

## PROFILE OF THE MONTH TRACEY BROOME

Tracey Broome is the full time office manager in Knoxville, and she assists in our Piney Flats office one day a week.

In a field of men, Tracey is a mother, sister, teacher, mentor, and leader. She is an upbeat and positive force in everyone's day.

Her organizational skills help keep reams of paperwork in check, while her openness ensures a steady line of communication between our satellite offices. Tracey always sets a friendly tone, whatever the occasion, and her involvement has helped guide and shape MEI's growth.

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.

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## HAPPENINGS

In early November Marion hosted a booth and participated in the Illinois Railroad Conference. It is a wide-ranging event with numerous educational courses and other opportunities to interact with industry professionals.

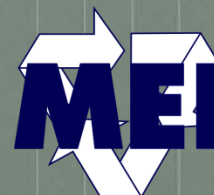


Marion also hosted a booth and participated in the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association Environmental Conference. It was a first rate conference with classes in pertinent topics that included new regulations for air and water. Congratulations to Jeb Barrett, Marion Senior Geologist, for organizing the event for the CMA.



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## Area emergency responders hone their skills on Norfolk Southern safety train

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Norfolk Southern Corporation's safety train rolled into Chattanooga, Tenn., this week, hosting 195 area emergency responders who received advanced training in safely handling potential rail incidents involving hazardous materials.

"The safety train is a mobile technical training center – a vocational school – for the continuing education of first responders and representatives of government agencies who support Norfolk Southern's commitment to incident-free handling of hazardous materials," said David Schoendorfer, Norfolk Southern's system manager hazardous materials. "It's a whistle-stop train that helps keep our communities safe."

Staged this week on a track near the Chattanooga Fire Department, the safety train attracted emergency responders from 14 Chattanooga-area and nearby northwest Georgia agencies, including the Chattanooga Police Department, Walker County Emergency Services, West Polk County Fire & Rescue, Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department, Chattanooga Public Works Department, and the fire departments of Chattanooga, Red Bank, Rhea County, Wolf Creek, Bradley County, Soddy Daisy, Hayes, Centertown, and Dayton. Also represented were railroad emergency response contractors **Marion Environmental Inc.**, SWS Environmental Services, and Hepaco.

"This is a great training opportunity," said Capt. Chris Cordes of the Chattanooga Fire Department. "You can learn about tank cars and boxcars in the classroom, but nothing beats the hands-on training we received here. When you come to a derailment, it's obviously not sitting on the tracks nice and neat. You have to know what you're looking at, and this really helps us get a grasp of what we might be faced with."

The train is visiting 18 cities in 13 states during its inaugural tour this year. To date, 1,710 emergency responders have received professional instruction on the train. At every location, emergency responders can choose from among three days of free training that includes instructor-led and hands-on learning. The train includes two boxcars converted into classrooms, four types of railroad tank cars used in transporting all types of chemicals, and two specially equipped flat cars.

"Norfolk Southern has a great safety record, but in the unlikely event of a train derailment involving hazmat, we want to make sure the communities we serve are prepared," Schoendorfer said. "We are focusing on areas where we have significant hazmat shipments. It's a best business practice to help with preparedness."



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