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## // GOOD DEEDS & GIVING BACK

One of our feature articles in this month's newsletter is the 'Good Deeds and Giving Back' section. At Ex-Guard, we are grateful to all our vendors, dealers and customers that ensure our continued success at Ex-Guard. At Ex-Guard, we have a firm belief that it is our duty to volunteer and give back to our community whether it is through monetary support to a local school or volunteering to help others in need. That being said, we are featuring Don Hummer Trucking of Oxford, IA who shares our philosophy. To give you a little background, I've known Don Hummer since 1960. We started kindergarten together, worked together at his uncle's gas station, and both of us graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1972. After graduation, Don attended college and got into the trucking business. It seemed like a natural fit for him as his father, Buck Hummer, was one of the largest livestock haulers in the United States in the 60's and 70's.

This humble beginning coined a favorite line of Don's, "A driver and one truck". Don's business grew throughout the years where "a driver and one truck" (Don and a 1972 Kenworth) turned into a fleet of several drivers and trucks. In 1975, Don Hummer Trucking was officially formed and in December of 1976, Don was able to purchase his first new truck, a 1977 Kenworth. The company went on to be incorporated in 1982 and officially became Don Hummer Trucking Corporation.

As Don continued to grow his business, his generosity to his community grew in proportion. Don had never forgotten his ties to his hometown of Oxford nor to his adopted community of Amana. Anyone with a good cause could always count on Don Hummer or his company for his generosity and support whether it was a request for a donation to a school/church fundraiser or just to help someone in need. In April of 2008, a fire broke out that destroyed the equipment maintenance facility at the Don Hummer Trucking main terminal.



The Oxford Community Fire Department and Amana Community Fire Department were both contacted and swiftly responded to the call. There were also several other surrounding community fire departments that responded and gave assistance. Amazingly, all trucks were removed out of the burning building and none were destroyed by the fire. More importantly "no employees were injured." The fire was quickly extinguished and about half the building was saved due to the combined efforts of all the fire departments that fought the blaze. It did not take long for Don to quickly rebuild the equipment maintenance facility, and it was up and running in no time.

As Don looked back, he was very touched and especially impressed by the quick response he received from the Oxford and Amana Fire Departments. As a token of his appreciation for all their efforts, he now donates all the fuel for the fire trucks of both departments. At the end of fire calls, these two fire departments fill up their fire trucks and emergency equipment fuel tanks at the Don Hummer Trucking terminal....at no cost to their communities!

THANK-YOU DON FOR 'GIVING BACK'!

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