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MCT DRIVER AWARDED FOR 10 YEARS OF PERFECT SAFETY
Driver Receives the Prestigious ‘Nelson Hagnauer Award’

GRANITE CITY, ILL., FEBRUARY 27, 2009 . . . The Madison County Transit (MCT) Board of Trustees recognized MCT driver Timothy Wilson, of Collinsville, yesterday for ten years of perfect safety and conferred on him the prestigious ‘Nelson Hagnauer Award’ for excellence in service. To retain the ‘perfect safety’ designation, MCT employs the National Safety Council regulations, requiring that in all situations, drivers make every effort possible to avoid an accident. Over the course of the last ten years, Wilson logged 20,000 hours behind the wheel of a bus without an accident.

“Drivers with perfect safety records are not only properly responding to situations on the road, they’re also acting according to their training and anticipating the actions of other motorists,” said Pam Ruyle, MCT Manager of Fixed Route Operations.

The award is named in honor of former MCT Board Chairman Nelson “Nellie” Hagnauer, who was instrumental in the development of MCT’s safe and efficient system of multi-modal transportation services. In addition to his years with MCT, Hagnauer was Granite City Township Supervisor for 35 years and served on the Madison County Board for 41 years, 24 years as Chairman.

“This award pays tribute to Nelson Hagnauer, an individual who exemplified public service in all facets of his life,” said MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane. “It is conferred upon those employees whose service to MCT exceeds expectations and creates a higher standard for all to follow.”

Editors Note: Please see attached photo of the award presentation which includes, (left to right) MCT Board Vice-Chairman Terry Allan, MCT Managing Director Jerry Kane and Timothy Wilson (Nelson Hagnauer Award Recipient). For a different photo of the event, please contact SJ at 618-797-4600.

Madison County Transit (MCT) enhances the mobility of the St. Louis region by providing multi-modal transportation services. MCT operates a fixed-route bus service locally and regionally connecting to MetroLink; express weekday commuter service directly to and from downtown St. Louis; and seasonal express service to the Rams games and the Muny. For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to use the fixed-route buses, MCT provides paratransit bus service. MCT is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of more than 85 miles of scenic Madison County bikeways known as the MCT Trails, as well as overseeing RideFinders, the St. Louis region’s FREE carpooling and vanpooling program. For more information on MCT services, routes and schedules, call (618) 931-7433, Option 3, or visit www.mct.org.

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