

Project Summary

Transition of a Partnering Relationship: Dodge County Highway Department

Client:

Dodge County Highway Department

Contact:

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Regulatory Status:

Ongoing technical support

Project Features

- Safety Assessment
- Job Hazard Assessments
- Development of Safety Policy
- Written Program Development
- Comm 32 Employee training
- MSHA Refresher Training
- Industrial Hygiene Sampling for air and noise
- Accident Investigation
- Develop a schedule of annual program reviews, updates, and training needs
- Change in Highway Commissioner position

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Introduction and Value to Client

Alpha Terra first met the highway commissioner of Dodge County, Mr. Robert Sindelar, at a Wisconsin County Highway Association Convention back in 2004.

The Dodge County Highway Department had been visited by a Wisconsin Department of Commerce Occupational Safety inspector the year before and had received an inspection report listing a number of violations including the lack of a certified PPE hazard assessment. We were asked for a proposal to abate this violation. We continued to build on this relationship and assisted the Dodge County Highway Department with the development of a comprehensive safety program that is currently being overseen by Alpha Terra on an annual basis.

Synopsis

The relationship with the Dodge County Highway Department was a successful partnership from the onset. After development of their Personal Protective Equipment program we were retained to perform a safety assessment of their entire operations. The findings of the safety assessment helped to make recommendations and determine priorities from which the highway department would attain compliant regulatory status.

In 2005, the Dodge County Highway Department hired Brian Field to be an assistant to the commissioner. Brian was formerly the Streets Department Manager for the City of Watertown, whom we initiated a relationship with starting in 2002.

Brian was given the responsibility to oversee the safety program when he started with the highway department. It was a seamless transition for both sides because of our previous working relationship with him when he worked in Watertown.

Brian understood the importance of providing a safe workplace for the workers at the highway department. Because of this commitment we were able to finalize the written programs and continue providing the highway department with ongoing annual technical support.

Brian is now the highway commissioner for Dodge County.