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Excellence in workplace safety and loss control management does not come easy. It requires a focused commitment on promoting and practicing safe operating procedures on a 24/7 basis. Since opening its doors nearly ten years ago, KARE has recognized insured organizations that have made a superior commitment to safety in the workplace on an annual basis. Thirty-five outstanding organizations earned the KARE Safety Award during 1999. They are:

- Aaper Alcohol & Chemical Co., *Shelbyville*
- Action Petroleum, Inc., *Prestonsburg*
- Ale-8-One Bottling Co., *Winchester*
- Algood Food Co., *Louisville*
- Apple Valley Sanitation, *Hager Hill*
- Betts U.S.A., Inc., *Florence*
- Blackhawk Bakery LTD, *Paducah*
- Cabinet Creations, *Bardstown*
- CGM Services, *Louisville*
- Diversicare Rehab Services, Inc., *Bowling Green*
- Diversified Healthcare, *Owensboro*
- Hasco International, Inc., *Dayton*
- Healthcare Recoveries, Inc., *Louisville*
- Sanitation District #1, *Ft. Wright*
- Sharpe Marine, *Somerset*
- SkyView Erections/Triad Steel, Inc., *Winchester*
- Somerset Refinery, Inc., *Somerset*
- Somerset Recycling Services, Inc., *Somerset*
- Trading Post Mobile Homes, Inc., *Louisville*
- Vector Construction Co., *Erlanger*
- Vendome Copper & Brass Works, *Louisville*
- V M & M Mining, Inc., *Ingram*
- Watts Brothers Pipeline & Utility Construction, Inc., *Philpot*
- Western Kentucky Plastics, Inc., *Bowling Green*
- Whiting Manufacturing Co., *Hazel Green*
- Wolverine Janitorial Services, *Bowling Green*

"All award recipients had loss ratios less than 25%, a designated safety professional on staff, a light-duty return-to-work program, a comprehensive written safety program, and were in compliance with federal and state OSHA regulations," according to Ron Bell, the Executive Director of the KARE program. ■

KARE Safety Awards

- Hicon, Inc., *Cincinnati*
- The Holland Roofing Group, *Florence*
- Interstate Petroleum, *Henderson*
- Kentucky Reclamation Assoc., *Madisonville*
- Lifeline Home Health Care, *Somerset*
- Moog Louisville Warehouse, *Louisville*
- Nelson's Tents, Inc., *Cold Springs*
- OKI Systems Ltd., *Cincinnati*
- R. Lamb's Trucking, Inc., *Nicholasville*

OSHA's Goals for Employers

- Site safety and health issues are regularly included on agendas of management operations meetings.
- Workers participate fully in the development of the safety and health program and conduct training and education.
- The site's safety and health program ensures protection of everyone employed at the work site.
- Regular surveys, including comprehensive documented workplace evaluations, are conducted by authorized safety and health professionals.
- Safety and health professionals plan and oversee regular safety inspections.
- Management responds to reports of hazards in writing, within specified time frames.
- All loss-producing accidents and "near misses" are investigated for root causes by teams or individuals that include trained safety personnel and employees.
- All levels of management and the workforce are made aware of the results of data analyses and any resulting preventative activity.
- Hazard controls are fully in place and continually improved upon based on workplace experience and general knowledge.
- There is a comprehensive safety and preventative maintenance program that maximizes equipment reliability.
- Knowledgeable persons conduct safety and health training that is scheduled, assessed, and documented. This training covers all necessary topics and situations and includes all persons working at the site.

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FREE Safety Workshops

Each year, the KARE safety staff conducts free safety workshops for KARE insureds and producers. The goal of these workshops is to provide KARE customers with an opportunity for ongoing improvement in the workplace safety arena.

According to KARE Safety Engineer Jerry Binkley, the October workshops will cover several topics, including what to do before and during an OSHA inspection; an update on OSHA; and the latest information on personal protective equipment. "We survey workshop attendees after each program, and these topics were of great interest to those who attended our 1999 sessions," says Binkley.

Safety workshops will be held in Louisville on October 10, Owensboro on October 11, Lexington on October 17, and Somerset on October 18. All sessions will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (EST in Louisville, Lexington, and Somerset; CST in Owensboro). In addition to the workshop instruction, attendees will receive reference materials and refreshments. For more information or to register, contact Angela Hockensmith at 502/695-8763. ■

