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### Utah Businesses Receive Top Awards for Workplace Safety

WCF Honors Utah's Companies and Presents Safe Workplace Scholarships

SALT LAKE CITY, June 5, 2012—With thousands of Utahns reporting workplace injuries last year, Workers Compensation Fund is working to promote—and honor—workplace safety. Helping kick off June as National Safety Month, WCF will award 14 companies at its Traditions of Safety event held today at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

With an eye toward tomorrow's safety leaders, WCF will also award scholarships totaling \$16,500 to graduate students at the University of Utah's Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH). And in support of the center's occupational safety research and education efforts, donate \$150,000 to the Rocky Mountain Center.

From construction to trucking to manufacturing and municipal services, the winners of the 2012 WCF Charles A. Caine Workplace Safety Awards are a diverse group of Utah-based businesses with something in common: their commitment to safety. Many of the honorees practice similar safety management tactics, including written safety plans, regular safety training, accident analysis, employee involvement in the safety process, and incentive programs.

Recipients of the 2012 Dr. Paul S. Richards Safe Workplace Scholarships are graduate students at the Rocky Mountain Center studying occupational safety, industrial hygiene, occupational medicine and ergonomics. WCF began the scholarship program in 1997, and recently renamed the scholarships for Utah's twentieth century pioneer of occupational medicine and workplace safety, Dr. Paul S. Richards. Dr. Richards was instrumental in bringing about Utah's first Occupational Disease Disability Act in 1941. He also made a tremendous contribution to Utahns as he headed the Bingham Canyon hospital for more than 25 years.

"The importance of workplace safety cannot be underestimated—every effort Utah companies make to protect their workers helps protect individuals and families from injury, pain, financial hardship and more." said Ray Pickup, WCF president and CEO. "We applaud these award-winning companies who lead the way in workplace safety, and honor the students who will lead the future of workplace safety in years to come. We are pleased to support the Rocky Mountain Center and its efforts in researching the challenges and improving the safety practices of companies nationwide."

#### Recipients of the 2012 WCF Charles A. Caine Workplace Safety Awards are as follows:

Advanced Health Care Corporation  
Devoqe Electric  
DP Curtis  
Graymont Western  
Interstate Rock Products  
Langford Roofing  
Palmer Christiansen Company  
Petersen, Inc  
Reid Ashman Manufacturing  
Roofers Supply  
Structural Steel & Plate Fabrication  
Tooele County

Triple T Heating & Cooling  
Wasatch Distributing

**Recipients of the 2012 Dr. Paul S. Richards Safe Workplace Scholarships are as follows:**

**Occupational Medicine**

Kevin Chamberlain

**Ergonomics and Safety**

Hang Xu

Rami Shorti

Raymond J. Godfrey

Travis H. Steele

**Industrial Hygiene**

Tara A. Koch

Matthew K. Fechser

Rex P. Steel

Ryan L. Payne

Steven R. Sevy

About the RMCOEH - For over 30 years, RMCOEH, part of the University of Utah School of Medicine, has provided educational, service and research programs for individuals pursuing careers in safety and ergonomics, industrial hygiene and occupational medicine. RMCOEH is one of only 16 education and research centers recognized nationwide by the National Institute for Occupational and Environmental Health (NIOSH). Since 1977, over 300 students have graduated from RMCOEH academic programs. Every year RMCOEH also provides continuing education programs for nearly 3,000 occupational health professionals around the county.

About WCF - Salt Lake City-based Workers Compensation Fund is Utah's premier workers' compensation insurance provider, promoting workplace safety to more than 20,000 Utah companies. Established in 1917, WCF is a mutual insurance company owned by its policyholders and governed by a board of directors. WCF offers its customers a variety of services including safety and loss control, claims administration, medical case management, vocational rehabilitation, and fraud investigations. WCF is rated A (Excellent) by the A.M. Best Company. For more information and free safety topics, please visit [www.wcfgroup.com](http://www.wcfgroup.com)

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