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Safety Council Recognizes Alaskans at 2013 Governor's Safety and Health Conference

JUNEAU, Alaska— More than 300 Alaskans attended the 2012 Governor's Safety and Health Conference, participating in training tracks in employer resources, youth safety, safety education, oil industry, transportation and hospitality.

The conference, which is sponsored by the Alaska Safety Advisory Council, focuses on emerging safety and health issues, and advanced safety needs that are unique to Alaska.

A highlight of the annual conference is recognition of Alaskans and Alaska businesses that exemplify good corporate citizenship and a commitment to the health and safety of their workers.

Everett Award

The ASAC announced the newly created Everett Award at the 2012 conference. "Safety Herb" Everett, the first recipient, is the longest serving member on the council and continues his contributions to the safety and health for the people in the State of Alaska. A candidate must have worked in the safety and health field for five or more years, must be regarded by peers as a true safety professional, must have made substantial contributions or demonstrate extraordinary ability in the field of safety and health and must be an active member of the Alaska safety profession.

Ian Langtry – As safety manager, Langtry is responsible for ensuring the effective administration of Granite Construction's accident prevention and corporate safety programs. He developed a partnership with Alaska Occupational Safety and Health that resulted in Granite being a member in the CHASE program, the AKOSH Construction Partnership Agreement. Under Langtry's leadership the company has received multiple safety awards and Granite has reduced both injury and illness rates.

James Michael Oden, Sr. – With more than 30 years of service as a safety professional in Alaska, the last 12 with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Oden has "moved safety from an idea to everyday focus," according to his nomination. He has been instrumental in developing a partnership with Alaska Occupational Safety and Health and promoting a positive safety culture that has reduced injury and illness rates and created a proactive approach to safety.

Jimmie Rogers – Rogers’ hard work and dedication at ASRC Construction Holding Company has seen an 80 percent reduction in injury and illness rates. Working collaboratively with federal, state, municipal and native agencies, Rogers uses his 29 years of Alaska-based management skills to steer past obstacles, engage problems head-on and devise solutions all parties can accept.

Brian Walden – Walden’s 14 years of experience in the safety and health field have made him an outstanding mentor and a great safety role model. Leading by example, he sets the bar above regulatory compliance with his high performance hazard recognition program. His leadership helps keep worker morale high and reinforces safety as a core value in the workplace, resulting in more than 538 days without an OSHA recordable incident for his organization.

Don Weber – More than 30 years as a safety and health professional has provided Weber with valuable industry experience and knowledge that he shares with students in the OSH program at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Weber’s knowledge has been invaluable to the students he mentors and educates, and his legacy guarantees safe and healthy jobs for Alaskans for years to come.

Governor’s Special Achievement Awards

This award is presented for special outstanding achievements in the field of safety and health. Nominees must show a significant and measurable impact on the community, or must have made documented contributions or enhancements to the field of safety and health.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company – For more than 10 years, APSC has sponsored the Alyeska Traveling Health and Safety Fair, providing vital health, wellness and safety information and services to communities in Prince William Sound. Many fair locations are not accessible by road and the residents seldom have the opportunity to attend safety and health events. In these communities where medical and mental health services are sorely needed, yet mostly unavailable, Alyeska has identified the need and worked creatively to solve it. The fair’s medical screenings provide these communities with guidance and increased public awareness resulting in lasting health improvements. This information has led to early detection and prevention for both adult and childhood diseases.

Flip Foldager – In his more than 20 years with the City of Seward, Foldager arrives early, stays late and works weekends to ensure that Seward and its resources, visitors and institutions are operating safely. According to his nomination, Foldager takes pride in his city, the small boat harbor and the Harbor Master’s Department, researching, developing and implementing programs and providing training to other Seward City employees.

North America Outdoor Institute – Its 2012 Wilderness Safety Challenge is the culmination of a semester-long Wilderness Emergency Medical Technicians program at University of Alaska Anchorage, Mat-Su College. During the challenge, volunteers act as patients with injuries ranging from minor lacerations, broken bones, fractures and concussions to hypothermia resulting from a small plane crash in the Chugach Mountains. Students built emergency shelters, fires, searched for water and cared for the “injured.” Most importantly the participants reinforced learned skills to help and care for other Alaskans involved in real emergencies in the wilderness of Alaska.

Governor's Safety Award of Excellence

This recognition is awarded to a group that has demonstrated excellence in safety and health systems that protect employees. Companies must show there is management commitment, employee involvement and a documented system for hazard analysis and hazard reduction.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company – Safety is a core value and one of three strategic objectives for APSC. Work is not considered done unless it is done safely. This philosophy has resulted in more than one million hours worked in 2012 without a lost time or restricted work recordable incident. Management and employees participate in all aspects of job safety. From site inspections and hazard assessments to trend analyses, information is shared throughout the organization to ensure daily tasks are performed with a focus on safety. This includes empowering all employees with the ability to stop work if they identify an unsafe condition.

ASRC SKW Eskimos, Inc. – One of the premier general contractors in Alaska, operating mainly in the rural and bush environments, ASRC SKW operated nearly 200,000 hours in the most remote locations in Alaska, from Barrow to Wainwright, with zero lost time incidents. This represents a nearly 300 percent improvement in lost time rates over the last five years. The company's dedication to safety begins during the bid/proposal stage of a project. Special safety conditions are addressed up front and once a contract is awarded the site is reviewed prior to the arrival of any tools or personnel to ensure all hazards have been identified and addressed.

CB and I Federal Services – At CB and I, all levels of management are held to a strict standard of safety performance, which is a critical evaluation factor used during each management employee's annual review. Safety Councils are used as a tool for creating an effective safety partnership with the workforce. Meeting monthly, membership is balanced between management and craft workers, with line employee opinions and recommendations being actively sought. All employees carry a CEO-signed card providing stop work authority when unsafe conditions are present.

CH2M HILL, Alaska/Operations and Maintenance – Senior management actively participates in safety, attending all new hire training and orientation. Operations and Maintenance staff lead by example, participating in daily safety meetings to reinforce working safely both on and off the slope. Site-specific safety plans are developed prior to starting new projects. At the end of each day and completed task, a team debrief and closeout addresses areas of success and opportunities for improvement. These efforts have resulted in a 75 percent decrease in recordable injuries and illnesses for CH2MHILL over the past six years.

Cornerstone General Contractor, Inc. – Safety at Cornerstone is considered everyone's responsibility. Every employee has the authority to stop work if there is a hazard present. Every employee is also accountable for actions, with crew leads accountable for the actions of their workers. Cornerstone General Contractors' commitment and team mentality towards safety has paid off, with total case incident rates 114 percent below the national average.

Granite Construction Company – Constant improvement and continual training is at the center of Granite Construction's safety and health program. Employees are expected to not just know the rules but understand the reasoning behind the rules. Leading by example and providing recognition and feedback

are the methods employed to reinforce safe behaviors. These efforts have produced total case incident rates 57 percent below the national average. In 2011, Granite was formally accepted as an Alaskan CHASE partner by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Trident Seafoods Corporation/Sand Point Plant – At Trident’s Sand Point Plant, the effectiveness of continuous safety audits, as well as ongoing safety training, is measured by the reduction in injury and illnesses. All incidents, accidents and near misses are reviewed and tracked by the safety committee and any lessons are shared with the front line staff. The Sand Point Plant has also put an emphasis on ergonomic improvements. Increased job rotations, stretching, time off to rest, proper workstation design and comfortable personal protective equipment have all contributed to declining injury and illness rates.

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