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**ACT RECOGNIZES DRIVERS FOR YEARS OF PERFECT SAFETY**

**PONTOON BEACH, IL., March 18, 2026** - Agency for Community Transit (ACT) Board of Directors recently recognized three employees for achieving significant safe driving milestones while serving the community through public transportation.

Employees recognized for their years of safe driving include:

- Mike Taylor, Demand Response Driver – 10 Years of Perfect Safety
- Dave Forbes, Fixed Route Driver – 10 Years of Perfect Safety
- Ken Hill, Fixed Route Driver – 15 Years of Perfect Safety

These recognitions reflect years of professionalism, focus, and dedication behind the wheel. According to the National Safety Council, a safe driving award is earned by drivers who make every effort possible to avoid all accidents including those deemed preventable, regardless of fault. In public transportation, that means staying alert, anticipating hazards, and helping protect passengers, pedestrians, and fellow motorists each day.

“Achieving 10 or 15 consecutive years of safe driving is a tremendous accomplishment,” said ACT Executive Director SJ Morrison. “These employees have demonstrated a high level of professionalism and a strong commitment to safety, and we are proud to recognize their service.”

Together, these three employees represent 35 years of safe driving service, reflecting thousands of hours spent helping passengers travel safely throughout the region.

ACT operates public transportation services for the Madison County Transit District (MCT), including fixed-route and paratransit service. Both Fixed Route Drivers and Demand Response Drivers play an important role in helping people reach jobs, medical appointments, school, shopping, and other essential destinations. Their work helps ensure community members have access to safe, reliable transportation throughout the region.

ACT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the State of Illinois. ACT operates all services for Madison County Transit (MCT), including the fixed-route bus system, paratransit service, the regional rideshare program RideFinders, and the maintenance and expansion of the MCT Trails bikeway system. To learn more about these services visit **MCT.org**.

**Editor’s Note:** See attached Photo

**Photo (left to right):** Manager of Fixed Route Services Delanders Crochrell, Manager of Paratransit Service Susan Thomas, ACT Driver Dave Forbes, ACT Driver Ken Hill, ACT Executive Director SJ Morrison, ACT Board President Mark Achenbach. Not pictured: ACT Driver Mike Taylor.

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Madison County Transit (MCT) provides multi-modal transportation services for Madison County, Illinois. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service, connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides complementary door to door service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 138 miles of bikeways that comprise the MCT Trails system, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program.

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