



# SOUTH CAROLINA'S CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION RAISES FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS

Contract Construction, a contractor in the Columbia, South Carolina area participated in the 2017 nation-wide fall prevention Stand-Down. Contract Construction is a general contractor who builds and renovates structures for educational, recreational, religious, multi-unit residential, and correctional facility owners.

The company has participated in the fall prevention Stand-Down for all four years, and this year decided to expand it to all seven of its active project sites. The events engaged the employees of Contract Construction and 35 sub-contractors, reaching a total of more than 200 workers.

The seven stand-downs were tailored to each job site by addressing the fall hazards occurring at the stage of construction present at the time. All job sites discussed general fall protection while working at height, and others discussed slip, trip and fall hazards occurring on the same level. Several job sites discussed falls from heavy construction equipment such as dump trucks, excavators and mobile cranes.

Will Owens, General Superintendent for Contract Construction, organized the stand-downs using materials provided by CPWR, including handouts and hardhat stickers. He says the materials were a big hit, and believes the effort was worthwhile. The stand-downs grabbed the attention of workers and foremen, and hopefully will prevent future falls.

Owens stated "The fall prevention Stand-Down has become an important part of our construction safety program, helping our managers provide courageous safety leadership, and ensuring all our employees feel comfortable when they raise safety issues."



***Contract Construction focused on falls from equipment during several fall prevention stand-downs.***



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