

Saved by the Belt Awardee

The Macsteel Service Centers USA, Troy, VA, location is proud to recognize one of its truck drivers, Jeffrey Rice, who was recently awarded the prestigious Saved by the Belt Award by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. This award recognizes an individual that has had a safety belt save their life or significantly reduce injuries in a vehicular accident. Sgt. Wayne Santmyer of the Maryland State Police nominated Jeffrey for this award after he responded to a rolled over Tractor Trailer accident on July 6th, 2011.

Mr. Rice was driving through Maryland, Northbound on Route 291, on the way to deliver a load of sheets to a customer. Another vehicle pulled out to go around the company's truck in a no passing zone, causing an oncoming car to swerve head on toward Jeff. As there was no shoulder on Route 291, Jeff did the only thing possible to avoid a potentially catastrophic incident; he maneuvered the truck into the ditch, avoiding a head-on collision. By all witness and police accounts, he was a hero and saved the life of another driver. The responding officer, Sgt. Wayne Santmyer, credited Jeff Rice with saving the lives of the people in the oncoming car while putting his own life at risk. The responding police officer thought enough of the situation to nominate our driver for the prestigious Saved by the Belt Award. Our driver was selected and has won a national safety award from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance related to the July 6th, crash incident. The award was presented in Austin, TX, on Sept 28th, and our driver was recognized.

We are thankful that Jeffrey was not seriously hurt, and would like to congratulate him on being the recipient of the 2011 Saved by the Belt Award. Mr. Rice has been an employee of Macsteel Service Centers USA, for over 25 years, 14 of which he has spent as a driver.



Jeffrey, pictured above, and his wife April live in Lake Monticello, VA, and are the proud parents of Michelle and Erica.