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Break-Safe® Supports Medal of Honor Signs

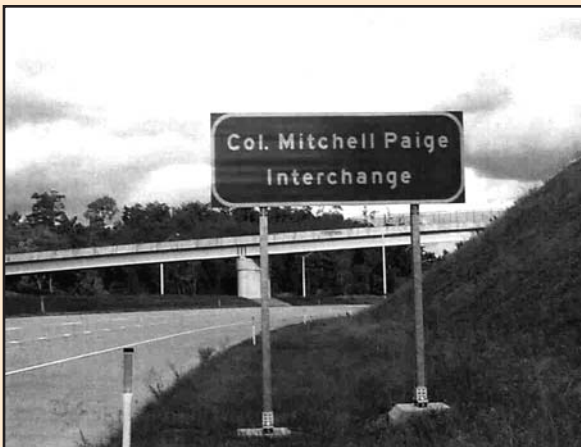
The Pennsylvania General Assembly has named sixteen interchanges along the seventy-mile toll road system, for military veterans from the region whose gallantry under fire earned them the prestigious U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor.

All of the Medal of Honor exit signs erected so far were mounted on Break-Safe breakaway supports supplied by Transpo Industries, Inc.

On April 12, 2002, Marine Colonel Mitchell Paige (World War II, Solomon Islands) and Army Colonel Walter J. Marm, Jr. (Ia Drang Valley, Vietnam) joined Pennsylvania Turnpike officials and families of other Medal of Honor recipients (from the Monongahela River Valley in the Pittsburgh area) for the dedication of the new Mon/Fayette Expressway in Washington/Allegheny counties.

Six of the interchanges serve parts of the expressway that opened between March 1, 2000 and April 12, 2002. The ten other interchanges named for Medal of Honor recipients are on the 24-mile Pittsburgh leg of the expressway system, which has not yet advanced to construction.

Transpo is proud to be part of this wonderful tribute to these United States war heroes.



Break-Safe sign honoring Navy Colonel Mitchell Paige



Keeping the Peace with Visi-Barrier™

The Peace Bridge celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2002, a reminder of the peaceful relationship between the U.S. and Canada. For tourists visiting the Niagara River, the Peace Bridge serves as a friendly crossing to historic places. For commercial carriers, the bridge is a vital link for transporting goods and services between the two large trading partners.

The Peace Bridge Commission of Niagara Falls and the United States Customs Department hired G.C. Pinto Construction of Buffalo NY to install Transpo's Visi-Barrier™ at the toll gate by the U.S. border. The Visi-Barrier™ precast polymer concrete panels were selected for their unique highly visible retroreflective stripe. The polymer concrete materials are resistant to road salts and chemicals, eliminating the costly maintenance caused by corrosive damage and deterioration. The standard "Jersey-shape" was specified, though other custom designs are available.

The Peace Bridge, located near Buffalo, NY and Fort Erie, Ontario is 5,800 feet long with 3 lanes. More than 6.6 million passenger vehicles and almost 1.4 million commercial vehicles cross this bridge every year.

The 21st century, the Peace Bridge has implemented a capital expansion program of enormous proportions. The plan calls for reconstruction and expansion of the Canadian and U.S. Plazas.

The Peace Bridge is an important link between two countries in an increasingly growing global economy. Transpo is pleased to be involved in keeping it that way.



(left to right) CEO Arthur Dinitz with Janice Fernandez, Ed Thaler, Joan Cornell, Carl Brown, Tiffany Robinson, Mike Stenko and Rich Brown

Serving the Northeast: the Distributor Group

"Our team works together to deliver timely and informed technical assistance to our clients."
Joan Cornell, Senior Vice President stated today.

Sales Manager, Janice Fernandez efficiently manages truck-mounted attenuator (TMA) sales and delivery schedules. It's not uncommon to see Janice in a maintenance yard, measuring and photographing equipment to assure that the correct TMAs are selected for the truck and site.

Engineering Manager Ed Thaler's field visits insure that the recommended impact attenuators and end treatments are the most economical and appropriate for each location. Ed claims: *"working with life-saving crash cushions is personally rewarding. The products we sell to protect fixed obstacles, are carefully designed, exhaustively tested and save innumerable lives."*

Whether you require wireless traffic counters, user-friendly software or global positioning software for your distance measuring equipment, Tiffany Robinson, is the Sales Coordinator to call on.

Distributor Group (Continued)

Carl Brown manages the Construction Group, teaching and supervising the crew for the installation and maintenance of impact attenuators and barriers. He also offers a maintenance training program to clients.

Some of the new products recently added to the Distributor Group include FreezeFree™ (fixed anti-icing systems) and Intelli-Zone™ (designed to prevent work-zone accidents.) *"Electronic sensing devices used in these systems, serve to keep us learning new technologies, and",* Joan Cornell continued, *"working in the transportation industry is a pleasure. The people in it are wonderful and this motivates all of us to do our best every day."*



NEW! Break-Safe® Sign Post Selection Program

This CD Rom assists highway sign engineers in selecting the correct Break-Safe support System for ground-mounted signs. It accepts the engineer's information to calculate the appropriate support system for the size of the sign panel and the specified wind load. It also enables the designer to select the assembly that matches the required post.

For a copy of this free CD, please send a request to: info@transpo.com

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Conventions/Conferences

- **SASHTO 2003**, Charleston, WV Sept. 13-17 Booth #139
- **EASTERN REGION HWY/RR**, Hagerstown, MD Sept. 23-24
- **AREMA 2003**, Chicago, IL Oct. 5-8 Booth #437
- **WESTERN BRIDGE ENGINEERS**, Reno, NV Oct. 5-8 Booth #116