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Searcy Trucking wins Volvo Trucks Safety Award

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — A Canadian fleet has once again been recognized by Volvo Trucks as one of the safest in North America.

Searcy Trucking was named a winner of the 2015 Volvo Trucks Safety Awards at the American Trucking Associations Management Conference & Exhibition. It receives \$25,000 to put towards its safety programs, courtesy Volvo and co-sponsor Michelin Americas Truck Tires. Searcy, a Bison Transport subsidiary based in Winnipeg, Man., won the division for fleets travelling less than 20 million miles per year. Winner of the 20 million mile-plus category was Ruan Transportation of Des Moines, Iowa.

Companies are selected based on their safety records and training programs. Qualifying carriers must have at least one Volvo truck in their fleets.



Searcy Trucking president Norm Blagden (second from right) accepts a cheque from Volvo Trucks and Michelin.

“By making safety a priority every day, Ruan Transportation and Searcy Trucking were able to deliver an outstanding safety performance during the past year,” said Göran Nyberg, president, Volvo Trucks North America. “Their investments in industry-leading safety programs and training show a dedication to driver safety, and we congratulate them on this achievement.”

This is the seventh year for the Volvo Trucks Safety Award program and Canadian fleets have traditionally fared well.

Searcy is an 88-truck flatbed trucking company that says it manages its safety programs with the same attention to detail as its finances. Drivers are provided with simulator training that reflects real-life experiences.

It employs a “Right to decide” policy, which allows drivers to deem when it’s not safe to carry on, allowing them to discontinue a trip until conditions improve. Its drivers racked up more than 6.8 million miles last year and had an accident frequency rate of 0.58.

“Safety has been a core value at Searcy Trucking for as long as we’ve been in the trucking business and that was a key factor in Bison’s interest in acquiring Searcy back in 2013,” said Norm Blagden, president of Searcy Trucking, who accepted the award. “Searcy drivers are some of the best in the business. That, combined with a leading safety program, ensures our drivers return home safely at the end of each and every trip.”

Volvo produced [this video](#) about Searcy Trucking and its safety programs.

