

Sims assigned me my own crane and ordered my rigging, which is a great feeling. I can't believe there isn't a line of young people waiting to complete this program."

After apprentices graduate, Sims emphasizes continued employee training on new equipment and knowledge of the ongoing changes to rules and regulations. Berry regularly goes into the field to evaluate the program, conduct safety audits and test operators on the spot.

"This is not a fast-track program," said Berry. "Sims offers turnkey, comprehensive training with long-term growth and continuing education. We are focused on creating highly-qualified crane operators who are an asset to the industry."

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## 2017 FMA/CNA Safety Award winners announced

The Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA) and CNA announced the recipients of this year's Safety Awards. Open to all FMA and Tube & Pipe International (TPA) company members, the FMA/CNA Safety Awards program recognizes metal fabrication companies that have an ongoing commitment to excellence in safety. Award winners are determined by the FMA Safety Council and the awards are sponsored by CNA.

"On behalf of the FMA, I'm pleased to announce this year's FMA/CNA Safety Award Winners," said Edward Youdell, President and CEO, FMA. "The companies that are receiving safety awards this year have set a standard of excellence that all manufacturers should try and match. FMA, along with CNA, are proud to recognize these manufacturers for their outstanding achievements in the area of safety."

"We're proud to recognize these companies for their outstanding and ongoing efforts to create safe working conditions for their employees," said Roger Wilson, Assistant Vice President and Industry Leader, Manufacturing, CNA. "This accomplishment could not be achieved without a culture dedicated to safety and risk management."

The 2017 Safety Award of Honor is presented to companies having perfect safety records – no recordable injuries or illnesses for calendar year 2016.

Companies receiving the **2017 Safety Award** of Honor are:

- Cerro Flow Products LLC, Vinita Park, MO
- D & M Metal Products, Comstock Park, MI
- Eskay Metal Fabricating, Buffalo, NY
- Haven Manufacturing Group, Brunswick, GA
- KMS Fab, Luzerne, PA
- Material Fabricators, Inc., Buellton, CA
- Mech-Tronics, Melrose Park, IL
- Nova Group, Inc., Napa, CA
- Olympic Steel, Clarence Dr., Mt. Sterling, KY
- Plymouth Tube, Streator, IL
- Richards Sheet Metal Works, Inc., Ogden, UT
- Standard Iron, Monticello, MN
- Superior Joining Technologies, Inc., Machesney Park, IL
- T.J. Snow, Chattanooga, TN
- Waukesha Metal Products, Grafton, WI
- WSF Industries, Inc., Tonawanda, NY
- Welfab, Inc., No. Billerica, MA
- Zekelman Industries – Blytheville, Blytheville, AR

The 2017 Safety Award of Merit is presented to companies posting an injury and illness incidence rate for calendar year 2016 that is better than the published Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) rate by 10 percent or greater, based on their North American Industry Classification System

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