

News Release

REI DRILLING RECEIVES CHARLES A. CAINE SAFETY AWARD



Jeff Jorgensen & Daniel Brunner accept the award on behalf of REI Drilling from WCF Executive Vice President Ray Pickup

REI Drilling, Inc. received the Charles A. Caine Safety Award from the Workers Compensation Fund of Utah for outstanding work place safety practices and was recognized as one (1) of only fourteen (14) companies in the state of Utah to receive this distinction in 2008. REI Drilling, Inc. prides itself in its low experience modifier rating (0.78) in the class of underground mining, coal and non-coal mining related work. REI Drilling, Inc. credits its field personnel and their adaptation of the company's safety philosophy of "Work Place Control", and its numerous coal and precious metal mining clients, for this accomplishment. REI Drilling, Inc. operates eight (8) drills capable of directional drilling and coring from underground and surface active mining sites and currently employs 30 people.

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REI DRILLING

REI Drilling is a mine drilling consulting firm, specializing in surface and underground mine exploration. REI prides itself on hiring seasoned, experienced employees who are well adapted to the mining environment and the intricacies of operating mining equipment. New hires are paired with mining veterans into two-man crews. All crews are required to complete daily pre-shift inspections, and pre-plan their work and hazard control efforts prior to shift work. Furthermore, all crews are required to sit in on discussions from mine operators and understand the safety risks specific to each mining environment. REI's comprehensive Safety/Health/Environmental Action Plan details guidelines for employees to follow regarding safety and safety reporting. REI's Safety Manager Dan Bruner attributes REI's safety record to diligent employees who monitor each other and ensure safe workplace behavior.



RIVERBEND EXPRESS

Since 1995, Riverbend Express interstate trucking company has been serving the community. With 62 drivers, Riverbend understands the importance of safety and is meticulous about training new drivers. All new hires, regardless of previous experience, are required to attend a full day of training that includes ridealongs. In addition, employees spend a half day reviewing sections of the company handbook that discuss safe driving and loading/unloading. Shop safety hazards are also minimized through supervision and physical barriers that keep drivers and mechanics separated. In the event an accident does occur at Riverbend Express, management and employees are quick to make lasting safety changes to ensure similar accidents are avoided in the future. Safety Manager Ken Jensen attributes Riverbend's success to cooperative employees who have made safety a personal responsibility.



SANDY CITY

Sandy City has focused on managing risk and promoting safety at the department level. Each department has its own safety committee, which meets regularly to review all accidents, injuries and training needs. Management receives valuable input from employees and managers concerning the risks they face every day in meeting the needs of Sandy's citizens. To reward safe performance and to motivate city employees, Mayor Tom Dolan created the annual "Employee Safety Awards" program. He has personally distributed hundreds of safety awards to employees who have not had an "at fault" accident or injury during the prior year. The Risk Management Division has also issued hundreds of thousands of dollars in "safety grants" to city departments. These grants have been used to provide specialized training, install safety equipment and to improve the safety of city streets and sidewalks. Sandy City's long-term commitment to safety has resulted in a culture of safety that has helped make it one of the safest cities in America.