

## **WIT Member Jeana Hysell names the first Ohio Trucking Association's Safety Professional of the Year award**

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Jeana Hysell joined the Women In Trucking Association last year because she wanted to network with other women who have found success in the trucking industry. Now, Jeana has become a role model by being named the first Ohio Trucking Association's Safety Professional of the Year award. This distinction was earned by setting an example as a trucking company safety manager who has exhibited outstanding efforts in the industry.

Hysell is currently the Safety Director for Classic Carriers, Inc. in Versailles, Ohio. After serving in the military, she entered the trucking industry as a professional driver, and has more than two million accident free miles. She is active in safety and image committees, and serves the Ohio Trucking Safety Council. Her passion in furthering the goals of Women In Trucking is evident, as she has chosen to use the \$1,000 honorarium received to help other women find success in the trucking industry by setting up a scholarship for women with the help of the Association. "Women In Trucking represents not just women but equality within the transportation industry to help educate and pursue successes," said Hysell. "I would have not been able to receive this type of award if it wasn't for the drivers who allowed me to shine and for all the women in this industry that were before me and after."

"Jeana has set an example, not only for her peers in the area of safety, but for all women who are already or are considering a career in transportation," said Ellen Voie, President/CEO of Women In Trucking, Inc. "We are honored that she has chosen to use her award to assist other women so that they can find success in this industry."

Women In Trucking, Inc. ([www.WomenInTrucking.org](http://www.WomenInTrucking.org)) was established to encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, promote their accomplishments and minimize obstacles faced by women in trucking. Formed in 2007, the organization already has nearly 1,100 corporate and individual members (men and women) who encourage women to succeed in the trucking industry.

Jeana Hysell and OTA President Larry Davis and newly-appointed FMCSA Division Administrator Linda Gilliam (Columbus office)