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Silent Heroes

Earlier this year, "friends of the Port Authority" received an inspiring letter from Chairman **Jack Sinagra** regarding the remarkable stories following the events of September 11, 2001. The letter stated in part:

"Through your kindness and generosity, you have given the people of the Port Authority a far greater gift than your meaningful contribution. You have given the people of this proud agency hope in our time of grief. You have provided a vital beacon of light during our darkest of days. The worst of humanity reared its ugly head, but you have helped replenish our faith by showing us the best of our collective human spirit. You have renewed our determination and given us the strength we will need to get through this. Together."

Transpo Industries is proud to be standing beside the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and we salute all of the "silent heroes".

Company History

In 1968, Transpo founder **Arthur Dinitz**, realized the need for developing products that would enhance the safety of the traveling public. The first product, a water-filled energy-absorbing bumper, was successfully installed on over 4,000 New York City taxicabs.

In the continuing search for innovative safety products, Transpo introduced Break-Safe® and Pole-Safe®, omni-directional breakaway systems for sign supports and light poles. A newer product, the Blast-Safe™ fence, is used nationally at airports for safety and security measures.

Transpo was one of the pioneers in the development and use of polymer concrete materials for rapid highway and bridge repair. The Castek Division manufactures a variety of precast polymer concrete products for bridges, tunnels and rails.

The Distributor Division supplies permanent and construction zone impact attenuators, moveable barrier systems, traffic counters and analyzers. Freeze-Free™, carefully engineered to perform year after year in snow and ice conditions, is a fixed anti-icing system for bridges and roadways.



CEO Art Dinitz with President Mike Stenko

Certified 9000 in 2001!

Transpo Industries Inc. and Castek Inc. (a Transpo Company) started the arduous task of becoming ISO 9000 certified in 2001. This certification gives all member companies worldwide recognition as having the highest quality of both products and management practices.

ISO is a series of standards defined by the European Communities International Organization for Standardization created to assure the quality of goods and services sold within the Common Market. ISO is quickly becoming the standard for worldwide quality in manufacturing.

Much to our pleasure, it was discovered that both companies had been operating in virtual compliance with ISO 9000 standards for many years. In a process that has taken many companies over a year to successfully complete, Transpo's certification was accomplished in just slightly over six months! Transpo Industries Inc. received ISO 9001 certification for the Design, Manufacture and Supply of Transportation Construction Materials and Safety Products on May 30, 2001. Castek Inc. received ISO 9002 certification for Manufacture and Supply of Transportation Construction Materials and Safety Products on September 10, 2001.

ISO Certification is not a once in a lifetime achievement. It is a commitment to a level of quality that must be maintained. ISO companies are required to submit audits every year to maintain their ISO certification. ISO certification is just one more reason State DOT's can use to select their preferred breakaway support systems. Transpo, the smart solutions company, and Castek, the precast and materials division, meet the highest level of manufacturing: **ISO 9000 Certification!**



MA Highway Department Photo

Dragnet® Ten Nets Truck

On a snowy night in November a Michigan trucker was the first to use the truck escape ramp at the intersection of Routes 2 and 7 in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

A series of "nets" attached to energy absorbers caused the smooth, controlled deceleration of the tractor-trailer with it's cargo of 39,000 pounds of Kahlua beverages.

The truck driver of four years said that this was the first time he had ever had to use a truck escape ramp. Thanks to the Energy Absorption Systems, Inc. **Dragnet® Ten**, distributed by Transpo, the driver was uninjured and the truck sustained only minor damage to the nose and fender area. The truck was driven away from the scene and no charges were filed by the Williamstown Police Department.

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N. J. Turnpike EZ PASS Selects Pole-Safe®

Thanks to new signs that have been placed adjacent to the highway and at entrances, motorists approaching a toll booth on the New Jersey Turnpike will now have better notification of EZ PASS lanes. The location of these signs is crucial to their legibility by the traveling motorist. Many of these signs are located within the "clear zone", requiring that they be on an approved FHWA breakaway support system. A joint evaluation effort undertaken by the Turnpike, Transport Data Systems and Transpo resulted in an approved multi-post application for **Pole-Safe®**. The most economical system for the Turnpike Authority to provide breakaway performance for the EZ PASS sign program proved to be Pole-Safe®.

Break-Safe® Training Video Released

Knowing how and why a breakaway support system is designed to perform omni-directionally, regardless of the vehicle angle of impact is important to a highway sign engineer. What is most important is the assured level of in-place performance that Transpo designs into its breakaway support systems. We recognize the importance of the proper installation to the performance of our system. As a way of continuing to provide the most up-to-date product information available from the leading manufacturer of breakaway support systems, Transpo has produced an installation training video with the assistance of the State of Washington sign shop. The video contains the recommended installation procedure for **Break-Safe®**, plus some very helpful hints from the sign crew that will go a long way to assuring the in-place performance of the Break-Safe® sign support system.

Announcement

Transpo Industries is pleased to announce the appointment of **AMT Approved** as exclusive distributor of Pole-Safe® and Break-Safe® breakaway support systems in the state of Texas.

Conventions/Conferences

- 19th Annual **Int. Bridge Conf.**, Pittsburgh, PA. *June 10 - 12th, 2002*
Booth 100 features: polymer concrete materials and overlay systems
- **AASHTO Traffic/NCUTCD**, St. Paul, MN. *June 16 - 21st, 2002*
- **WASHTO**, San Antonio, TX. *July 7 - 10, 2002*
- **ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit**, Philadelphia, PA. *August 4 - 7, 2002*