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## **Panther CEO & Fellow Exec to Hit the Road for Charity and Experience**

SEVILLE, OHIO — Panther President & Chief Executive Officer Andrew Clarke announced today that he and Panther Chief Information Officer Ed Wadel will be trading in their seats in the Board Room for a couple of seats in the cab of a sprinter cargo van during the week of December 7. The pair will be working as a driver team at Panther in an effort to raise money for charity and — in the process — gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing their workforce and customers.

"We are going to work as 'owner-operators' for one week," Clarke explained. "We'll be on the road ourselves, reviewing load offers, taking loads, making deliveries, and meeting our customers' needs for on-time delivery. No special support. No special frills. We are going to gain greater insight to the job we ask our people to do day-to-day, shipment-to-shipment. And we're going to raise money for charity in the process."

Although Clarke and Wadel have a high profile within the transportation industry, within Panther's organization, and among Panther's customer base, Clarke and Wadel are likely to remain largely anonymous during their stint as a team of sprinter van drivers. The pair will work the job as if it were their own from start to finish. Making door-to-door deliveries, handling and caring for freight the same way they ask their workforce to do the job every day.

"We don't know where we might end up," Clarke added. "We could take a load to California, for example, without knowing exactly how we'll be getting back while still earning money. We'll be relying upon the Panther support team, sleeping and showering at truck stops, eating where we can, and generally living the same life of the folks that work for us every day. We hope the exercise will help us uncover ways Panther can improve the value-equation that includes our drivers, our customers, and our company."

The experience will also give the pair an opportunity to use and evaluate Panther's in-cab technology.

"We'll see precisely how our technology performs on the road," Wadel declared. "And, hopefully, we'll learn where we can make adjustments or consider improvements to make processes more efficient for our workforce and our customers. This is a genuine opportunity to see how the company works from the inside out."

Clarke and Wadel will be blogging about the experience throughout the week, posting pictures and video at [www.pantherexpedite.com](http://www.pantherexpedite.com) and at [www.expeditersonline.com/sub/pantherii/2009/2009.html](http://www.expeditersonline.com/sub/pantherii/2009/2009.html). Proceeds from the trip will benefit Toys for Tots this holiday season.

Panther is the largest, independent, non-asset based provider of expedited transportation services in North America. Additionally, the company offers single-source capabilities and rate-optimized transportation services to and from customer locations anywhere in the world.

For further information on Panther, visit [www.pantherexpedite.com](http://www.pantherexpedite.com), or contact James Adams at [jadams@pantherexpedite.com](mailto:jadams@pantherexpedite.com), (800) 685-0657 Ext 2406.

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