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Nevada Mining Association Honors Industry's Top Safety Advocates with 2015 Safety Awards

Reno, Nev. – The [Nevada Mining Association](#) (NVMA) has released the winners of its 2015 Safety Awards as part of the organization's ongoing commitment to fostering safety in mine operations throughout the state and honoring those who go above and beyond expectations to ensure workers return home safely after every shift.

"Safety continues to be the number one priority for Nevada mining companies and employees," said Dana Bennett, NVMA president. "We received an unprecedented number of individual nominations and will also be presenting several 'Sentinel of Safety' awards to operators with zero reportable injuries in 2014. The NVMA is thrilled to thank and recognize the hard working men and women who continue to dedicate themselves to making mining one of the safest professions in our great state."

The NVMA Safety Awards are given annually to both mine operators and individual mining employees in several categories, and data for the 2015 awards is based on performance in the 2014 calendar year.

Operator awards are given to the top three mines in designated categories based on their safety rate, which is calculated by a formula that factors number of employees on site, number of man hours for that year and penalties for lost-time accidents, number of reportable incidents and lost-time days. Individual awards are selected based on nominations only, and those nominations are judged on both the personal safety record of the individual and that person's involvement in advocating safety in the workplace.

This year 34 awards will be given to mine operators and 71 awards will be given to individual employees during an event at NVMA's annual convention in Lake Tahoe on Saturday, Sept. 12. The full list of NVMA 2015 Safety Awards winners can be found below.

Individual Safety Awards

General Manager:

Robert Stepper – Coeur Mining

Safety Manager:

Mark Carlson – American Drilling Corporation

Mine Operators Safety Awards

Surface Operations:

Large – 300+ employees

First: Round Mountain Gold Corporation

Second: Newmont Mining Corporation – South Area

Third: Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. – Goldstrike

Safety Professional:

Temby Lawrence - Newmont Mining Corporation
Aaron Weight - Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.

Mine Manager/Superintendent:

Tracy Carroll - Newmont Mining Corporation
Don Dwyer - Barrick Gold Corporation
Daryl Everett - Robinson Nevada
Mike Isaak - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Sam Marich - Barrick Goldstrike
Lorin Noble - Coeur Mining

General Supervisor/Middle Management:

Wes Amos - Round Mountain
Page Adkins - Barrick Gold Corporation
Pat Chacon - Barrick Goldstrike
Pete Chavez - Newmont Mining Corporation
Scott Lawson - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Max Lujan - Coeur Mining
Tom Stannard - Newmont Mining Corporation
John Taule - Barrick Gold Corporation

Trainer:

Wynn Anderson - Silver Standard Mining
Bobbi Jo Bostic - Robinson Nevada
Nikkayla Simon - Barrick Goldstrike

Supervisor:

John Bailey - Newmont Mining Corporation
Jason Deputy - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Dale Freese - Newmont Mining Corporation
Tim Felzein - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Neil Hastings - American Drilling Corp.
Dave Kelly - Silver Standard Mining
Terry Krantz - Barrick Gold Corporation
DeeJay Leach - Barrick Goldstrike
Shawn Migas - Newmont Mining Corporation
John Moffitt - Newmont Mining Corporation
John Neary - Newmont Mining Corporation
Justin Petrie - Barrick Gold Corporation
Russell Sheets - Newmont Mining Corporation
Wayne Thompson - Barrick Gold Corporation
Art Willms - Coeur Mining
Chris Zeiler - Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.

Non-Supervisory Trainer:

Leonard Barraza - Newmont Mining Corporation
David Johnson - Barrick Goldstrike
Mary Myrick - Barrick Gold Corporation
Lorenzo Olivas - Coeur Mining

Medium – 100-299 employees

First: Newmont Mining Corporation – Mill 6
Second: Newmont Mining Corporation – Genesis
Third: Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. – Roaster

Small – 20- 99 employees

First: Newmont Mining Corporation – Lone Tree
First: Barrick Gold of North America – Ruby Hill
Second: Rawhide Mining LLC. – Denton Rawhide Mine

Underground Operations:**Large – 300+ employees**

First: Barrick Gold of North America – Turquoise Ridge
Second: Barrick Gold of North America – Cortez
Third: Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. - Meikle/Rodeo

Medium – 100-299 employees

First: Newmont Mining Corporation – Exodus

Small – 20-99 employees

First: Small Mine Development – Lee Smith Mine
First: Nevada Copper Corporation – Pumpkin Hollow
First: Newmont Mining Corporation – Chukar
Second: Sterling Gold Mining Corp. – Sterling Mine

Non-Metal Mining Category

First: Art Wilson Company – Adams Claim
First: Granite Construction – Nevada Operations
First: EP Minerals - Clark Mill & Mine
First Gypsum Resources – Blue Diamond Hill
First: EP Minerals – Colado Mine
First: Baker Hughes – Argenta Mine & Mill
First: M-I Swaco – Battle Mountain Grinding Plant
First: Halliburton Energy Services – Nevada Operations
First: EP Minerals – Fernley Operations

Contractors Category

First: Ames Construction – Ames Backfill Portable
First: American Drilling Corporation – Nevada Operations
First: Brahma Group Inc. – Nevada Operations
First: Cementation USA Inc. – Pumpkin Hollow
First: Phoenix Industrial – Round Mountain
First: NA Degerstrom, Inc. – Robinson Mine Project
First: J.S. Redpath – Bazza Mine – Goldstrike
First: Small Mine Development – Chukar

Emergency Response:

Dave Baker - Newmont Mining Corporation
Rob Carter - Newmont Mining Corporation
Jeff Freeman - Barrick Gold Corporation
Travis Petersen - Newmont Mining Corporation
Andrew Smith - Silver Standard Mining

Safety Champion

Mike Andersen - Silver Standard Mining
Kent Barrett - Newmont Mining Corporation
Dan Brown - Round Mountain
Nikki Cooley - Round Mountain
Joel Dunkin - Coeur Mining
Lester Gilman - Barrick Gold Corporation
Steve Justus - Air Products & Chemicals
Mark Koopman - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Chris Laloup - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Porsche Lee - Newmont Mining Corporation
Aaron Leininger - Barrick Goldstrike
Dave Murphy - Graymont
Diana Nelson - Newmont Mining Corporation
Reid Olsen - Barrick Gold Corporation
Billy Richardson - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Sean Riley - Newmont Mining Corporation
Dave Roberson - Newmont Mining Corporation
Scott Taylor - Coeur Mining
Edward Tester - Barrick Gold Corporation
Vaughn Tripp - Graymont
Wayne Tucker - Klondex Mines Ltd.
Josh Upton - Newmont Mining Corporation
Adam Wilson - Barrick Goldstrike

Special Awards:

Earl Doege, Outstanding Career in Safety
Randy Harris, Outstanding Career in Safety

About the Nevada Mining Association

The Nevada Mining Association is comprised of operating mining companies; exploration companies; suppliers of industry equipment, goods and services, counselors and consultants; and individuals interested in sustaining the industry. The Nevada Mining Association's objective is to maintain a business and operating environment that fosters exploration, development and production of minerals in Nevada using safe and environmentally conscious methods. For more information, visit www.nevadaminig.org.

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