

Watco Mechanical Services, Inc. Announcement



Date: July 13, 2010
To: Watco Companies Team
From: Dr. Ron Withers, Corporate EHS Director – Watco Mechanical Services
Subject: Ted J. Houck, EHS Manager – WMS Scottsville, Texas (Marshall) Facility

I am pleased to announce that Ted Houck has joined the Watco Team as an Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Manager for the Scottsville, Texas, mechanical plant. Ted has a vast background in the health, safety and security field.

Ted graduated from Kilgore Fire Academy in 1990, and worked as a structural fire fighter for the City of Kilgore, Texas, for 8 years. He has worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) & Paramedic while stationed at Laird Memorial Hospital in Kilgore. During that time he responded to all types of accidents and life-threatening trauma events and was responsible for saving the lives of numerous people while in that role.

In 1994 he graduated from the East Texas Police Academy and went on to serve with the Reserve Unit at the Kilgore Police Department. He was involved in responding to emergencies of all types that required levelheadedness and quick, decisive skills while working under pressure as a law enforcement officer. Ted went to work for the Gregg County Airport in 1998 and served as Police, Fire and Rescue Officer. He was certified in Crash, Fire, and Rescue (now known as Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting or ARFF).

Ted has held several positions in management and administration before earning a bachelor's degree in Industrial Safety at the University of Texas at Tyler. He is now pursuing a Master's degree in Industrial Safety at the University during the evenings and expects to graduate next year. Ted is a seasoned safety practitioner and will be a great addition to the Scottsville Team.

Ted and his wife Melissa have a daughter Sophia, 4. They reside in a rural East Texas community near Diana, Texas, where he enjoys spending time with his family, wood-working, and working around the family farm.

Ted can be reached at the Scottsville office by at 903-935-7847 ext. 21, by cell phone at 903-503-3500 or via e-mail at thouck@watcocompanies.com.

Again, please join me in welcoming Ted and his family to the Mechanical Team.