



Meet Landon Paul, Superintendent



You might wonder what someone with a master's degree in business administration is doing on a road crew pumping high density polyurethane (HDP), day after day. The answer is 'having a blast'! Landon Paul, Field Superintendent for Geotech Services loves what he does and says the lessons he learned in the classroom about management definitely translate in the field. "I love what I do and I like that I'm good at it," says Paul. "Out here, it's my show. Steve (Tartabini) gives me the assignment and turns me loose to get the job done. He trusts me and our crews deliver. Simple as that."

Landon has been with Geotech Services since 2002 when he started part-time to earn money for college. "Pat Lenczewski was a good coach. He not only taught me how to drill and pump HDP, he really gave me great inside scoop on the equipment and the technology," says Paul. He literally grew into the job, moving into a full time position right after he graduated college. Landon's long tenure as well as his leadership skills made him a logical choice to ultimately lead a crew of his own. "Landon earns the respect of not only the guys he works with but our customers as well," said Geotech Services' Vice President, Steve Tartabini. "He's a really intelligent guy who can communicate with top management, comfortably. He is also super accountable. He takes charge and takes responsibility. That's what we need in field supervision."

Paul is also very confident in the ability of the HDP crew at Geotech when it comes to challenging assignments. "For example, we've done a few airport jobs since I've been here – the most recent is (that) Cleveland Hopkins International Airport runway project. It required incredible precision and we were under very careful scrutiny because of the nature of the work. But, let's face it, we're talking about a runway that simply cannot have any bumps. Landings and take offs have to be smooth with a perfect surface. Lives depend on it. And, actually, I really loved having that responsibility. We did a heck of a job. They (airport engineers) were very impressed with the quality and speed of our work. It made me proud," says Paul.

While he's quick to brag on the efficiency of his crew, Landon also admits that it's hard work. "It can be exhausting, especially if we have a few crews running and we're pumping HDP day and night somewhere. Not much rest in those situations, but I thrive on them," he laughs. He added that it helps to be in good shape when called upon to log long hours. "I love weightlifting and body-building. It's my passion. It's how I relax and escape. And the great thing is, being fit helps me be more productive for the company. It's a win-win," he added.



Paul understands winning, too. He was a lineman on the 2002 Solon High School (Ohio) football team that reached the state finals with an undefeated regular season record. “Those were great days,” he smiled, “But so are these.” Today he lives in Northfield, Ohio with his wife, Jamie and their children, Haydn and Jace.

