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### **Oregon Trucking Associations Names Trucking Industry Veteran Joe Darby as New Director of Safety and Compliance**

Portland, Ore. – April 11, 2017 - Oregon Trucking Associations (OTA) is pleased to announce that trucking industry veteran Joe Darby has accepted the position of Director of Safety and Compliance. He will be working directly with Oregon trucking fleets and drivers to develop the training and tools necessary to support the industry's ongoing commitment to safety.

Darby is well versed in the numerous rules and regulations that surround the trucking industry, including those from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Occupations Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). At OTA, he will direct training and outreach efforts, including OTA's comprehensive Northwest Fleet Safety Certification program, which offers a unique curriculum covering all aspects of creating and maintaining a top-notch fleet safety program.

"Throughout his career, Joe has promoted safety across all areas of the trucking industry," commented OTA President Jana Jarvis, "We know he will be an expert resource for our association members and a true asset to the OTA staff."

Darby brings with him decades of safety knowledge and experience, most recently working as Vice President of Safety and Recruiting at Market Express where he was responsible for driver hiring and training, as well as several other safety and compliance items related to establishing a new carrier. Just prior to that, he held the position of Director of Safety and Risk for Market Transport where he led all safety and compliance activities for 400 drivers. As Vice President Fleet Safety Consulting for Marsh USA, he worked with dedicated for-hire fleets across the United States to develop fleet safety and injury prevention best practices. Earlier in his career, Joe was a driver for Stewart Stiles Truck Line in Cornelius, OR, where he also served as a dispatcher and then their director of safety and operations.

"For over 75 years, OTA has been an advocate for Oregon's trucking industry, with a true dedication to advancing the safety efforts of its members," said Joe Darby, "I look forward to being part of the team and working with members to develop their safety and compliance programs."

Darby is currently a member of both the OTA Safety Committee, as well as the National Private Truck Council Safety Committee. He is also affiliated with the National Safety Council and the American Trucking Association, as well as involved with state and local traffic safety advisory

and commercial vehicle movement groups. He is a Certified Transportation Professional (CTP), as well as a certified Hazmat trainer, Highway Watch trainer and has completed various USDOT Transportation Safety Institute courses.

To learn more about OTA's safety and compliance resources and activities, please visit the OTA website at [www.ortrucking.org](http://www.ortrucking.org).

Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc. ("OTA") is a not-for-profit Oregon corporation with its principal place of business in Clackamas County doing business as the Oregon trucking industry's trade association. OTA advocates for Oregon's trucking industry by positively influencing laws and regulations, promoting public safety, enhancing the industry's image and promoting a healthy business climate while continuing to reduce the trucking industry's impact on the natural environment. OTA members have varying types of operations, including general commodities, sand and gravel, forest products, household goods, bulk, heavy haulers, warehouse, and local cartage. OTA members are part of the network of carriers that drive Oregon's highways to deliver freight, including to the 77 percent of Oregon communities that depend solely on trucks for the delivery of goods. Trucks drive close to four billion miles a year on Oregon's highways and bi-ways, delivering over 600,000 tons of manufactured goods each day.

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