemeteries.

"Tim is a driver's driver, he will help, or mentor any driver. From the newest driver trying to plan their first trip to the driver that might want to change paths and go to something local, or regional. Tim's that guy," said Tyson Foods Senior Manager of Risk Management Transportation Curt Lewis, who nominated Hay for the award.

At Tyson, Hay plays a crucial role in technology development, testing new truck innovations and providing valuable driver-perspective feedback that guides company decisions.

Hay was honored alongside Wayne Smith Trucking's Joey Berkemeyer, who was named Safety Professional of the Year, and Maverick Transportation's Brent Hilton, who was named Maintenance Professional of the Year.

"These men represent the dedication to the mission of moving freight as safely and efficiently as possible," said Arkansas Trucking Association President Shannon Newton. "While thousands of professionals across our state perform excellent work every day, Tim, Joey, and Brent have set an extraordinary standard that elevates our entire industry. Their commitment to safety, innovation, and community service not only inspires their peers but makes all Arkansans proud of the essential role trucking plays in our economy. They truly represent the best of our state and industry."



**Arkansas Trucking Association President Shannon Newton recognizes 2024 Driver of the Year, Tyson Foods' Tim Hay**

The Arkansas Trucking Association presents the Driver of the Year award annually to recognize exceptional professional qualifications, experience and performance in the trucking industry.

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**About the Arkansas Trucking Association:** Since 1932, the Arkansas Trucking Association has served as the voice of the trucking industry, promoting the vitality of this industry on which nearly 87% of Arkansas communities exclusively rely to move their goods. Made up of approximately 350 trucking and service companies, ATA helps members grow their business and profits while protecting the collective interests of trucking companies in the political and regulatory arenas.