

Stand-down Success Story: Doran Companies

Doran Companies is a Midwestern commercial development, general contracting and property management company. The company is currently working on several major Minneapolis area construction projects.

During a May 4, 2015, OSHA Safety Stand-down event at a Minneapolis construction site, Andy Smoka, safety consultant principal at Minnesota OSHA, happened to notice an individual working at elevated heights on Doran's construction site nearby. Upon closer inspection, Smoka noticed the employee was using the proper fall protection and doing everything exactly right to prevent falls.

Smoka then placed a phone call to the site superintendent for Doran Companies to recognize their safety efforts and inform them about the current National Safety Stand-down campaign to prevent falls in construction.

The folks at Doran were excited about the idea to conduct a safety stand-down event at their site to reiterate the importance of fall safety for their company and subcontractors. So Doran decided to conduct their own stand-down event on May 12, 2015, and host a lunch for their workers at the Latitude 45 building site, a 319-unit 13-story Class A market rate apartment post-tension concrete building with 10,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

At the event, Bill Stuart, safety consultant principal at Minnesota OSHA and consultant to this project, gave a presentation about fall safety to approximately 150 superintendents, subcontractors and laborers of various trades that make up the crew at Latitude 45.

Stuart addressed two important areas of fall safety. The first was focused on personal fall arrest systems and the "four points" of personal fall arrest system: the anchor, the link, the harness, and the rescue plan. The second was information about ladder safety with pointers about how to inspect the ladder and select the appropriate ladder for the job.

Kelly Doran, founder and principal of Doran Companies, spoke at the event to reiterate the need to work safely and thank workers for their injury-free performance, dedication and commitment to a safe work environment. After lunch was provided for the workers, Stuart presented Doran Companies with a certificate of participation in acknowledgement of their efforts to promote fall safety.



William R Stuart, MPH, CSP – Safety Consultant Principal for MN OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation speaking on fall prevention to the workers at the Latitude 45 building site in downtown Minneapolis.



William R Stuart, MPH, CSP – Safety Consultant Principal for MN OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation presenting Kelly J. Doran, Founder and Principal of Doran Companies, a Certificate of Recognition for Doran Companies participation in the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down.

