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## **With a Career Spanning America, Chicago Man Leaves His Mark on Paratransit Operations**

**(ROCKVILLE, Md.)**—A Chicago man who has spent a career improving operations at transportation companies across America is being honored with one of the nation’s top awards for his industry.

Frank Ciccarella is being named this year’s Paratransit & Contracting Operator of the Year, a national award given by the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA), the oldest trade organization of its kind in the world.

With a career that began in 1979, Ciccarella’s path has led him to various stints in New York, California, Ohio, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. Most recently, Ciccarella was with SCR Medical Transportation in Chicago. Throughout his travels, Ciccarella has always been one thing first: a teacher.

“I couldn’t begin to think how many classes I’ve taught after 39-plus years in the business. It’s probably in the thousands,” Ciccarella said. “This award is really exciting for me. I take a lot pride in what I do.”

Along the way, Ciccarella has also been involved with TLPA, teaching seminars and offering guidance to members with smaller companies, especially those looking for training resources.

“Frank is a wealth of knowledge on the subject of training,” said Alfred LaGasse, CEO of TLPA. “If there’s a training manual, module or video out there, Frank not only knows about it; he’s likely already reviewed it, too.”

Ciccarella will accept his award in front of hundreds of industry professionals at the TLPA’s 100th Annual Convention & Trade Show on Oct. 28 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

**About TLPA:** Established in 1917, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is a nonprofit trade association that represents the owners and managers of taxicab, limousine, sedan, airport shuttle, paratransit and nonemergency medical fleets. TLPA’s member companies operate more than 100,000 passenger vehicles and transport more than 900 million passengers annually. For more information, please visit [www.tlpa.org](http://www.tlpa.org).

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