



25th Annual AGC of South Dakota Paul Lepthien Safety Award

Paul Lepthien was a leader in the field of construction safety in the state of South Dakota. Through knowledge, experience and action Paul set a new course for construction safety in a way that inspired those around him. More than a knowledgeable consultant, Paul was a team-player and positive voice for safety. For these reasons and more, he is honored annually in the giving of the Paul Lepthien Safety Award.

In addition to his knowledge and proactivity, Paul loved the construction industry. Those who knew him well remember how Paul collected construction artifacts, retired equipment and even an old bridge. For Paul construction safety was as much about the construction as it was about the safety.

As the first full-time Safety Director for the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota, Paul Lepthien was an example for all safety professionals that would follow. Hired by the Building Chapter, Paul delivered safety services to both Building and Highway-Heavy-Utility Chapter members with memorable passion. A proponent for collaboration and efficiency, Paul promoted safety to all regardless of the work they performed.

Each year the Paul Lepthien Safety Award is given to an individual who represents the qualities Paul lived out. Knowledge, collaboration, proactivity and passion in the area of construction safety were trademarks for Paul and the winner of the Annual AGC of South Dakota Paul Lepthien Safety Award.

Safety leadership exists at every level of an organization. From a new employee to a seasoned executive, company safety excellence involves everyone. For this reason nominees may be company executives, safety directors, construction employees or others involved in the promotion of safe and healthy construction projects.

The nomination form is located on the back of this page and should be completed for each nominee.



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AGC of South Dakota Members are encouraged to nominate an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of construction safety and health. Nominations may be submitted by the individual's company, their peers or associates. In addition to this form nominations should include 1 to 2 pages of 12 point, Times New Roman font with no less than ½" margins.

If you do not have access to the required information listed below or have questions regarding the form and process, contact the AGC of South Dakota for assistance.

The following items *must* be addressed:

Individual's unique qualities or capabilities

- Self improvement via education, training, etc. to improve knowledge and understanding
- Education of others to help them perform more safely
- Proactive commitment
- "Gone the extra step" to help promote construction safety and health

Company's safety performance under the individual's leadership

- Overview of company's safety program
- Resources the company provides to promote safety
- Involvement of all employees in the company's safety program
- Management's commitment to safety
- Programs, procedures, or equipment added to improve the company's safety program
- Something unique the company does or provides to promote safety

Individual's contributions to company safety excellence

The following items *may* be addressed:

- Individual's contributions to the AGC of South Dakota
- Individual's contributions to their community or the state of South Dakota

The quality of the nomination will be considered by the selection panel and the safety committee.

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