

Ajax Turner

As stated on their website, “Our company began with one man, one truck and one brewery. From the start, each and every day mattered, as the future of the company depended on it. Today we have a staff of 250, an entire fleet of delivery vehicles, and 3,500 customers, but we still put special emphasis on all the details of our everyday operations. In this way, we make sure our commitments and investments aren’t just for today, but will hold for the future.”

Headquartered in the Nashville suburb of La Vergne, right off I-24, Ajax provides full-service beverage distribution to the Nashville metropolitan area and surrounding counties, including Davidson, Wilson, Trousdale, Rutherford, Maury, Williamson and portions of Cheatham, Dickson and Sumner. Their facility includes a state-of-the-art warehouse with robotic pallet shrink wrapping, high-speed walk-in refrigerator doors, and vertical pallet racking. They maintain over 200 vehicles at any given time. Their facility also includes an in-house sign shop that can provide custom-print banners, menus, shelf talkers and window dressings. In addition, they stock branded promotions direct from their breweries, such as coasters, neon signs and posters.

The value of beer lost at Middle Tennessee Anheuser-Busch distributor Ajax Turner Co. was approximately \$6 million. After the flood, Ajax Turner left the building at 1045 Visco Drive for new space in La Vergne in Rutherford County.



Stansell Electric Company, Inc.

Stansell Electric Company, Inc. is an award-winning, multi-disciplined electrical contractor and systems integrator. They provide turnkey solutions, including traditional and design-build construction services, as well as complex electrical and communication system engineering. In addition, Quality Traffic Systems is a distributor of traffic signal equipment in five southern states.

Stansell Electric is a third-generation family-owned Nashville-based business founded in 1940. James N. Stansell, Sr. founded the company as a startup in his garage in Nashville, initially concentrating on work involving the war effort. Through the remainder of the 1940s, he built his business with a focus on commercial and industrial electrical work in Middle Tennessee.

To meet the demands of rapid growth, Stansell Electric moved into a newly remodeled 250,000-square-foot corporate headquarters in 2008. The facilities are located just five miles from downtown Nashville and six miles from Nashville International Airport, conveniently positioned at the interchange of three of the nation's largest highways. From these headquarters, Stansell continues to grow as part of the community, serve a larger geographic area and provide the innovation and customer service for which it has become known.

At the time of the flood in May 2010, Stansell had 175 employees, most of whom were based in Nashville, and approximate annual revenue of \$40 million.

The flooding, which began on Saturday, May 1, covered 25,000 square feet of office space and 90,000 square feet of Stansell / QTS space, along with 100,000 square feet of tenant office and warehouse space. Peak water levels approached 42" in the office and warehouses. Water occupied the building until Wednesday night/Thursday morning, and road access to building was suspended until Thursday morning - six days later. Estimated out-of-pocket damages exceeded \$1M.



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Mid-South Wire

Mid-South Wire is an industry-leading manufacturer of carbon steel wire with locations in the heart of Nashville, Tenn. (headquarters), and Scott City, Mo. Founded in 1967, this family-owned company began with a single "side-winder" machine and today boasts more than 30 state-of-the-art drawing machines capable of producing wire from .067" through .625" in diameter. They specialize in industrial quality, plating quality, cold heading quality, galvanized and shaped Wire. They are an ISO 9001-certified company committed to producing the highest-quality wire products in the industry.

In addition to their production capabilities, their transportation department, MS Logistics, consists of a large fleet of over-the-road tractor trailers as well as a one-of-a-kind barge terminal system on the Cumberland River. This gives them the ability to both receive raw material as well as ship outbound product in the most economical and timely manner. This flexibility provides Mid-South Wire the ability to meet or exceed "just-in-time" delivery needs every time. Mid-South has 175 employees, including MS Logistics and at a Scott City facility.

In 2014, Mid-South Wire expanded their operations and bought the 190,000-square-foot former Ajax Turner Co. warehouse, which had sat vacant since the May 2010 flood.



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