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**IN AN EVER-CHANGING LANDSCAPE, BENDIX HONORS THE
CONSTANT COMMITMENT OF AMERICA'S TRUCK DRIVERS**

*National Truck Driver Appreciation Week Offers Reminder That
No Technology Replaces the Men and Women behind the Wheel*

ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 8, 2017 – Trucking is motion. Roadways, regulations, and commercial vehicle technologies are always changing, evolving, and advancing. During National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, the industry spotlights one of the constants in the landscape: the men and women behind the wheel who put their dedication to safety and professionalism to work every day, every minute, and every mile. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems offers its sincere gratitude and support to America's truck drivers for keeping the U.S. economy rolling, and striving to make highways safer for everyone.

Sponsored annually by the American Trucking Associations (ATA), National Truck Driver Appreciation Week takes place this year Sept. 10-16.

"The importance of America's 3.5 million truck drivers to our nation's economy cannot be understated," said Fred Andersky, Bendix director of government and industry affairs. "Without them, goods aren't delivered, services aren't rendered, and countless aspects of the country would come to a standstill.

"And even as it seems every week brings buzz about a new technology that's going to put driverless trucks on the freeway in just a matter of days, Bendix is fully committed to working

in support of truck drivers who have been, are, and will be the key to trucking transportation for a good while to come.”

Bendix supports drivers and safe vehicle operation through the development and manufacture of its leading-edge active safety and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, from wheel-end components and sensors to active safety systems such as full stability and collision mitigation. The company has long stressed that responsibility for the safe operation of a vehicle remains with the driver at all times, and that nothing is more vitally important than a skilled, safe driver supported by ongoing and proactive training.

During “Proving Ground” demonstrations held throughout the year across North America, Bendix offers fleet operators and drivers the opportunity to experience its safety systems firsthand, and turns to their feedback and expertise to help refine the technologies for tomorrow’s safer vehicles.

“Driver assistance technologies such as full stability and collision mitigation help drivers to do their jobs safely, but these systems do not replace drivers,” said Andersky, who holds a Class A CDL. “Instead, they support drivers’ safe driving practices and habits. And while there have been many demonstrations of autonomous vehicle technologies that could potentially replace some driver duties in the future, it is important to keep in mind that demonstration is not commercialization, and these technologies have yet to prove themselves in real-world applications on a repeatable basis.”

Support beyond Technology

Bendix’s support of drivers also extends beyond the equipment it provides, through the company’s training and education programs, as well as industry outreach participation and sponsorships.

To celebrate drivers’ skills and commitment, Bendix has served as the sole sponsor of the annual ATA National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) Grand Champion Award for the past seven years. This year’s NTDC champion was Roland Bolduc, an East Longmeadow, Massachusetts-based professional driver for FedEx Express. Bendix also supports the efforts of the ATA Road Team as a sponsor of America’s Road Team “Image Trailer,” a rolling resource for the team as they attend public events and industry shows to share their knowledge, talents, and insights.

With driver and technician education also playing crucial roles in safe vehicle operation, Bendix equips the industry with in-depth and up-to-date information through both its long-

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tenured, in-person Brake Training School and the free Bendix On-Line training portal at www.brake-school.com. Other around-the-clock resources to help trucking professionals include the company's multimedia center, the Knowledge Dock™ (knowledge-dock.com), which features an archive of the Bendix Tech Tips series, as well as always updated videos, blog posts, podcasts, and white papers.

"Just like driving conditions on the road ahead, some changes you see coming, and some come up suddenly – so you always want to be prepared," Andersky said. "In any case, Bendix will continue to recognize the valuable contribution that truck drivers make in keeping the country, our economy, and our roadways moving forward safely toward prosperity. And we'll keep aiming to make sure everyone's journey is a safe one."

Through its ever-growing portfolio of technology developments, industry technical leadership, and unparalleled post-sales support, Bendix delivers on safety, vehicle performance, and efficiency, supporting areas critical to fleets' success. By lowering the total cost of vehicle ownership, Bendix helps strengthen return on investment in the equipment and technology that enhance safety for all drivers and passengers who share North America's roads.

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