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Otago takes two at NZ Road Transport Industry Awards

Proud Otago man and NZTA vehicle safety specialist Jeff Fleury was last night awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Training Award at the New Zealand Road Transport Industry awards.

The award, which is given out annually, is for the promotion and provision of training within the road transport sector and reflects the tremendous effort and commitment that Jeff has displayed in presenting the Road Transport Forum's Rollover Prevention Safer Journey's Programme.

Jeff has gone well beyond the call of duty over and over again in order to help get the programme out to as many people as possible. The 70 or so seminars held this year have reached around 3,000 drivers and operators and have had a major impact on how the industry addresses the issue of rollovers and safety generally.

"Jeff has presented each and every two-and-a-half seminar, up and down the country, at all times of the day and night," says RTF Chief Executive Ken Shirley.

"Feedback from the seminars has been overwhelmingly positive and that is in large part due to the unique style and honesty that Jeff uses in his presentation as well as his outstanding depth of knowledge," says Shirley.

Another Otago-ite, Road Transport Logistics Ltd's Eileen Cavanagh took away the award for Outstanding Contribution to Health and Safety

As RTL's Health and Safety & HR Manager for the last three years Eileen Cavanagh has had the difficult job of amalgamating 100 staff from five different companies into one organisation. Eileen has also had to oversee the implementation of new health and safety legislation across the new company.

RTL's outstanding health and safety outcomes and improved compliance have been put down to the way Eileen has approached the task. Eileen succeeded in giving RTL staff the confidence to participate and contribute positively to all aspects of health and safety across the organisation and importantly built strong relationships with team members, clients and suppliers.

According to company staff the increased awareness of health and safety across staff and stakeholders at RTL would not have been possible without Eileen's passion for the wellbeing of its people.

"Compliance with health and safety law is a major focus for New Zealand transport operators and Eileen's successful programme at RTL is a fine example of what can be achieved," says Ken Shirley.

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