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### **Two Chandler Companies Honored as ‘Best’ for Job Safety**

MESA – Chandler based companies Red Rock Stamping and Walker Painting Specialists were honored Monday with an SCF Arizona “Best of Best” award for their commitment to workplace safety in 2006.

A dinner awards banquet to recognize 35 Greater Phoenix area companies marked the start of the fourth annual Safety Works Expo, which runs through Wednesday at the Mesa Convention Center, 120 N. Center St.

Red Rock Stamping, Walker Painting Specialists and the other companies (see attached list) were recognized for their innovation, financial investment and rigorous training commitments to improve on-the-job safety and reduce the number of injuries and time lost by employees.

“A good safety record is no accident,” says Don Smith, president & CEO of SCF Arizona. “The most important reason to maintain a safe workplace is to ensure that your employees can go home to their loved ones at the end of the workday.”

Smith adds that by keeping the workplace safe, companies can control their bottom lines and help Arizona keep workers’ compensation costs among the lowest in the nation, which in turn helps business and economic growth throughout the state.

“Keeping employees and employers safe on the job helps everyone,” Smith says. “The best way to do this is by reducing risk and stopping injuries before they happen.

“Red Rock Stamping and Walker Painting Specialists understand this and work hard to help us create a culture of safety throughout Arizona,” Smith says.

Red Rock Stamping produces a range of engineered stamped parts for a variety of industries. Starting in 1990 with a single press, the company has grown and now occupies a 103,000 square foot plant.

“Receiving the Best of the Best safety award for 2006 from SCF Arizona is very meaningful,” says Wayne Ziemann, facilities manager at Red Rock Stamping. “At Red Rock Stamping, safety is a group effort.

“Like employees everywhere, we work to get that paycheck every week, but we value something more,” Ziemann says. “We all know that the greatest gift we can give to our families is to come home from work at night healthy. We know that it is hard to hug your spouse with no arms or run the bases with our children if we have no legs. So while this safety award is very meaningful, what we value the most is our health.”

Ziemann says the Best of the Best honor is an award that is shared by the company’s hourly employees, who self-monitor each other, visitors who tour the facility and the many employees who serve on our safety committee, company managers who actively promote safety, and upper management, “which never questions the cost of any safety-related program or product,” he adds.

Ziemann also credits safety providers that give the company input on how to stay safe, including the Chandler Fire Department, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspector who inspected Red Rock Stamping and recommended it for OSHA’s Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program designation and to safety suppliers that put safety before profits by providing the company with safety-related products at reduced prices.

Walker Painting is a family business founded in 1993 with approximately 20 employees. Today, it has a workforce of more than 150 workers. Company president and owner Dan Walker took over the business in 2001 from his parents.

“We are so proud of being named a Best of the Best, because we work really hard on safety,” Walker says. “I think winning the award boosts our pride more than anything, because it tells us we meet the standards to qualify. We’ve been nominated for the past three years.”

About four years ago Walker hired an employee to head up a company safety program and an improvement in workplace safety became evident. “Much of the improvement came about just by using the programs SCF gives us, such as temporary work program and drug testing.”

The Phoenix Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers cosponsors SCF Arizona’s Safety Works Expo, which is designed for safety professionals and others who are responsible for workplace safety at their respective businesses. The conference features:

- Seminars for anyone responsible for employee safety
- Exhibit floor for displaying the latest safety products and services
- Networking opportunities with other safety professionals
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration training sessions

SCF Arizona is the state’s largest provider of workers’ compensation insurance, serving nearly 70 percent of the state’s businesses – large and small.

# SCF Arizona Best of the Best

## **Cave Creek**

Starkweather Roofing

## **Chandler:**

Walker Painting Specialists

Red Rock Stamping

## **El Mirage**

Sutter Masonry

## **Gilbert**

Yellow Jacket Drilling

## **Glendale**

Don Sanderson Ford

Kimbrell Electric

## **Litchfield**

Diamond Trucking

## **Mesa:**

Talley Defense Inc

Sundance Framing

Metric Roofing of Tucson

Iron Horse Contracting

Arizona Golf Resort & Conference Center

J.F. Ellis Corp.

Caliente Construction

Builders Guild

## **Peoria**

Sierra Winds

Thomas Electric

## **Phoenix:**

Schumacher European

Shiya-Strephans Contracting

Wyndham Phoenix Hotel

RICOR

Advanced Lining Solutions

AZ Healthcare Contract Management  
Services

Star Roofing

Universal Underground

Beatitudes Campus

LR Cowan Concrete

California Overnight

Total Seal

Expert Electric

## **Scottsdale**

Mark Taylor Residential

The Renaissance Companies

## **Sun City**

El Dorado of Sun City Condominium

Homeowners' Association

## **Tempe:**

RCI Systems