

## **DRIVERS' COMPETITIONS**

he winners of the All-Russian competition of professional skills «The Best Truck Driver» were awarded in Ufa.

For three days, from September 18 to 20, 2022, more than 50 participants from 30 cities and municipalities of Russia: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Perm, Ryazan, Surgut, Yoshkar-Ola, Nizhny Novgorod, and others – fought for the title of the best truck driver in Russia and a prize fund of 1,000,000 rubles, demonstrating their knowledge and skills in driving a truck.

The competition is organised by the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, Research Institute of Road Transport, the Government of the Republic of Bashkortostan and the Administration of the Ufa City District of the Republic of Bashkortostan. The purpose of the event is to improve professional knowledge, increase the role and popularise the profession of a truck driver, and promote patterns of safe behaviour among road users.

The competitions constitute an important part of the federal project «Road Safety» of the national project «Safe High-Quality Roads» and an integral part of training of highly qualified drivers.

The competition was held on the territory of the universal sports arena «Ufa-Arena». Participants passed a series of contests to test driving skills. In particular, this is driving a truck on a special track with certain conditions, as well as testing theoretical knowledge and traffic rules.

Competitions were held in two categories:

- up to 10 tons (GAZ, KamAZ vehicles);
- over 10 tons (KamAZ vehicles).

In the category up to 10 tons, Alexander Klimov from Lipetsk won the 1<sup>st</sup> place, Vyacheslav Kolosovsky from Cherepovets took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Stanislav Kuzevanov from Nizhny Novgorod took the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the second category «trucks over 10 tons», Sergey Andrianov, a native of Yekaterinburg, took the  $1^{st}$  place, Petr Mikhailov from Surgut won the  $2^{nd}$  place. Anton Volokhov from Novosibirsk took the  $3^{rd}$  place.

The awards were presented to the winners and prize-winners by Sergey Semyonov, Director of the Department of State Policy in the Field of Road and Urban Passenger Transport of the

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Ministry of Transport of Russia, Valery Kulikov, Head of FBE Rosavtotrans, Alexei Vasilkov, General Director of JSC NIIAT, and Alan Marzaev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Bashkortostan. The ceremony was held within the framework of the International Congress «Transport and Construction».

The competition program included the Fragile Cargo module, which meant the most careful movement along the test track. The 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Sergey Andrianov, already winner in trucks over 10 t nomination, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Alexander Gaas from Moscow, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Vladimir Bolotov from Ryazan.

Earlier, in June 2022, the best trolleybus driver in Russia was awarded in Omsk.

Svetlana Necheporenko from Omsk became the winner of the All-Russian Competition of Professional Excellence. A total of 36 trolleybus drivers from 29 cities took part in the competition.

For the first time, professional competitions were held not in the depot, but on Cathedral Square – at the city centre. This made it possible to draw the attention of a large number of spectators to the competition and the profession of a trolleybus driver.

The participants in the competition demonstrated their knowledge of traffic rules, skills in driving

electric vehicles, as well as in the culture of passenger service. A separate module was «Knowledge of the trolleybus equipment, rules of technical operation, job description, the basics of traffic safety and labour protection, the basics of labour legislation» and «Acceptance of a trolleybus before starting the route».

For the first time, drivers have shown the ability to drive smoothly. The driver had to drive without accelerating faster than  $1,5 \text{ m/s}^2$ , when a passenger could fall.

The youngest participant in the competition was 25-year-old Anzhelika Vygovskaya from Togliatti, and the most experienced was Sergey Lipsky from Vologda, whose driving experience is 32 years.

The competition was organised by the Ministry of Transport, the Research Institute of Automobile Transport, the Government of the Omsk Region, the City Administration, the MP of Omsk «Electric Transport».

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