



## Million Mile Safe Driving Tips

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Last month, four of the nation's top private fleet drivers were inducted into the NPTC Driver Hall of Fame sponsored by International Motors. Collectively, they have driven for more than 191 years, accumulating nearly 15.5 million miles of service without a chargeable accident, injury or moving violation. The recognition took place in conjunction with the NPTC Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition, which was held May 11-13 in Orlando.

So, what can we learn from these award-winning drivers? What characteristics do they display that we can put into our daily routines? And what behaviors are worthy of emulation? We asked each one of the four drivers what their keys to success were and following are their answers:

- Adhere to all traffic laws and regulations
- Commit yourself to defensive driving techniques
- Anticipate and react to potential hazards
- Conduct regular vehicle maintenance checks to ensure your equipment is in optimal condition
- Stay updated on weather conditions and adjust your driving accordingly to maintain safety
- Try to take only right turns
- Keep a close watch on the rearview mirrors
- "You know what you're going to do, but you don't know what they're going to."
- Look as far ahead as possible
- Allow space for what's ahead
- Practice patience
- Relax
- Show respect for others
- Study your environment
- Be nice smooth and controlled as if you were balancing a cup of coffee on the dash
- Focus and try to avoid distractions
- Try to stay away from everyone
- Stay aware of what's going on around me and always try to anticipate what somebody might do
- Don't make unnecessary moves
- Put the phone away
- Treat others the way you wish to be treated
- Get into healthy routines, getting enough sleep and eating well
- Park your personal problems at home before you get behind the wheel
- Work hard and commit yourself to excellence in all facets of your life on and off the job

Take note of these best practices. By putting them into action, you too can enhance your winning performance.

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