

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

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Throughout my career, I have had a passion for working in a manufacturing environment. Starting my career in the automotive industry provided me with a solid foundation upon which to build on. While working at Eaton, I had the opportunity to hone my skills in process excellence and became committed to a process approach. For example, when quality issues arise, I ensure a Plan-Do-Check-Act approach is used, together with robust problem-solving tools to identify the true problem, root cause and sustainable corrective/preventive action/s. I then drive lessons learned from any issues that arise and look to improve the standard from which the issue occurred.

I have had remarkable success in bringing cross-functional teams together to achieve a common goal. For example, I have led large scale Quality Management System implementation projects, Change Management System design and integration, Business Process Improvement Teams, interfaced with Military customers relative to ITAR Compliant products, along with traditional Quality related APQP, PPAP/PSW, and FMEA/Control Planning Teams. I am also well versed in Lean Manufacturing techniques such as Value Stream Mapping, Kaizens, Visual Management, 5S, and self-directed work teams. I am ASQ Certified in Quality Auditing, Quality Management & Organizational Excellence and I am a Six Sigma Black Belt.

In general, I am rewarded with continuous improvement activities whether they are for daily production/quality activities or larger scale business process improvements.

On a personal note, I'm married and have three wonderful children. I live in northeastern Indiana where my wife and I operate an animal rescue named Hoosier Animal Rescue and Sanctuary. When I'm not traveling or working around the rescue, my wife and I enjoy vacationing in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and going to see concerts.