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Laron Receives SCF Arizona's Sentinel Award for Safety

Kingman-based Laron Inc. will receive SCF Arizona's Sentinel Award for its commitment to workplace safety on Monday at its headquarters, 4255 Santa Fe Drive.

"This award provides reinforcement and recognition to our employees that we are moving in the correct direction toward our ultimate goal of zero injuries," said Penny Whipple, the company's safety director. She adds the company's process-driven system hinges on developing safety procedures that result in reducing injuries and accidents.

"Our goal is to establish a zero-injury work environment," Whipple said. That is being done through company workforce committees identifying safety priorities and then working on those issues with Laron's management team.

Laron (www.laron.com) is a full-service industrial repair company that specializes in parts for one-of-a-kind equipment, including design, installation and repair of electro-mechanical and electronic control systems. It employs 285 workers.

The presentation is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. SCF Arizona Director of Safety Programs Rick Jones and Colorado River Account Services Loss Control Consultant Kim Sweet will present the award to Whipple and Laron's Chief Operations Officer John Hansen.

Arizona companies that qualify for a SCF Arizona Sentinel Award work with their employees to develop a culture of safety in their workplace, rank among SCF Arizona's Top 100 policyholders, have a positive working relationship with SCF, maintain a loss ratio under 40 percent for the policy year and record no fatalities during the policy year.

As pleased as Laron is with being recognized for safety, Whipple said more can be done to ensure that the company's employees are safe.

She said the company is focusing on analyzing root causes of incidents, raising awareness of safety, including all levels of the organization in safety processes, upgrading equipment with safety in mind, setting a safety budget that allocates funding for risk reduction and improving compliance with federal standards.

SCF Arizona (www.scfaz.com) is the state's largest provider of workers' compensation insurance, providing coverage to nearly 57,000 businesses statewide. With offices in Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City, Phoenix, Prescott, Show Low, Tucson and Yuma, SCF is a leader in promoting workplace safety statewide.