Richard Eshenour, Maintenance Manager at Aries Transportation states, "My most important day to day responsibility at Aries Transportation is safety and when you operate a large fleet of vehicles virtually 365 days a year, it’s critically important that I use products that meet all applicable FMVSS standards. To meet my fleets FMVSS seating standards for three (3) seats positioned side by side meant that the AbiliTrax floor and seating system successfully passed a pull test of almost 22,000 lb’s... that’s impressive. Our drivers love the durability and ease of cleaning connected with the AbiliTrax system. I assure you that the winters here in Buffalo, NY truly test all of our equipment and AbiliTrax receives our highest grades. In fact, we just ordered 10 new AbiliTrax vans for delivery in early 2016 as we retire our older paratransit vehicles."

Richard continues, "AbiliTrax allows us to use both the "A" fitting and the "L" fitting wheelchair securement systems. Our clients really appreciate the heat ducts that are positioned throughout the AbiliTrax floor, and of course all the seats within our AbiliTrax fleet of vans are totally interchangeable, providing true vehicle fleet flexibility. On days we can’t use the lift, we utilize our "Step N Lock" seats and make it an ambulatory van. Our fleet is always running."
"... AbiliTrax provides our drivers a much more user friendly environment when they are changing seating configurations. By the driver simply using their foot, AbiliTrax allows for "hands free" latching and unlatching of the "Step N Lock" seat bases which reduces significant bending and kneeling for our drivers and also decreases the risk of the drivers knees or hands coming in contact with floor surfaces. Other flooring systems require the driver to actually get down and reach under the seat to engage and disengage seat release mechanisms, which can be quite tricky at times. AbiliTrax also allows floor debris to fall into a slotted area which really helps with keeping the flooring surface much cleaner during the day and then we simply vacuum the slots during cleaning and we are good to go. It's really an ingenious flooring system, in that it provides virtually unlimited seating flexibility on the go and the floor surface actually stays cleaner, longer, as compared to the other flooring and surface track systems which can allow for track surface debris accumulation which can then create seat base latching issues."

Update on "Our Lady of the Wayside"

We featured the non-profit organization "Our Lady of the Wayside" located in Avon, Ohio in our very first newsletter. Go to the link below to watch the video, as Don Szudarek, Director of Transportation talks about OLW's transportation program and their plans to add an additional 25 AbiliTrax vans to his fleet in 2016.

http://www.thewayside.org/transportation-program

Also in the News...

AbiliTrax Awarded NY State Ford Transit Accessible Vehicle Contract

Scott Fenton, President and co-inventor of AbiliTrax speaks to the process, "...when we met with the NY State technical team I had the opportunity to show them the AbiliTrax flooring and seating system and could tell they were impressed. They stressed to me the importance of safety and comfort for both the drivers and passengers. When the final bid came out I was very pleased to see they had chosen AbiliTrax as their preferred flooring and seating system."

Richard Eshenour, “AbiliTrax provides our drivers with the day in and day out "on the go" flexibility that we demand in our vehicles, so we can provide "compassionate service" to our clients..."