

Ohio Safety Congress & Expo



In March, Renée Onesti was honored to speak at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC23) in Columbus, OH. Renée drew from her 20+ years of experience as a safety advocate in manufacturing companies for her presentation titled, "Safety in a Production Driven World." Her promotion from Engineer to Director of Operations makes her uniquely qualified to share lessons that she learned from both sides of the company.

Renée spoke about the leadership skills needed to help safety professionals communicate, build trust, recognize bias, and prioritize well. Listing the BWC, Safety Councils, networking with neighboring companies, local FD, and TPA & MCO's as great resources, Renée encouraged attendees to leverage all their resources to help build a robust safety program, training schedule and culture.

Renée was one of 16 presentations live-streamed from the 3-day conference for viewers across Ohio. The OSC23 had 8,500+ Attendees and Exhibitors, 3 days of networking, 100+ Education Sessions & CEU Credits, and 72,000 square feet of Exhibit & Demo space. It's one of the best annual safety conferences in the US! We are SO proud that a KEP team member was given the opportunity to share their expertise. Well done, Renée!

### Service You Can See



Brian started at KEP as the Director of Quality, Regulatory and Technical (QRT) Services in October 2022. He brought valuable experience from the automotive and medical markets, and continues to expand KEP's service to clients reacting to regulatory changes that address validation, material requirements, and specifications – all critical issues in heavily regulated industries.

Want to learn more about Brian Lipowski? Head over to his Meet the Team page! <a href="https://www.kentelastomer.com/brian-lipowski/">https://www.kentelastomer.com/brian-lipowski/</a>

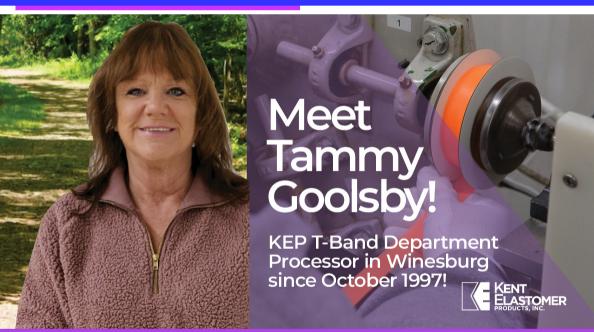
### **April Anniversaries**



April doesn't only bring sunshine, blooming flowers, and the hope of warmer weather. It also brings a new batch of KEP employee anniversaries to celebrate! The hard work of this amazing team is what makes KEP so special. Thank you to **Theresa Sexton** from Winesburg for your 33 years of hard work! Congratulations also to **Cristal Westfall** and **Michael Brown** from Winesburg for hitting 28 years with KEP. And finally, **Magdalena Raymundo Brito** and **Brian Gealy** — we are so glad you are part of the KEP team, well done on finishing your first year with us. Here's to many more!

Theresa Sexton – Winesburg – 33 years on 4/16
Cristal Westfall – Winesburg – 28 years on 4/3
Michael Brown – Winesburg – 28 years on 4/20
Jereme Markel – Winesburg – 20 years on 4/7
Rodney Brady – Kent – 18 years on 4/5
Renee Onesti – Kent – 16 years on 4/23
Anthony Hockenberry – Kent – 7 years on 4/15
Spencer Martin – Mogadore – 5 years on 4/10
Magdalena Raymundo Brito Winesburg - 1 year on 4/19
Brian Gealy - Kent - 1 year on 4/27

# Our Talented Team



Meet Tammy Goolsby, a KEP T-Band Department Processor in Winesburg since 10/19/1997!

According to Tammy, every day at KEP can be a good day, especially if she has a few simple things: coffee in the morning, a smile, fun interactions with co-workers, and the products she needs to complete orders on time! We are extremely grateful for her positive attitude and the joy she brings to everyone around her.

When she's not at work, you can probably find Tammy spending time with her family, especially her new granddaughter Alaina! She also loves animals and hiking in nature. Thanks for all you do, Tammy!

# What Our Customers Say



"Kent Elastomer has been an excellent supplier who is willing to go the extra mile to assure customer satisfaction. Brad (left) is particularly attentive to our needs and makes regular contact to inquire about our progress and our satisfaction with their product and service. We are looking forward to many more years of success while teaming with Kent Elastomer. We will definitely utilize Kent Elastomer's expertise in future endeavors."

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