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Cave Creek's Starkweather Roofing Honored as 'Best' for Job Safety

MESA – Starkweather Roofing, based in Cave Creek, was one of 35 companies honored Monday with an SCF Arizona “Best of Best” award for their commitment to workplace safety in 2006.

The dinner awards banquet marked the start of the fourth annual Safety Works Expo, which runs through Wednesday at the Mesa Convention Center, 120 N. Center St.

Starkweather Roofing 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.

“Starkweather Roofing understands this and works hard to help us create a culture of safety throughout Arizona,” Smith says.

An independently owned company, Starkweather Roofing was founded by Jeff and Diane Starkweather more than 20 years ago. Arizona Business Magazine ranked the company among the best businesses in the Greater Phoenix area in 1999 and in 2001.

“It is very satisfying to be named Best of the Best for workplace safety,” says Jeff Starkweather. “We have made a conscience and significant effort since establishing Starkweather Roofing to keep our workplace safe for our employees. We feel that most accidents are preventable, and with safety education they can be avoided.

“Safety not only benefits our employees but their families and allows Starkweather Roofing to be a profit-making business and help our whole economy by keeping these avoidable costs to a minimum,” he adds.

Because the company views safety as such an important topic, Jeff Starkweather joined the safety committee for the Arizona Roofing Contractors Association and made it his mission to spread safety education in the roofing industry so all employees can go home healthy to their families.

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