

# Utah's Safest Companies

## Companies Benefit from Resources Invested in Safety

SALT LAKE CITY, June 1, 2009— During the last three years, Price City has made remarkable improvements in their safety and training programs. The proactive changes have resulted in a significant decrease in workplace accidents and a workforce committed to safety. In addition, Price City's new safety practices have also saved the city thousands of dollars in workers compensation cost.

For their efforts Workers Compensation Fund honored Price City along with 12 other companies for their leading and creative efforts in workplace safety at a Traditions of Safety event June 4 at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Human Resources and Safety Manager, John Daniels attributes the city's success to employees taking ownership for safety and watching out for each other. Mayor Joe Piccolo has also played an active role in motivating employees to invest in safety by actively participating in safety meetings and making workplace safety a top priority for Price City.

The city's safety practices were established in work groups based on team and individual safety risks. However, safety expectations begin even before employees are hired, as interview panels stress safety. Safety is emphasized in new employee orientation and then it is continually strengthened by safety meetings, newsletters, quarterly and annual recognition programs, safety observations, and an active safety committee. Incident reviews are completed on both accidents and near misses and when appropriate they include reenactments. Safe behaviors as well as conditions are emphasized.

"With more than 23,000 workplace injuries reported in 2008, workplace safety must become a primary goal for every company," said Ray Pickup, CEO and President of WCF. "Today's award-winners are leading the way in investing the time, resources and energy necessary to protect workers. We applaud their efforts and urge other Utah companies to similarly focus on workplace safety. "

Recipients of the 2009 WCF Charles A. Caine Workplace Safety Awards are as follows:

- Advantage Transportation
- Classic Drywall Systems
- Hunter Douglas Intermountain
- Garkane Energy Cooperative & Garkane Propane
- Mel Clark
- Price City
- SN Custom Railing
- Sunset Rail
- Snowbird Corporation
- Tramcor
- Wadman Corporation
- Ultradent
- Safety Champion Award: Murray Hayward, University Health Care