



## STAND-DOWN SUCCESS: RYAN COMPANIES, US

Ryan Companies US, Inc. is a leading national commercial real estate firm offering development, architecture & engineering, construction, real estate management, and capital markets to customers. Minneapolis-based Ryan puts an extreme emphasis on jobsite safety and they make it their number one priority to send every worker home to their families at the end of every day. In addition to making a daily effort to improve the safety of their workers, during the month of May 2015, Ryan participated in the two-week National Fall Protection Stand Down. The two-week Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Stand Down event was held on jobsites across the US and reached approximately 2,500 individuals.



**Scott Baron, Corporate Safety Director of Ryan Companies, presents to a group of workers during the Stand-Down.**

On Monday, May 4th, Ryan Companies partnered with 3M to hold an event at the \$400 million, five-block Downtown East project located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. John Gaddini, Regional Safety Director at Ryan Companies, worked with 3M to bring the 3M Safety Roadshow, a new mobile training center, on-site for the approximately 420 Ryan employees and subcontractors to attend seminars throughout the day. While the main focus was on fall protection, 3M held additional seminars on respiratory, head, eye, and hearing protection, as well as safer welding and grinding techniques and confined spaces.

The fall protection portion included two incredibly impactful demonstrations. The first was an hour long seminar where 3M used a mannequin to simulate a fall with protection and a fall without protection, demonstrating the difference in what would happen to a worker falling from a building in those same situations and just how crucial using proper fall protection is. The second included a retrieval demonstration that reviewed rescue techniques for a worker who has properly used their personal fall arrest system and fallen. This is often overlooked during fall protection training, but is an important part of making sure a worker survives a fall from heights without serious injury.



**Training is conducted in front of the 3M Safety Roadshow.**

The event was so successful and well-attended, that Ryan Companies and 3M have decided to partner on future events, bringing the mobile training center to jobsites in other regions. Ryan has offices in Chicago, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Austin, San Diego, Atlanta, and Tampa as well as Cedar Rapids, Davenport, and Des Moines, Iowa.