



**William J. Weedmark (Bill)**

Bill grew up in a small town in upstate New York where the deer far outnumbered the residents. After graduating high school, he moved to Florida to get away from months of snow and freezing temperatures and went to college at Flagler College in St. Augustine.

While he received his degree in public relations and journalism (with a focus on print journalism), he realized quickly that the print industry was becoming a thing of the past and decided to look into other options after college.

He lucked into meeting the chief medical officer for a Class I railroad and got his foot in the door for railroad safety operations. The Federal Railroad Administration published a railroad-specific regulation on hearing conservation in 2007, and that was where Bill got his real start.

He worked closely with the doctor to build a small consulting company, Transportation Occupational Medicine Consultants, Inc. (TOMC), from the ground up focused on the FRA's new rule and the company has expanded and thrived since then. He currently manages the FRA hearing conservation program for over 300 U.S. railroads, and manages the OSHA hearing conservation program for roughly 1/3 of them as well. His duties have expanded over the nine years with TOMC to include oversight of additional OSHA programs and elements, but his primary focus is still hearing conservation.

He's a Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist, and is currently working towards his Occupational Health and Safety Technician certification, with an end-goal of becoming a Certified Safety Professional.

Bill only recently joined the AIHA and the Florida chapter of the AIHA in early 2016 after being 'recruited' by Mark Mitchell.

As a result of growing up in a small town with limited options, Bill hasn't been afraid to try new things or things that scare him – despite a mild fear of heights, he went skydiving with his wife one week after their wedding (and ended up loving it!)

When he's not traveling for work (currently, he's been to 45 States) he enjoys traveling with his wife Elise and taking more pictures than any one person needs to take. Photography, trying new foods and drinks, and meeting new people and engaging in new experiences are some of Bill & Elise's favorite things to do, and every year they try to plan at least one big vacation adventure. Their next big trip is already booked – a week in Iceland to kick off 2017, followed by a week in Paris.

While he's not on the road, Bill prefers quiet nights at home with a good movie or TV show, a night out with a small group of friends, or afternoons boating on the St. John's River during the warmer months.

And while looks may be deceiving, he is not in fact a teenager (currently 31), and he is only mildly annoyed to be constantly carded for everything, including rated-R movies.