



MEET OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT AMBASSADORS



SHAWN BRUDERLY, FOREMAN

- Years of service: 20
- "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."
- Fun fact: I have a gnome garden that keeps growing with new artwork and of course gnomes! It's like my personal Smurf village.



KATIE BYRD, ASST. DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- Years of service: 3
- “While many industries drive our economy, rail is the backbone. Since joining NS, I’ve had the chance to meet so many of you, learn more about this essential business and deepen my passion for the work we do. I’m inspired every day by the frontline railroaders across our 22-state network who make it all happen. While I enjoy being in the office, I love being out in the field and in the community even more—championing your work and sharing your stories. That’s what I plan to do as a Community Ambassador. So, thanks for giving me a good story to tell.”
- Fun fact: I’m a lifelong sports fan and former athlete—basketball, track, and four years of cheering at the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!). That competitive spirit fuels my storytelling today. I’m also raising two little rail fans at home—my kids (4 & 6) love spotting NS locomotives!



TREVOR CAIN, TRACK PATROL FOREMAN

- Years of service: 4
- “I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself and help out in any way that I could.”
- Fun fact: I played college football, love to hunt, and trail ride in my side by side.



ARIANA DRAINE, WAYSIDE DETECTION ANALYST

- Years of service: 3
- “As an ambassador, I strive to grow through community outreach and use my personal journey to uplift and inspire those around me. Sharing my experience is not just a passion—it's a way to build connection, hope, and positive change.”
- Fun fact: I love spending quality time with my family, discovering new restaurants, and exploring different countries around the world.



MARK GOIN, TELEPHONE MAINTAINER

- Years of service: 36
- “I enjoy helping others and helping in the community. I thought becoming an ambassador would give me another opportunity to help in my community as well as help promote Norfolk Southern.”
- Fun fact: I enjoy hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail as well as other trails and just spending time outside with my wife and kids. I am a 2nd generation railroader, and I have a son in the same department making us 3rd generation.



MARIJOY HALITZKA, BRIDGE TENDER

- Years of service: 19
- “Small changes make big differences. I am hoping to bring rail safety awareness and offer small changes to prevent railway incidents.”
- Fun fact: You can’t say Marijoy (Mary Joy) without smiling. I love to travel and spend time outdoors.



ANDREW HOMICK, SENIOR SUPERVISOR EQUIPMENT ENGINEERING

- Years of service: 10
- “As a Norfolk Southern volunteer, I’m proud to help build stronger tracks – both in our railways and in our neighborhoods.”
- Fun fact: I climbed Mt. Rainer with my brother two years ago and plan to climb Denali in the future.



ERNEST “LEON” JACKSON, MANAGER PUBLIC SAFETY

- Years of service: 25
- “We’re not only operating in your communities, we live and thrive in them as well!”
- Fun fact: I was once kicked out of an all-you-can-eat sushi restaurant for eating too much.



KELLY KEIL, SUPERVISOR

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- Years of service: 8
- “I was drawn to apply for the Community Ambassador position because of my strong desire to be more involved in our neighborhoods and to represent Norfolk Southern in a meaningful way. I’m looking forward to building relationships, supporting local initiatives, and being a visible example of our company’s commitment to making a positive difference. I’m especially excited about the opportunity to help showcase Norfolk Southern’s community services and reinforce the trust and respect we strive to maintain in every area where we operate.”
- Fun fact: One of my favorite things to do is travel with my family. I have been to 4/7 continents!



PAUL LAWSON, LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER

- Years of service: 19
- “I felt compelled to apply because I enjoy teaching others. Now I will have the opportunity to help shape and mold local communities on train safety.”
- Fun fact: I love spending time outdoors and traveling.



SHAWN MCCAULEY, SIGNAL MAINTAINER

- Years of service: 18
- “I’m looking forward to working with Operation Lifesaver to try to prevent crossing incidents and working with communities to show that we are here to help!”
- Fun fact: Outside of coaching softball and baseball you can find me in the woods hunting or on the lake fishing.



WILLIE MILLS, ROAD FOREMAN OF ENGINES

- Years of service: 30
- “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. I was inspired to apply because I believe in giving back and living by the Golden Rule—treating others how I’d want to be treated. As a volunteer ambassador, I look forward to serving my community, spreading awareness about railroad safety, and making a positive impact through compassion, respect, and connection.”
- Fun fact: I’m a huge pizza lover and enjoy capturing life through photos and videos—whether it’s a great slice or a great moment, I’m always ready to snap the shot!



TAYLOR MORTON, PAYROLL BUSINESS ANALYST

- Years of service: 5
- “I want to create a deeper connection with my community through volunteerism and any other support as much as I possibly can.”
- Fun fact: I consider myself a foodie and love trying new cuisine



THOMAS SAATHOFF,

TERMINAL MANAGER

- Years of service: 4
- “Growing up in Cleveland has had a profound impact on who I am, and it’s fueled my passion for giving back to the community that shaped me. I applied to be an ambassador because I see it as a meaningful way to make a difference, connect with others, and help create positive change right here at home.
- Fun fact: I’m a lifelong fan of all things Cleveland—especially the Browns, Guardians, and Cavs! Growing up, my favorite show was Seinfeld, which even inspired the names of our dogs: Little Jerry Seinfeld (our beagle) and Georgie Costanza (our pit bull). Funny enough, we found Georgie injured near a railroad crossing. We took him in, and he’s since become a cherished member of our family—just one of the many unexpected and meaningful ways Norfolk Southern has positively impacted our lives.



CHRISTOPHER SLASINSKI, FIELD SALES MANAGER

- Years of service: 10
- “Railroading is a service-oriented endeavor so it’s a natural choice to want to continue to share our skills and talents in the community and let them know that service is not just a corporate action but a way of life. Service at all levels is beautiful.”
- Fun fact: In my spare time I do woodworking making planters and the occasional dresser and cabinets.



MATTHEW WADE,

NSPD SPECIAL AGENT

- Years of service: 4 months
- “During my 20 years as chief deputy and sheriff, I was constantly engaged with the citizens of Calhoun County. It is truly a passion to serve others. In service there is great joy and satisfaction. That desire to serve others is what drew me to apply as a volunteer ambassador.”
- Fun fact: During my tenure at the Sheriff’s Office, I attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. While attending the academy, our class visited New York City, and the NYPD Emerald Society Pipes & Drums played for our class. After seeing the bagpipers, I had a strong desire to learn to play the bagpipes. Well, I did just that, and I have been playing for 19 years. Recently my band the Alabama Law Enforcement Memorial Pipes & Drums competed at Loch Norman Highland Games in North Carolina and won our division. Bagpiping has been a ministry of mine as I have played for well over 500 funerals honoring veterans and first responders.



COURTLAND WHEAT, CONDUCTOR

- Years of service: 27
- “I’ve always hoped for an opportunity to serve the community as a representative of Norfolk Southern. I come from very humble beginnings and I’m always looking for ways to give back.”
- Fun fact: I have five sons 😊 and we all share the same middle name, (Terrell).

