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East Palestine's Tubetech Goes 705 Days Without Lost Time Accident

Appreciation Day held to Celebrate Milestone and Pledge Continued Vigilance Photos Available, Call Contact

East Palestine, OH-- Marking 705 days without an employee missing work due to an accident, East Palestine's largest employer steel tubing company Tubetech has set a new standard for safety in manufacturing. Nationwide there are approximately 801,000 employee lost time accidents each year, according to recent data from the Department of Labor.

"This type of safety record is unheard of in our industry," said Rick Shafer, Plant Manager at Tubetech. "Our employees have recognized that safety is everyone's responsibility. It has become a 'way of life' at Tubetech, instilled a new sense of vigilance and lead to increased productivity."

To recognize Tubetech's employee efforts in reaching this milestone of safety and encourage employees to continue working up to this high standard, company executives hosted a company-wide Appreciation Day Picnic earlier this summer.

"This milestone truly represents the commitment and dedication of the entire Tubetech community," said President and CEO of Tubetech Steve Oliphant in expressing his gratitude for this achievement. "This shows what can be achieved when everyone works together for the betterment of a safe and productive workplace. We will continue to work hard to maintain and improve this track record of safety."

United Steelworkers' Local President, Ron Ogg, and Local Vice President, Dan Matthews, who represent the more than 40 plant employees at Tubetech, both praised the accomplishment at Appreciation Day. "This is a tremendous achievement. It took a team effort of workers and management successfully creating a safe, healthy, and productive work environment. It's labor-management cooperation at it's best," said Ogg.

Based in East Palestine, Ohio, Tubetech produces Electric Welded Steel Tubing primarily for the automotive and appliance industries within the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Tubetech has been in business almost 20 years, building lasting relationships with our employees, suppliers and customers, and would never have achieved the Milestone of 705 days without a lost time accident without everyone's cooperation. Thanks for your help and support!



Shown left to right:
Ron Ogg Local USW
Pres., Rick Shafer
Tubetech Plant
manager, Dan
Mathews, USW Local
VP.