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BENDIX CELEBRATES THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND THE WHEEL
DURING NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

Even during a National Crisis, Our Nation's 3.6 Million Professional Truck Drivers Remained Committed to Transporting Essential Goods and Materials Safely

ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 14, 2020 – In a year when COVID-19 and a national shutdown highlighted the vital importance of transporting food, medicine, and critical supplies, our nation's professional truck drivers again rose to the challenge. The 3.6 million men and women responsible for driving trucks not only continued to deliver essential supplies in the midst of widespread lockdowns, but they also kept our highways safe, proving their role as one of our economy's most demanding and important professions.

Now, during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, taking place Sept. 13-19, 2020, everyone at Bendix (Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC) salutes and celebrates the invaluable and essential work of our nation's professional truck drivers, who kept America rolling this year when the country needed them the most.

According to the American Trucking Associations (ATA), which sponsors National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, our nation's professional truck drivers safely transport over 10 billion tons of goods and products annually, accounting for 70% of America's total annual freight. What's more, 80% of U.S. communities depend solely on trucking to deliver goods.

"Our nation's professional truck drivers have always worked hard for our country, in effect making nearly every aspect of our daily lives possible by delivering essential goods and

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resources safely,” said Fred Andersky, Bendix director – demos, sales and service training. “This year, during a global pandemic, we depended on their commitment and dedication perhaps more than ever, and these professionals didn’t fail to come through for us. Even during a time when much of the country was in shutdown, our truck drivers continued to transport critical goods and supplies where they were needed, safely.

“For their continued work and dedication, everyone at Bendix offers sincere gratitude to them,” he continued. “We also remain committed to pursuing the technologies, training, and solutions that help keep our truck drivers safe and their vehicles operating in good condition – so that they can return to their loved ones safely.”

Committed to Technologies and Training

Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, supports truck drivers and safe vehicle operation through a number of investments and programs. These include developing advanced commercial vehicle safety technologies, driver and technician training and education, and support for additional industry programs benefiting professional truck drivers, as well as other across the industry.

Bendix continuously strives to engineer solutions that help drivers do their jobs more safely. These include wheel-end components such as air disc brakes; advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), such as stability control and collision mitigation; blind spot monitoring; and automatic parking brake technology, which provides rollaway prevention, as well as improved in-cab ergonomics.

The company emphasizes that there is no substitute for skilled, safe drivers supported by ongoing, proactive training: Bendix safety technologies complement safe driving practices, and responsibility for the safe operation of the vehicle remains with the driver at all times.

Bendix’s training efforts for drivers and fleets also continues in 2020, even as Bendix’s in-person training and demo events have been paused. Two new events, the Bendix Virtual Trucking Demo (www.safertrucks.com/vtruckdemo) and Bendix Virtual School Bus Demo (www.safertrucks.com/vsbdemo), set for Sept. 24, will highlight the company’s safety technologies in a live, interactive broadcast showing advanced safety technologies at work in real-time maneuvers, with multiple camera angles, replays, and more.

“Keeping our professional truck drivers and vehicles safe on our roadways involves a combination of hands-on experience, continuous education, and ongoing communications,” said Andersky, a Class A CDL holder. “Although this year, while we can’t hold our typical ‘Proving

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Ground' demonstrations as we normally do, we're hosting the Bendix Virtual Demos so that drivers, fleet operators, and individuals from across our industry still can witness these advanced safety technologies in action, see how they work and can help them, and talk with Bendix technical experts to learn more."

Bendix also continues to share industry knowledge and expertise by providing in-depth and up-to-date information through existing online channels.

The free Bendix On-Line training portal at www.brake-school.com and the Knowledge Dock® (knowledge-dock.com) continue to serve as 24/7/365 resources for training and information, with in-depth video courses, the Bendix Tech Tips series, podcasts, and white papers.

"Bendix remains committed to supporting and celebrating the skill and safety of our professional truck drivers, who continue to set the pace for the commercial transport and trucking industry, even as automated safety technology and driverless concepts come into play," Andersky said. "The men and women responsible for transporting essential goods and materials through the safe operation of our nation's trucks deserve our gratitude and recognition for the vital work they do. As always, we're proud to support our truck drivers with the advanced safety technologies and services that help keep them moving safely as they're fulfilling this critical role."

About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of Knorr-Bremse, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 4,100 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-275) or visit bendix.com. Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at knowledge-dock.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at brake-school.com. And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit bendix.com/careers.

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