

Passing the Torch

The Ford Meter Box Company has had many long-tenured employees over the years, with several reaching retirement after 45-50 years. Where high turnover rates may be common in some industries, Ford has seen many multi-decade careers within its walls.



Lynn Landis and Steve Ford

To celebrate reaching the "senior employee" milestone, a new tradition was initiated to honor those commitments made by our employees. In 2014, a special #1 award was commissioned and then cast out of aluminum by our Pattern Department. The new award was first presented to Lynn Landis for his outstanding contributions to Ford and for achieving 50 years of service. At the time, Lynn was the senior-most employee and held the top spot on the list. Since then, the emblem has become a coveted traveling trophy held by employees with the most seniority. Today, the passing of the Ford #1 is a tradition handed down from the retiring top spot to the new reigning number one.

Upon Lynn's retirement, the award went to Davey Wampler, who retired after reaching a 51-year career milestone. In January 2022, the emblem was passed between twin brothers, Jim and John Troyer, who both retired the same day after a combined total of 101 years of service. After Jim, Randy Ream held the top position on the seniority list until passing the torch to Peggy Forrester, who has spent more than 40 years working in Ford's Order Entry department.

Vying for the top will continue to be a Ford Meter Box tradition as the beloved #1 is passed, person-to-person, for generations to come.



Davey Wampler passes the Ford #1 to John Troyer.



John Troyer passes the award to his twin brother Jim Troyer.



Randy Ream passes the #1 to Peggy Forrester.

