



Thomas Built Buses Honors 2011 Top Dealers

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Wayne Supply Co. Named Dealer of the Year

High Point, N.C. – Thomas Built Buses recognized its top dealers of the year at its annual dealer meeting in Greensboro, N.C. on October 4, 2011. Thomas Built president and CEO Kelley Platt presented the 2011 Dealer of the Year award to Frank Lewis, general manager of Wayne Power Systems, of Wayne Supply Company in Louisville, Ky. Wayne Supply, which is the Thomas Built Buses dealer for the state of Kentucky, is a full service dealer, offering sales, parts and vehicle service.

“Among Wayne’s noteworthy accomplishments is its work with state organizations to help Kentucky obtain the first and biggest federal hybrid school bus grant in the U.S. In large part because of the firm’s efforts, Thomas Built Buses has delivered more cutting-edge diesel-electric hybrid technology school buses than any other school bus manufacturer in the country,” said Platt. “But Wayne Supply is more than sales, Wayne consistently delivers in the service arena. We regularly receive wonderful comments from our customers who tell us that all of Wayne’s 11 main servicing locations provide second to none service support.”

The Dealer of the Year award is selected annually from four regional winners that demonstrate outstanding performance in customer satisfaction, customer service and support, financial performance and overall relationship with Thomas Built Buses.

Honored as regional dealers of the year, in addition to Wayne Supply Co. in the government sales category, were:

- W.C. Cressey & Son Inc., Kennebunk, Maine (northeastern region)
- Sonny Merryman, Inc., Evington, Va. (southeast region)
- Western Mountain Bus Sales, Nampa, Idaho (western region)

At the same event, gold, silver and bronze awards for dealership excellence were presented to selected dealers in recognition of outstanding performance in service, parts support and bus sales.

Thomas Built Buses

Thomas Built Buses (www.thomasbus.com) is a leading manufacturer of school buses in North America, with more than one-third of the market. Since the first Thomas Built bus rolled off the assembly line in 1936, the company has been committed to delivering the smartest and most innovative buses in North America.

Thomas Built Buses, Inc. is a subsidiary of Daimler Trucks North America LLC, the largest heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America and a leading manufacturer of class 4-8 vehicles. Daimler Trucks North America produces and markets commercial vehicles under the Freightliner, Western Star and Thomas Built Buses nameplates. Daimler Trucks North America is a Daimler company.