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**RETIRED UPS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
DUANE LIPPINCOTT JOINS NGVi**

Las Vegas, NV - Natural Gas Vehicle Institute announced today that Duane Lippincott, retired Learning and Development Director for UPS, has joined the organization as a new technical instructor. Mr. Lippincott brings nearly four decades of experience in the automotive industry, including his 30-year tenure in the Automotive Department at UPS, which oversees both vehicle maintenance and engineering.

"We are thrilled to have Duane join our organization," said Annalloyd Thomason, co-founder and General Manager of NGVi. "His background in technical training and his scope of understanding of fleet operations is not only a real asset to our organization, but also a great benefit to our customers," she added. "I've said this time and again - we only succeed when our customers succeed. That's why we are so pleased to have this proven leader joining our training team."

Over his thirty-nine years of progressively increasing involvement in the transportation industry, Mr. Lippincott has held various leadership roles at UPS, including several fleet management positions in his early years, followed by an assignment in UPS Corporate Automotive Engineering as the Maintenance and Engineering Manager for the Class 8 power fleet, and most recently as Director of Learning and Development, with responsibility for all UPS automotive personnel in North America.

"The addition of Duane to the NGVi team strengthens both the technical and executive leadership experience of our team," said Leo Thomason, Executive Director of NGVi. "His solid grounding as an industry expert, his unique set of strategic and management skills, and his passion for learning development will help us continue to build on our promise to provide our customers top-notch NGV training," he added.

Mr. Lippincott is also an active participant in industry committees and recognized working groups, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Technology Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association. He is a recipient of TMC's highest award: The Silver Sparkplug.

As a capstone to his UPS career, Duane was recently inducted into the UPS Hall of Fame. According to the company, these inductees "are people who have made a lasting impact in our Automotive Function. They have truly been elite contributors during their career with their commitments to our people, innovation, new technologies, and process improvements. As a result of their contributions, the Automotive Function has taken on new directions."

"Duane is a highly-regarded leader, with long-standing relationships with decision makers of all the key North American fleets using CNG as a transportation fuel, and he brings a wealth of expertise in creating and building industry partnerships to our company," said Thomason. "We are confident his knowledge will keep NGVi at the forefront of training in the natural gas vehicle industry."

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About NGVi: Established in 1989, NGVi has worked with hundreds of companies and government agencies throughout the U.S. and worldwide to help successfully integrate natural gas into their transportation mix. NGVi's clients span a vast number of refuse companies, transit fleets, truck operators, commercial fleets, government fleets, school bus fleet operators, vehicle manufacturers, fleet leasing companies and NGV industry members.