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## **A. Duie Pyle Driver Escapes Serious Injury in NJ Turnpike Crash *Adherence to Safety Belt Use Earns Him a “Saved by the Belt” Award***



**CARTERET, NJ** – Within minutes of leaving A. Duie Pyle’s Carteret, NJ, Service Center recently for his nightly Carteret-Syracuse, NY, run, truck driver Yevgeniy “Gene” Bortniker was the victim of a violent accident that left his truck destroyed. But Bortniker was able to walk away unharmed thanks to his dedication to wearing a safety belt

in the cab. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance decided to recognize his actions by presenting him with its “Saved by the Belt” Award.

The “Saved by the Belt” Award was launched to recognize commercial motor vehicle drivers whose lives were saved or injuries significantly reduced as a result of wearing a safety belt. Bortniker was nominated for the award by A. Duie Pyle loss prevention specialist Frank Wendling, who explained the circumstances leading to the accident. “Gene had just left Carteret at 10 p.m. and was just three-tenths of mile onto the New Jersey Turnpike when his truck was struck by one of two cars which were engaged in a race on the busy road.

“The car hit the back side of his left front steering tire, which jerked the steering wheel out of his hand, causing him to lose control of the truck. The truck slid into the guardrail, landed on its side, and was completely demolished,” Wendling said. “It’s incredible that Gene was able to walk away unharmed.”

Wendling pointed out that although it is federal law for commercial drivers to wear safety belts and a strict A. Duie Pyle policy as well, the reality is that not everyone complies at every moment. “The fact that Gene survived was a direct result of wearing a safety belt and was proof positive that he is an adherent to our company safety procedures,” he noted. “We’re very proud of him.”

### **About A. Duie Pyle**

Headquartered in West Chester, PA, A. Duie Pyle is the Northeast's premier transportation and logistics provider, with extended service coverage into the Southeast, Midwest, and Canada. A family-owned and operated business for more than 80 years, the company provides a complete range of transportation and distribution services. "Pyle People Deliver" is its corporate promise to customers that outstanding service will always be its first and foremost mission. A. Duie Pyle operates 16 Service Centers, strategically located throughout the region. Pyle's resources include 835 trucks; more than two million square feet of public and contract warehousing and distribution space; and a wide range of specialized equipment. For additional information about A. Duie Pyle capabilities, visit [www.aduiepyle.com](http://www.aduiepyle.com) or call 800-523-5020.

### **About Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance**

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance is an international not-for-profit organization comprising local, state, provincial, territorial, and federal motor carrier safety officials and industry representatives from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The website is [www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org).

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#### **CAPTION:**

The truck driven by A. Duie Pyle's Yevgeniy Bortniker is shown at left following a crash on the NJ Turnpike. Bortniker shows his "Saved by the Belt" recognition for wearing a safety belt, an act that may have saved him his life.

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