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Dove and his nearly spotless concrete truck.

# Concrete Achievement

## Superior Record Nets Honor For Truck Driver

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takes a great deal of skill to maneuver a large truck in and around a job site, Wilt said.

“The opportunity for accidents abound,” Wilt said. “If (drivers) are not paying attention, they can back over your car.”

Because of Dove’s “impeccable” driving record, Wilt nominated him for the national “Ready Mixed Truck Driver of the Year” contest. Dove was named a runner-up (between second and fifth place) among 59 competitors nationwide.

Broadway resident Dove flew

to San Diego with his wife Janet this week to accept his award from the 1,100-member National Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

The trip marked his first time on an airplane.

“I’ve always wanted to ride on one,” Dove said before the trip. He had already checked out what type of plane they would fly on — a United Airlines 737.

For United’s sake, hope that the airplane was a clean one.

Dove, Wilt said, keeps his Volvo concrete truck in impeccable condition.

The company usually selects Dove’s truck from its fleet of 16 to show off in local community parades, Wilt said.

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Gary Dove’s driving record is as clean as his truck.

For those familiar with the goo-caked look of most concrete trucks, that might not seem like a compliment. But there’s nothing ordinary about Dove’s truck — or his driving record.

In 28 years of driving a 70,000-pound truck for a Harrisonburg concrete company, Dove has never had an accident or got a ticket.

That’s an admirable feat, says the president of Dove’s company.

“We have a really good staff of truck drivers. It’s just the fact of Gary going that long — that’s what really sets him apart,” said Tony Wilt, president and general manager of Superior Concrete Inc.. “That’s what astounds me about him today.”

In the concrete business, drivers are on the road every day. It