

TA LOVING COMPANY HOLDS “STOP FALLS” STAND-DOWN EVENTS IN THE CAROLINAS



TA Loving Company participated in the 2017 Safety Stand-Down awareness event by holding stand-downs at all 23 of its projects. TA Loving is a general contractor based in the Raleigh/Greenville area of North Carolina. The company performs a wide variety of construction, including hospitals, bridges, schools, utilities, and public infrastructure such as waste water treatment plants. This is the fourth year TA Loving has participated in the nation-wide fall prevention Stand-Down.

Safety Coordinator Ann Johnson led all 23 of the stand-downs in one week, traveling to several construction projects each day. The events engaged all subcontractors and almost 1500 workers in both English and Spanish. Johnson touched on the fall hazards at each workplace, with a special effort to teach workers about suspension trauma, rescue, and how to use relief straps. She emphasized the need to learn and practice rescue procedures, act quickly to rescue a fallen coworker and call 911. She gave workers a handout she wrote with her assistant, DJ Perkins, detailing suspension trauma in English and Spanish. Johnson also handed out materials on harness safety and aerial lift safety as well as hard hat stickers provided by CPWR. She even held a stand-down at the company headquarters focused on office slip, trip and fall hazards.

Johnson believes the stand-downs have been a great success by reinforcing the safety program at TA Loving, creating a positive safety climate and energizing the company’s safety committee. One of the company’s core values is “Safe Work or No Work”, printed on the back of workers’ safety vests to remind workers that every employee has the authority to stop work to deal with a safety issue.



TA Loving and sub-contractor workers attend a stand-down at a hospital construction project in Greenville North Carolina.



Ann Johnson leads a fall prevention stand-down at a TA Loving wastewater treatment plant project in Columbia, South Carolina

TA Loving has taken the program a step further, also training workers on safety at home. Johnson tells workers, “If you come back to work, we’ve done our job.”

Johnson’s favorite safety quote from Dr. Robert Long sums up her safety philosophy “When we put learning first, people first, relationships first, respect first and living first, then we might get to the heart of safety”

