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Mike started his 35 year career in transportation with the Union Railroad in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a Management Trainee in Operations. From there he went on to various terminal positions on the Union Railroad and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway in Chicago, both carriers were subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation. Mike went on to work for the United States Department of Agriculture as a traffic manager overseeing the movement of agricultural products domestically and into Mexico.

Leaving Agriculture Mike went to the “Greatest Show on Earth” as the Manager of Transportation for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combines shows. At Ringling he was responsible for all logistical support for the circus trains, Walt Disney Ice show traffic and the Siegfried and Roy Magic tours.

After several years with in the entertainment field Mike returned to the federal government and became the Senior Investigator-In- Charge for the National Transportation Safety Board for railroad investigations. Mike was with the NTSB for a decade and went to Amtrak as the Assistant Vice President for System Safety enhancing his background in the areas of railroad safety and security. Mike is currently with the Association of American Railroads as the Senior Director for Operations and has responsibilities in the areas of grade crossing and trespasser safety.

Mike received his Bachelor’s Degree from the Virginia Military Institute and his Master’s Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the National Defense Transportation Association, and the Pittsburgh Traffic Club.