<u>Thompson Pump Announces Branch Manager</u> <u>of the Year 2013</u>



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PORT ORANGE, Fla. – Thompson Pump and Manufacturing Company, Inc. has recognized James Copeland as their 2013 Branch Manager of the Year.

Copeland is the branch manager of Thompson's Summerville, S.C., branch location where he not only oversees branch operations and manages branch personnel, but also is heavily involved in providing pump rentals, sales and support to 26 counties throughout the state of South Carolina.

Through his leadership, he has streamlined the branch's operations, enhanced customer service in the region and exceeded growth targets. Additionally, Copeland's branch received the Thompson Pump President's Award for Excellence in Health & Safety for outstanding achievements in those categories as evidenced by zero OSHA recordable incidents for three consecutive years 2011-2013.

Copeland joined the company in 2003 as a shop mechanic and was quickly promoted to service manager after just 11 months. In 2005, Copeland was promoted again to branch manager of the Fort Myers, Fla., branch and in 2010 assumed the role of branch manager in Summerville, S.C., where he continues to operate the branch today.