

Watco Transportation Services Announcement



Date: December 9, 2011
To: Watco Team
From: Rodney Gordon, Regional Vice President, East Region
Subject: Joe Forchione, Grand Elk Railroad, General Manger

I am proud to announce that Joe Forchione has accepted the position of General Manager for the Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK). Joe will be responsible for the daily operations; specifically focusing on improving safety, productivity and efficiency.

Joe began his career with Watco in February, 2009, as Senior Trainmaster; responsible for the daily operations of the Grand Elk. He has been an integral leader of safety and efficiency and has been able to guide the team through many changes since its start up in 2009.

Before joining Watco, Joe worked for Canadian National Railroad (CN), for 13 years. He began his career as a Conductor and then a Yardmaster at Battle Creek, Mich. His career then led him to the position of Trainmaster at multiple locations throughout Michigan and Illinois, his next step was Manager of Corridor Operations in the dispatch center in Troy, Mich. Joe was then promoted to Assistant Superintendent in Fond du Lac, Wisc. Joe's career with CN had him leading multiple terminals with an emphasis on safety, productivity and efficiency.

Joe lives in Battle Creek and has a close connection to his family. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, fishing and time with friends and family.

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Please join me in wishing Joe success as General Manager of the Grand Elk.