

Congratulations To Bob Ryan On Retiring!

MTS would like to congratulate Bob Ryan on his retirement. He has been with MTS for 8 Years. He was one of the company's major engine rebuilders and a top-notch troubleshooter with over 20 years of Freightliner dealership experience. He now has more time to focus on his Christmas tree farm (Ryan's Nursery) in Ida, MI., more time for camping with family and will spend more time with his 6 grandchildren.

His expertise and dedication have been a cornerstone of our mechanic team, and his presence will truly be missed at MTS. We all wish him the very best as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.



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Destination Dayton

By Kevin Burch (Vice President, Governmental Affairs & Sales at MTS)

On June 25th, a press conference took place at Carillon Park in Dayton, Ohio, for a 30-minute official unveiling of one of the three recently fully wrapped trailers that showcase the City of Dayton, Ohio. The presentation was made by the Mayor of Dayton, Jeffrey Mims, County Commissioner Judy Dodge, and Kevin Burch from Government Affairs at MTS, each discussing the significance of sharing their narratives about the crucial role of trucking in facilitating the movement of goods across America from the City of Dayton. DESTINATION DAYTON, INC. (previously known as The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau) covered all expenses, which included the trailer wraps, labor, and promotional activities.









Congratulations To Paul Wilhelmi On Retiring!

MTS would like to extend its warmest congratulations to Paul Wilhelmi on his retirement. After more than 22 years of dedicated service to MTS, Paul has made a significant impact on our organization. He is truly one of the most cheerful and fun-loving individuals you could ever meet. Always ready with a story or a joke, he has a remarkable talent for brightening anyone's day with his infectious smile. Throughout his career, Paul has exemplified dedication and a strong work ethic, consistently going above and beyond to ensure that every task is completed to the highest standard.

As he embarks on this new chapter, Paul looks forward to cherishing quality time with his grandson, indulging in moments of relaxation, and enjoying his impressive bourbon collection.

Paul is a beloved figure among everyone in dispatch, the shop, and his fellow drivers. His presence will be deeply missed by all.



Successful Inspection With A Beautiful Sunset!

While conducting a routine inspection, MTS driver William Phillips noticed a breathtaking sunset unfolding in the sky. He took the opportunity to capture the moment by snapping some beautiful photographs that showcased the vibrant colors and serene beauty of the scene.







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SmartWay Certification Statement

Martin Transportation Systems, Inc. (MTS) is proud to be a certified partner of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership. This prestigious certification reflects our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, fuel efficiency, and the reduction of transportation-related emissions throughout our fleet operations.

Our Commitment To Sustainable Transportation

As a SmartWay certified carrier, MTS actively monitors and improves the environmental performance of our logistics operations. We integrate fuel-saving technologies, route optimization strategies, and maintenance practices that minimize our carbon footprint while maximizing efficiency and service reliability.

Why It Matters

- SmartWay certification verifies that MTS meets stringent environmental and energy-saving standards.
- Our customers can trust that we are part of a nationally recognized effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- We proudly support EPA's goals of cleaner air, energy independence, and sustainable freight transportation.

Public Accountability

MTS understands that sustainable logistics is a shared responsibility. We are committed to transparent reporting and continuous improvement in our environmental performance. Through SmartWay, we benchmark and communicate our progress to customers, partners, and regulators.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to invest in clean technologies, driver training, and operational innovation to further reduce our impact on the environment. Our partnership with SmartWay is a cornerstone of our broader sustainability strategy.



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Driver Recognition

MTS received a call from a driver with another company. The driver reported that while he was backing into a tight spot, our driver **Manpreet Deol** noticed he was having difficulty and came out to assist him. Our driver helped guide him into the spot and even opened his trailer doors once he was properly lined up.



Please join us in showing appreciation to our driver for helping a fellow driver and for demonstrating excellent professionalism that positively represents our company.

Manpreet Deol has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to the daily operations of MTS. He is frequently relied upon to provide coverage for additional routes and shifts, often stepping in on short notice to ensure continuity in service.

Manpreet regularly goes above and beyond his standard responsibilities, including assisting with the relocation of trailers at the Michigan City terminal and supporting emergency cross-docking operations. His proactive efforts in these areas have played a key role in mitigating mechanical issues and preventing delivery delays.



Furthermore, He is known for his strong teamwork and leadership among peers. He consistently offers support to fellow drivers and contributes to a positive and collaborative terminal environment. His professionalism and dedication are recognized and greatly appreciated by both his Fleet Manager, Jack, and Terminal Manager, Ken.

Manpreet's reliability, work ethic, and positive attitude make him a valued and respected member of the Michigan City team.



May Corporate Driver Of The Month (Travis Knight)



Martin Transportation Systems wishes to congratulate Travis Knight from our Toledo, OH terminal for becoming Corporate Driver of the Month for May 2025.

"Travis has been with MTS for over 18 years," said Terminal Manager Jolene Kerlin.

"Travis does an amazing job, he is always willing to help out fellow drivers, shop or dispatch. Travis runs OTR but if he has the hours, he will work on the weekends and help with local runs to help. He takes a lot of pride in his assigned equipment, he is always cleaning it or shining it up. When Travis is in the yard you can find him cleaning off the dock, picking up around the yard, anything to make our yard look better. He has a great personality. Everyone knows and loves Travis. Travis is not only a wonderful person, but a great driver, he is always on time, willing to get out and help the shop or service, fix his tractor or trailer to keep the truck rolling. I cannot think of a more deserving person to earn this award," said Jolene.

Thank you Travis for your hard work and dedication!

June Corporate Driver Of The Month (Floyd Sinkhorn)



Martin Transportation Systems wishes to congratulate Floyd Sinkhorn from our Springfield, IL terminal for becoming Corporate Driver of the Month for June 2025.

"Floyd has been with MTS since March of 2017, and in that time has been a proven performer," said Terminal Manager Debra Stone.

"Floyd has always been willing to help any driver that needs it, whether with directions to another location, helping to get around traffic, or advising on performance issues, his knowledge is unsurpassed. With his take-charge attitude, and comprehensive knowledge, he has the rare distinction of Zero Violations during DOT Roadside Inspections in the last 8 years. Floyd's professionalism and dedication to MTS have made him an integral part of the Springfield, IL team," said Debra.

Thank you Floyd for your hard work and dedication!

May Terminal Drivers Of The Month!

Help us congratulate the finalists who are named Terminal Drivers of the Month for May 2025.

CONGRATULATIONS!

John Costello - Bertrand, MO Mark Greer - Bowling Green, KY **Edward Cox - Windsor, ON** Tony Willyard - Cleveland, OH Michael Ejike - Dayton, OH Desmond Jordan - Detroit, MI **Christopher Zyber - Flint, MI** Ray Estrada - Grand Prairie, TX Lazaro Rodriguez - Grand Rapids, MI Ronald Witt - Indianapolis, IN Cory Matlock - Kansas City, KS Doug Berry - Lansing, MI Jeffrey Guillory - Louisville, KY Roger Acklin - Marion, IN Byron Powers - Marshall, MI Manpreet Deol - Michigan City, IN Matthew Gauthier - Port Huron, MI Hounare Gnanta - Riverton, IL Richard Grubbs - Spring Hill, TN David Zackary - St. Louis, MO Travis Knight - Toledo, OH Roger Drinnon - White Pine, TN

These drivers will receive a Driver of the Month certificate. They will still be eligible in the coming months to win Corporate Driver of the Month, as long as they continue to meet the criteria.

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TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Touch-A-Truck Event!

The Touch-A-Truck event held in Sinclair Park was a huge success, with a large number of attendees turning up to explore the various vehicles on display. The event provided an opportunity for both children and adults to get up close and personal with a range of vehicles, including MTS Tractors and Dayton decaled trailers. The event was aimed at inspiring the next generation of truck drivers, and it's encouraging to see such initiatives being taken to promote this profession. We would like to extend our appreciation to Duane Dunlow and MTS for their contributions to the event, which helped make it a memorable experience for all who attended.

















