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### **SCF Arizona Presents Strongfield Trimco a Sentinel Award**

Mesa-based Strongfield Trimco is the latest Arizona company to be recognized with SCF Arizona's Sentinel Award for its commitment to workplace safety.

"This means so much to us," said Julie Hyman, Strongfield Trimco's human relations manager, who oversees the company's safety efforts. "We have focused on safety for so long; our owners have concentrated on making the company the safest it can be, so this is a very, very big honor for us."

Strongfield Trimco, 48 S. Sycamore in Mesa, received the award from SCF Arizona's Chief Operating Officer Duane T. Miller and loss control consultant Josh Ewing during a lunch the house-framing subcontractor sponsored to reward its employees for their commitment to safety.

"Safety is our No. 1 core value," Hyman said. The company's program relies on open communications that includes weekly 'toolbox' meetings that cover 36 different safety topics and monthly reviews of safety procedures, violations, incidents and accidents. The company also has a safety bonus program to reward work crews that go 3,000 hours without an accident.

"We also have a really good return-to-work program for light duty, and we have random drug testing and post-accident drug testing program," Hyman said. "We set really high goals."

Among the goals Strongfield Trimco's employees set for 2007 are reducing by 50 percent all nail gun incidents, back injuries and falls.

"Strongfield Trimco has a great safety record," Miller said. "This company is a true success story."

When the company was founded in 1981 it had some safety problems, Hyman admitted. So owners Les and Debby Busfield and Rick Michaelis began visiting workers in the field to gather information to create a safety program. "The result is a really awesome program, and over the years it has gotten stronger and stronger," said Hyman.

SCF Arizona is the state's largest provider of workers' compensation insurance, providing coverage to nearly 57,000 businesses statewide. It also is a leading advocate of workplace safety. Companies considered for SCF Arizona's Sentinel Award work with their employees to create a culture of safety, rank among SCF Arizona's Top 100 policyholders, have a positive working relationship with SCF, record no fatalities during the policy year and maintain a good safety record for the previous three years.