



# FORTREPORT

The Quarterly Newsletter of Fort Transfer

## Safety Message

by Brian Freeman

### Portable Heater Safety

As winter and colder weather approach, the use of portable heaters increases. Electric or gas heaters are very handy to supplement insufficient heat in offices, homes, and other areas; however, they can create hazards if not used properly. Without careful monitoring, heaters can create an electric shock hazard, burns to users, carbon monoxide poisoning, fires, or possibly even explosions.

#### Heater selection:

- When purchasing a portable heater (gas or electric) be sure that it is an approved model from a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters' Laboratories.
- Assure that it has a safety "automatic turn-off device" that will turn the heater off if it is accidentally tipped over or if overheating occurs.

#### Heater placement:

- Choose a heater with a low center of gravity and place it on a level surface.
- Place the heater and electrical cord out of the main traffic area of a room so they do not become a trip hazard.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters to avoid burns.
- Don't place in locations that are normal paths of travel.
- Maintain at least 36 inches between the heater and any flammable material including beds, clothing, furniture, curtains, or other flammable materials.
- Never drape or lay materials, such as wet clothing, over a space heater
- Never leave a portable heater unattended.
  - Turn off and unplug heaters when leaving the area.
  - Always turn portable heaters off when you go to sleep.

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## Quarterly Hot Topic: New Programs for You and Your Family

by Brad Kahler

Our latest programs roll-out is by far our most extensive options to help you in some of life's real challenges—Financial, Health, and Spiritual.

You should have received all the information already through email, but these new programs are a result of the feedback we received from your survey responses. If you and your spouse struggle with any of these challenges, I encouraged and challenge you to take a step TODAY for financial, health or spiritual growth. I can personally testify how learning more on each of these three areas has had such a positive impact on me and my family. I have a long way to go, but more education is how we get better. We're all at different levels, and these programs are in place to help you move forward from your current place.

Please contact Erin with any questions or to sign up - [eschuette@forttransfer.com](mailto:eschuette@forttransfer.com)



# Save the Date

**Fort Transfer's Annual Driver Appreciation Banquet**

**12.1 St Gabriel, LA & 12.8 Morton, IL**

**Formal invitations to follow**

David Burris has been with Fort Transfer for 5 years. He will do anything you ask of him, is always on time and in a good mood. He takes care of our truck and treats it as his own. We receive many compliments from our customers and other drivers on the professionalism and helpful attitude David carries with him.



**Please  
help us in  
congratulating  
our June 2018  
Driver of the  
Month, David  
Burris!**

**Driver of the Month  
June 2018**

**David Burris**

**Residence:** Houston, TX

**Drives:** #363





## Driver of the Month July 2018

**Jim Taylor**

**Residence:** Houston, TX

**Drives:** #1574



Our July 2018 driver of the month has been a part of Fort Transfer for over 16 years. With the history he has with us it will be hard to tell you all the ways we value him as a member of the Fort Family. He takes pride in the work he performs, the quality and care of his equipment, and is a true professional in all his interactions, whether they are with our customers, employees, or other drivers. We receive a lot of positive compliments about this driver from our customers and employees of Fort who meet him for the first time. His kindness and compassion for others is impossible to miss. He is often seen helping other drivers work on their trucks or providing a listening ear if you need someone to talk to. This past month while passing through the St. Gabriel terminal he went out to eat with his fellow Fort drivers and secretly paid for the entire meal and refused to take any payment in return. We are very proud to have him out there every day representing our company.

**Please help us in congratulating our July 2018 Driver of the Month, Jim Taylor!**



Isaac Scott worked with Fort for a year back in 2016 but had a very rough beginning of 2017, with several incidents that resulted in the Termination of his Lease. Since his return in November of 2017, he has been a model driver, with no at-fault incidents and no inspections with violations. He has zero CSA points with Fort Transfer and has been the ideal contractor since his return. He is always happy and smiling, has rescued over a dozen loads for Fort Transfer that other drivers consider undesirable with zero complaints and is totally committed to the success of this organization. We are very proud of the hard work this driver has put into bettering himself and are proud to have him out there representing Fort every day.

**Please help us in congratulating our August 2018  
Driver of the Month, Isaac Scott!**

## Driver of the Month August 2018

**Isaac Scott**

**Residence:** Mound Bayou, MS

**Drives:** #1933



# How is your life similar to an Iceberg?

by Jesse Pierson (Recruiter)

*"The 10% above the water is your skill, and what people can see. The 90% below the water is your character. It's what's below the surface that sinks the ship."—Habitudes*

I recently had to learn this lesson the hard way. Trying to launch a new church, taking a class, juggling life, work and family. Pushing ahead with life, doing more and more, getting busier and busier, I remember thinking If I can just do better, work harder, sleep less, then I will get caught up. If I can be more efficient, more organized, then it will work. Every second counted, scheduled, planned, I couldn't miss a second or I would be further behind. In that moment, of trying desperately to make it look like on the surface that everything was all together. Ultimately, I began to sink, my world came crashing down, I sank. I failed the class I was in, the church didn't open, my family never saw me. In MY best effort to keep my life afloat, I forgot the lesson that is clear in 1 Samuel 16:7, that life is more than just what is on the surface. It is not what people can see that is important, it is what is inside us, or "below the surface that matters" That life disconnected from God, is ultimately going to be empty and void fulfillment and purpose. However, a life connected to God can find joy, fulfillment, and clarity. If we do not invest in our character, we will eventually sink in one way or another. What are you doing today to invest in your own character? What would you lose if people find out you were not who you look like on the surface? As I learned the hard way, when we try to keep the surface afloat without a foundation of character we have to work twice as hard, leaving us exhausted and empty. We can chose to develop and grow our character by connecting to Jesus and allowing him to guide and lead us in his ways.

**"...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**

*1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)*

**Prayer:** Lord, give me a new heart and mind today. Help me, with your strength, to make good choices that are in alignment with your way of life.

**Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7**

"God puts being before doing. He prioritizes taking care of the inside (our heart) because that will determine what takes place on the outside (our behavior)." – Dr. Tim Elmore

*So ask yourself: If what you're about to do was made public, would you still do it?*

## Safety Message *continued*

### **Ventilation:**

- Provide proper ventilation:
  - Follow all manufacturer warnings and instructions.
  - Fuel-burning heaters require ventilation to prevent the buildup of flammable gases and vapors.
  - The accumulation of poisonous carbon monoxide is a concern with heaters that burn fuels.
- Make sure that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are installed in critical locations throughout the home or work area and test them periodically.



## October

4 Melissa Hoyle  
8 Kenneth Gunnell  
8 Ronald Meyers, Sr.  
11 Means Turner  
11 Timothy Weatherly  
13 David Michael Adams  
14 Charles Hood  
15 Gregory Dowl  
16 Michael Bell  
16 Edward Diaz  
18 Rick Hudson  
19 Jennifer Richter  
21 Lou Riley  
22 Melinda Hallmark  
22 Eugene Ezell  
23 Clark Coleman  
26 Joseph Ashton, Jr.  
26 Johnnie Slay, Sr.  
27 Placid Nworie  
29 Dale Zernicek

## November

1 Jeffery Nelson  
3 Wesley Davis  
8 Terry Hopper  
8 Richard Mercer  
9 Larry Melton  
10 Natheyon Taylor  
13 Warren King  
13 Stanley Saunders  
16 Marvin Jackson  
18 Kevin Langston  
18 Robert Rowe  
23 Jimmy Taylor

## December

2 David Burr  
3 David Maskell  
4 Tonio Cobbs  
8 Cortney Pope  
9 Gill Knighten  
12 Robert Hood  
12 Brian Reichert  
12 Dennis Johnson, Sr.  
13 Kevin Underwood  
15 Franklin Hamilton  
16 Kevin Hubner  
17 Keena Skaggs  
17 Randall Vincent  
18 Jonathon Keith Francis  
20 Randall Pohlman  
22 Rico Sellers  
22 Steven Sorensen  
23 Jean Faget  
26 Terry Miller  
29 Antonio Benjamin, Sr.



## 1 Year

Jonathon Keith Francis  
Winston Sutton  
Jeffrey Granier  
Ricardo Cruz  
Logan Schumacher  
Brian Hooper  
Danny McGlothine  
Gary Weaver  
Chris Rivers  
Isaac Scott  
Sean McQueen  
Barry Falgout  
Timothy Weatherly  
Richard Holland  
Reginald Sanders  
Cedric Burrell  
David Burr

## 2 Years

Clark Coleman  
Gary Barber  
Jordy Shiner  
Noel Deocos  
Angel Cruz-Torres  
James Bennett

## 3 Years

Garland Hankins  
Gary Williams

## 4 Years

Michael Farrell  
Mervin Roussell  
Kenneth Wayne Brabham, Jr.

## 5 Years

Brian Reichert  
Terry Purtell  
Kerry Prewitt

## 6 Years

Danny Roussell  
William Turnbo  
Robert Emfinger

## 7 Years

Mitchell Arnstein

## 8 Years

Richard Anthony Casler

## 11 Years

Sean Mathews  
Jennifer Richter

## 12 Years

Franklin Hamilton

## 21 Years

Jim Dodson

