



JOE BURKES FINDS EVERYTHING FOR SUCCESS AT MARTEN TRANSPORT

Professional driver Joe Burkes is no stranger to being on the road. His father drove a truck for more than 20 years, which gave Burkes an early introduction to the career. Burkes is following in his father's footsteps by having his own lengthy career in the industry.

"I watched my dad drive a truck for a long time," says Burkes, who has been a driver for 22 years. "I just fell in love with it and knew I couldn't do anything else."

Burkes has driven for several different companies over the years, but he discovered Marten Transport two years ago. Today, he is not only satisfied with everything his job at Marten offers him, but he also mentors other drivers on the Qualcomm system.

Burkes currently drives the company's Texas regional route.

"You always think that the pasture is greener on the other side when you're changing trucking companies and then you usually find out that it's not. With Marten, that's not the case," Burkes explains. "When Marten tells you something, you can believe it. I've gotten everything they've promised and more."

One thing that sets Marten apart from other trucking companies, says Burkes, is the consistent freight and high quality dispatchers. Burkes chooses to head home only once a month, even though he has the option to be home more often. His dispatcher makes sure Burkes stays busy the entire time. The

company offers its drivers layover pay, but Burkes says he's never had to wait for a load.

"Ben Brannon, my dispatcher, is by far the best dispatcher I've ever worked with," he adds. "We're like brothers. We get along well and we work together to help each other succeed. I couldn't ask for anything greater."

To work for Marten, drivers must have a CDL-A with hazmat endorsement, be at least 22 years of age and have a minimum of six months OTR experience. Drivers at Marten can expect competitive pay corresponding with experience level, frequent home time, advantages such as paid license fees and plates, detention pay, a substantial fuel program, quality equipment and ample benefits.

