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Profile of the Month – Vernon Lane

Vernon Lane was a fireman and a part-time MEI employee for 10 years. He was an integral part of our E.R. and Industrial Service team.

In September 2015, he became a hero. Vernon caught a baby who was tossed from the third floor of a burning building. After the mother jumped and fell on him, he sustained injuries and was out of work for over a year.

Now he is a full time safety officer at Marion. He audits job sites and monitors our near-miss program. His first hand knowledge about our industry and his own injury experience make him an ideal safety officer for Marion. He is working closely with our Safety Director, Sam Taylor, Paul VanAlstyne, and Tammy Sprouse.

Vernon is a great addition to our safety team, and we're thrilled to have him back.

Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems.  
Making *our* standard, industry standard.



Rusty Sewell presents Jeb Barrett with Planning Committee Award

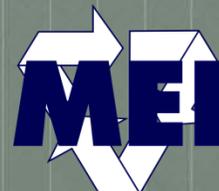
September 22 to September 26, the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) held their 54<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. AIPG is an advocate for the geology profession and communicates regularly to federal and state legislators and agencies on matters pertaining to the geosciences. The AIPG is the largest organization dedicated to promoting geology as a profession emphasizing competence, integrity and ethics.

As past presidents of the Tennessee Section of AIPG, Rusty Sewell and Jeb Barrett were active in the planning and implementation of the conference. Mr. Sewell also served on the National Advisory Board and led a field trip to Lookout Mountain and Raccoon Mountain. Mr. Sewell and Mr. Barrett received recognition awards decorated with fossils and minerals.



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## Safety Tip

Marion is continually working on safety training. Our drivers are receiving refreshers on driving safety from the Smith System, which begins with the 5 Keys To Safe Driving. This is an established training system for veteran drivers.



1. Aim high in steering – look 15 seconds into your future (don't just look at the vehicle in front of you.)
2. Get the big picture – look for hazards, others motorists, pedestrians, and vehicle doors opening.
3. Keep your eyes moving – don't stare, use your peripheral vision, stop the fixed habit stare.
4. Leave yourself an out – monitor the space cushion around you.
5. Make sure they see you – use your signals (flasher, headlight, brake lights, horn, and make eye contact.)

## Happenings

- Sam Taylor has become a Board Certified Safety Professional, the highest certification in the safety field. Congratulations Sam.
- Brian Birchett and Ryan Godsey will be trainers at the REDI (Railroad Education and Development Institute) Center in Atlanta Georgia the week of October 23. Their instruction focuses on railcar transfers.
- The Illinois Environmental Rail Conference is October 24-25 in Urbana, IL. MEI hosts a booth and participates in informative classes.
- MEI participated in a safety symposium with Colonial pipeline on October 18 in Atlanta, GA.
- The Chattanooga Manufacturers Association is hosting an Environmental Conference on Wednesday, November 15. Marion is the main sponsor of this event and will have speakers there.
- In early December, Marion will send representatives to Houston, TX for the Clean Gulf Conference.

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