

## DRIVER PROFILE



**Branko Modec** was born in a small village in Slovenia in 1958. At a young age his parents separated and he moved to the U.S. with his dad. Branko had a lot of personal struggles as a young boy which in his words made him what he is today. He referenced the song “Boy named Sue” by the late Johnny Cash, quoting “I had to either be tough or die”. He was separated from his dad at the age of 15 where he worked at whatever job he could get to make money. In his early 20’s he was working construction and had a bad accident with a skill saw. After he recovered from his injuries he started his truck driving career moving furniture out of the Chicago area. In 1990 Branko bought his first truck as an owner operator, a 1985 Peterbilt 359. Since then he has logged over 4.5 million safe miles with zero accidents. He has received a driver of the year award as well as many safe driving awards over the years.

When asked about what he likes to do when he is not in the truck? He said “ I enjoy spending time with my wife and dogs” “As a truck driver sometimes it’s nice to just relax and take it easy after being out on the road”. Branko also said he enjoys cooking and grilling and “I’m pretty good at it too”. We may have to make him prove that to us!!

Branko started working with Oakley Trucking in February of 2015 where he pulls an end dump. He said he likes the fact that we are all owner operators, and there is plenty of work. We are lucky to have such a safety oriented and experienced driver, and proud to call him one of the Oakley family!

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