

# Shredding traditional business



## *On-site paper shredding makes mark in Terre Haute*

Sean Caldwell has a heavy workload, 9,000 pounds to be exact. As the director of operations and business development for Confidential On-site Paper Shredding, Caldwell oversees six state-of-the-art paper shredding vehicles, which can shred up to 9,000 pounds of documents per hour.

Confidential On-site Paper Shredding (COPS) recently established a location in Terre Haute, expanding its already successful business in Illinois. Caldwell says the company has made a multi-million dollar investment in the Terre Haute expansion – opening up on the city’s north side and hiring local residents.

### **What is Confidential On-site Paper Shredding aka C.O.P.S.?**

Confidential On-site Paper Shredding officially launched 11 years ago. We created this company as a solution for the many requests we received from clients of our parent company, Midwest Fiber Recycling. As the largest recycler of paper and cardboard fiber between Chicago and St. Louis, in Illinois we were facing growing requests to not just recycle office paper, but to provide a solution for confidential documents as well.

We put our first truck into action in October of 2003 and have had explosive growth ever since. The movement to outsourced shredding has been tremendous, with “on-site” services standing out as the preferred methodology... especially in today’s strict compliance climate. Today we operate six of the most technologically advanced, state-of-the-art mobile shredding vehicles available in our industry, some capable of shredding up to 9,000 pounds hour! These powerful factories-on-wheels each service up to 40 clients per day; shredding hundreds of tons of paper every month.

### **Why is Confidential On-Site Paper Shredding something needed in this area?**

Confidential On-site Paper Shredding is needed in Terre Haute because this service is needed in every active business community. We find that more and more businesses are moving to outsourced shredding services for several reasons; it’s much less expensive than doing it yourself, outsourced shredding offers the user proof of a reasonable program for disposing of private consumer data and outsourced shredding is convenient.

### **What has the reaction been from local businesses and the Terre Haute community?**

The reaction to our business since its inception has been monumentally successful. COPS Shredding answers to very important “calls to action” in preventing and protecting against identity theft and recycling; all materials shredded by COPS are delivered to our own recycling plants for processing. Everything we shred at the doorstep of our clients’ facilities in turn back into a paper-based product within several days.

The welcome into Terre Haute has been very warm, extremely encouraging and very exciting. I have met a large number of active business members in our community and within the Chamber of Commerce and look forward to getting to know many, many more. The one thing I’d like most to convey is our extreme interest in continuing to not just grow as a reliable resource, but to evolve as an invested partner committed to the success of the Terre Haute community. We look for and welcome opportunities to be active participants in causes important to every community we work and live in and are quite excited to continue to commit to involvement in causes important here in Terre Haute. Whether it’s participating in local cleanup days, or using our vehicles to raise funds for local charities through our Free Shred Days, we look forward to contributing in many ways!

**Submitted Photo**

*C.O.P.S director Sean Caldwell stands outside his business trucks. C.O.P.S works with local businesses in both Indiana and Illinois.*

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