



TRANSPORTATION SPOTLIGHT

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COMPANY: DBi Services, LLC

TITLE: Regional Safety & Compliance Manager

COLLEGE: Wilkes University

DEGREE: B.A. Criminology

Q: How did you select your certification program or college major?

A: I selected my course of study based off of what classes interested me the most. I resolved that if I studied what I was interested in, psychology, sociology, & criminal justice, that I would, and I did, fall into a path I enjoyed after I finished school.

Q: What was the biggest influence in your selection of career pathway?

A: The biggest influence in selecting my career path was finding a position that made me feel like I was making a difference and impacting this world positively. As a Safety Manager, I know that the trainings and advice I give to our teams have the potential to and do save lives.

Q: What attracted you to the transportation industry?

A: I was attracted to the transportation industry because of the ability to have an impact on creating safer roadways. Safer roadways mean a safer world for everyone.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A: My absolute favorite aspect of my position is seeing our team members effectively deploying the trainings we provide to save lives. Most of our safety trainings translate to safety outside of the workday. I love getting a Saturday morning phone call stating that the Smith System Driving Class saved the lives of our employee and his family of 4 going to the grocery store or the employee freshly trained in CPR/First Aid effectively using a field tourniquet to save a life alongside the highway. It is a special feeling to know that we are making a difference for our employees and their families and for the traveling public.



Q: How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

A: Our field teams are out there every day making a positive impact creating safer roadways and railways & saving lives. We are creating a safer world one road and rail at a time. My team, the Safety Team, is creating a safer environment for them to do that.

Q: What's the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your professional career?

A: The most interesting thing I have been able to do in my professional career was breaking through in a male dominated industry and position as a young female & the first female Safety Manager in the US for DBi. Throughout the last two and a half years, I have acquired the respect and partnership of teams throughout every level of our organization through my commitment to the safety of our DBi family.

Q: What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?

A: Every day when my alarm goes off, the screen reads "It's a beautiful day to save lives!" It's a quote from Grey's Anatomy that I've carried with me since I first heard it. I'm excited every day to be given the opportunity to get out there and save lives. Our guys put themselves in intense work environments every day for the benefit of the safety of the motoring public, it's up to me to ensure they have the training and equipment needed to work safely while they work to save lives.



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Q: If you could go back in time and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for the future, what would it be?

A: I would have been better prepared for the future if I had taken more Spanish classes. The work force is diverse and there have been many times knowing more Spanish would have been helpful to better communicate with many of our employees.

Q: What advice would you share with students or anyone considering your profession?

A: From an outsider's perspective, we deal with the difficult matters-the emergencies, the accidents, the injuries, and the crises. The position appears to be difficult and sometimes thankless. However, that perception could not be further from what the position is. This position is rewarding knowing that we, my team and I, are out here impacting and saving lives. My advice for anyone considering any profession would be that there are positives and negatives to everything that you do, stay focused and committed to the positives.

