The National Spirit Ride Comes to Albany, June 9th!

Albany, N.Y. (June 2, 2017): On June 9th, 2:00 pm at Colonie Center, the Spirit Ride will be on display and a ceremony will be held to both raise awareness of the Slow Down, Move Over law and to pay tribute to those lives lost roadside, assisting others.

The very professionals who earn a living from highway accidents are now taking to the roads to promote highway safety and help safeguard the lives of fellow first responders. The Spirit Ride will relay a casket by car carrier across the nation and back. All told, some 400 towing companies and 5,000 tow trucks across the U.S. are contributing their services to the Spirit Ride to promote safe driving and the Slow Down, Move Over laws that are in place in all 50 states. These laws ask motorists to slow down or move over one lane where possible whenever passing any vehicle on the roadside with flashing lights of any color.

The Ride will pass through Albany, NY on 6/9/17 with the Spirit casket being relayed to Night Owl Automotive Repair Services. A ceremony will take place at 2 PM, followed by a procession of tow trucks and emergency service vehicles through Albany. Speakers will include representatives from the NYS Troopers, NYS Thruway Authority, AAA and ESTRA (the Empire State Towing & Recovery Association).

“Spirit”, the eight-foot long ceremonial casket, was custom built by Mike Corbin, a carpenter who is also a lifelong singer songwriter and who composed the Spirit Ride's anthem. The casket was custom painted by Cecil Burrowes, a well-known artist in the towing industry who specializes in painting trucks and wreckers, and features a dozen scenarios depicting first-responders at the scenes of highways incidents. For more information on the Spirit Ride, please visit ATSpiritRide.com.

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