

4th Quarter

2017

Fort Report

Driver of the Year

Miller Team

Congratulations to the Miller Team for winning 2017's Driver of the Year Award. They won a fully paid 5 day cruise in the Caribbean! Robert and Deena Miller have been driving for close to 20 years. They are a team that drives company truck #323. They have received several outstanding reviews from our customers and on more than one occasion have prevented a customer from having to shut down. Their family consists of 4 cats. In their spare time they like to SCUBA dive and fish. They said their favorite thing about Fort is they get to work together. They are true representatives for our Driver of Year!



Quarterly Hot Topic - 2017 Accomplishments and 2018 Outlook

by Brad Kahler

Dear Fort Transfer Family:

As we close out 2017, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments you helped us achieve. We received the highest safety score of a 99 out of 100 on our Transportation Safety Assessment, we have been recognized by our customers as "THE White Glove Carrier" because of the level of service you consistently provide. We also met our charitable giving goals allowing us to make a difference in other peoples' lives. Thank you for your help in achieving so much in 2017!

Now as we look forward to the New Year, Fort Transfer is preparing for potentially one of the best years in our 93 year history. We have secured new business in the South and in the Midwest that will provide our fleet with plenty of opportunities to stay busy. One of our 2018 goals is to work on understanding YOUR needs better so you make Fort your home until retirement. To support our reputation as "THE White Glove Carrier" we will be updating our fleet over the next couple of years to continue to maintain one of the youngest fleets in the industry. We look forward to another safe and successful year and truly appreciate your commitment and choice to be a part of the Fort family.

Happy New Year!



Safety Message

by Brian Freeman



Winter is upon us. If you are traveling through areas that are prone to snowfall, make sure you are properly prepared! With winter, we have more things to pay attention to so that we are not injured or involved in an accident. Wear proper shoes or boots. Your shoe or boot soles should have ridges or ribs for better traction. Dress warm and have extra clothes with you. On the road, reduce your speed, increase your following distance, and give yourself extra room to stop. If road conditions worsen and you feel like you can no longer drive safely, stop your vehicle in a safe place and contact your dispatcher. Proceed only when you know that it is safe!

Driver of the Month

Michael Gilchrist

Residence Rayne, LA

Drives Company Truck #341

Our September 2017 driver of the month lives in Rayne, LA. He has been a driver with Fort for 1 1/2 years. This driver is a true team player. This past month he helped us a number of times to recover equipment on the road and cover last minute dispatches. His attitude is of the highest caliber. He is always ready and willing to help. Operations can confidently send him to our most particular customers and considers him one of our go to drivers. Whether in the office or a fellow driver in our fleet this man will do all he can to take care of you.



Please help us in congratulating our **September 2017** Driver of the Month, Michael Gilchrist!

Driver of the Month

Kevin Underwood

Residence La Place, LA

Drives IC Truck #L299KU

Our October 2017 driver of the month lives in La Place, LA. He has been a driver with Fort for 1 1/2 years. Not only is he a hard runner and always positive, but he is also totally committed to Fort's success, not just his own. He is viewed as a true team player. As an IC, he has covered several loads this month that didn't pay very well but his attitude is that "if you need it and it will help Fort, I will cover it."



Please help us in congratulating our **October 2017** Driver of the Month, Kevin Underwood!



Driver of the Month

Gary Williams

Residence Rayne, LA

Drives Company Truck #345

Our November 2017 driver of the month lives in Clinton, LA. He has a background in law enforcement and has been driving for over 13 years. He has been with Fort for about 4 years.

He is a hard, but safe runner and was very instrumental in making a great first impression during our trial and helping to secure the Livonia, MI award from BASF. He hauled 2 of the 5 trial shipments up there, including the very first one.

He saved the day and made a great first impression for Fort by being in position to legally deliver earlier than scheduled by customer request. Upon arrival, we found out that the competitor truck delivering the same product was late and the customer's tank was empty. He was able to deliver a day earlier to help the customer continue production and had the product at the perfect temperature range for delivery, ensuring that everything unfolded smoothly.



Please help us in congratulating our **November 2017** Driver of the Month, Gary Williams

QUARTERLY HEALTH TIP *by Brad Kahler*

HEALTH TIP

Here are a few wellness tips you can use while on the road:

- **Water, Water, Water.** The majority of health problems arise because of dehydration. Truck drivers typically do not drink enough quality water while on the road for a variety of reasons. However, it is critical to your health that you find a way to take in the required amount of water daily. Whether you carry your own water jugs with you or purchase on the road, it is important that you drink plenty of water!
- **Fast Food or Fresh Food?** Instead of eating at fast food restaurants throughout your day, consider eating more fresh fruits and vegetables. Apples, bananas, grapes, carrots, celery, raisins and others do not need to be kept in the refrigerator, and you can grab and go easily while on the road. They are full of vitamins and minerals that your body needs while handling the daily stresses of trucking life.
- **Try to limit the amount of stimulants you intake during the day.** Things such as coffee, energy drinks, etc., only cause further dehydration and other health issues. These stimulants also can affect the function of your brain causing problems for your response time while driving.
- **It is best to limit your intake of meats while on the road as well.** They are harder for your body to digest. Instead try adding other protein sources, such as nuts to your diet

Congratulations

to our 2017 **Safety Award Winners!**

Year 1

Gregg Sawickis, Gary Williams, James Lott,
Deena Miller, Donald Newman, Gary Tisdale,
JR Lambert, Eric Tarmann, Robert Miller, Kevin
Hubner, Michael Gilchrist

Year 3

Billy Joe Gray, David Prater, Mike Anderson,
David Burris, Robert Seiling, Tony Anderson,
Curtis Howard, Dennis Likins, John Worley,
Richard Ames, Dennis Melvin

Year 5

Kevin Carlson, Gregory Dowl,
Joe Stovall, Robert Bailey, Byron Smith

Year 7

Charles Grant

Year 8

Rick Mercer

Year 2

Danny Roussell, Charles Bennett,
Bobby Roussell, Jon Roberts, Gary Cox,
Neil Duncan, Kenneth Brabham,
Gregory Wilson, Carl Harrell

Year 4

Mitch Arenstein, Mark Needham,
Rick Hudson, Will Turnbo, Bob Hensel,
Rabbit Emfinger, David Adams

Year 6

Means Turner, Carl Thomas,
Thomas Wolf, Steve Sorensen

Year 11

Bobby Carter Jr., Edd Scafidel Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES (Nov. - Jan.)

1 Year

JAMES BENNETT
KIRK MOORE
JOHN BLOUNT
CHARLES HOOD
SCOTT HEMSTROM
SCOTT HITCHCOCK

5 Years

CHARLES COOPER
DAVID PRATER
WILL TURNBO
RABBIT EMFINGER

2 Years

RONNIE BUSH
JACKIE LOTT
GARLAND HANKINS
GARY WILLIAMS

6 Years

BOB HENSEL

7 Years

BROOKE ROTH
CHAD STAPLER
RICHARD CASLER

3 Years

KENNETH BRABHAM
BOBBY ROUSSELL

9 Years

CARL THOMAS

4 Years

TERRY PURTELL
BRIAN REICHERT
NEIL DUNCAN
KERRY LANDRY

10 Years

CHARLES GRANT
JENNIFER RICHTER

11 Years

FRANK HAMILTON

12 Years

TOM WOLF

14 Years

TYLER SCHOEDEL



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