



# Lake County Contractors Association Safety News

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## Multi-Employer Violations Vacated

The OSHA Review Commission has ruled that the "Controlling Employer/Multi Employer" doctrine is not valid. For over 30 years the contractor who had actual or contractual control over a jobsite and the means to enforce safety was a "controlling employer" and responsible for the safety of subcontractors on the job. Many general contractors have claimed the Multi Employer doctrine was in direct contradiction to OSHA 1910.12(a) which states in part "... Each employer shall protect the employment and places of employment of each of his employees engaged in construction. ..." Apparently the OSHA Review Commission now agrees.

## Video Speeding Tickets Coming, Again

Illinois will begin using photo radar in freeway work zones in July. Second offense tickets are \$1,000 with license suspension. Beginning in July the State of Illinois will use speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones" on major freeways. Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375.00 ticket for the FIRST offense, but the SECOND offense will cost \$1000.00 and comes with a 90-Day suspension. Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which allows insurance companies to raise their rates. This represents the harshest penalty structure yet for a city or state using PHOTO enforcement. The State will begin with TWO camera vans issuing tickets in work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 MPH. Photographs of both the Driver's face and License plate are taken.

## Safety Day Features Electrical Hazard Recognition

LCCA along with Abbott Laboratories and OSHA will sponsor a half day seminar on Electrical Hazards on Thursday, June 21 beginning at 10:30 at the Greenbelt Cultural Center in North Chicago. The course is designed for those who work around electricity as well as those who work with electricity. The course is limited to 120 and is filling fast. To make your reservation, go to [www.lcca-il.org/events](http://www.lcca-il.org/events).

## Safety Training

For information on classes scheduled, or to register on-line go to <http://www.lcca-il.org/events>. The easiest way to get your employees trained is to let us schedule a class specifically for you. We will make sure the content is tailored to your employees and your industry. Call Lisa at the LCCA Office for all your safety training needs.

REMEMBER: If you have ten or more (or will pay for 10 students) we will bring the training to your office, or a site of your choice, or hold your class at the LCCA Office. First Aid, CPR,

OSHA 10-Hour, Excavation Competent Person, Power Line, Confined Space, Respiratory Safety/Silica, Scaffold User or Competent Person, and much more are available for you. Since the LCCA Safety & Education Fund subsidizes the cost, the price is hard to beat. Training dates are subject to our instructors' schedules, so if you want a particular date, call the LCCA Office as soon as possible.

## Congratulations Safety Award Winners

This year 46 members earned Safety Awards for their safety efforts in 2006. Award Winners, except for Division 4, all had zero Lost Workday Accidents. It can be done! Honorable Mention awards are presented to all applicants who have a Lost Workday Accident ratio less than the national average as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In each case, the contractor is judged against similar size and same type of work. For example, the Highway, Street & Bridge category average is 3.6 for Division 2 contractors while Division 2 Electrical Contractors average is 2.9. If you did not participate in the award program but would still like to know the national average for your classification, just email me at [gdowny@lcca-il.org](mailto:gdowny@lcca-il.org) and include your total hours worked and your NAICS code. If you do not know the NAICS code, just give us the old SIC code or your major type of work. I will reply with the average LWD ratio for you to compare to your own results.

### Division I - Less than 20,000 Hours

Award Winners  
American Acoustics, Inc.  
Illinois Architectural Glass & Aluminum, LLC  
Keno & Sons Construction Company  
Premium Concrete Cutting, Inc.

### Division II - 20,001 - 100,000 Hours

Award Winners  
Car-Min Construction Co., Inc.  
Century Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc.  
D.L. Franzen Construction, Inc.  
Glenbrook Excavating & Concrete, Inc.  
Green Mechanical, Inc.  
Greg Greenhill Construction Company, Inc.  
John Keno & Company, Inc.  
Kirschhoffer Truck Service, Inc.  
Lakeland/Larsen Elevator Corp.  
Lenny Hoffman Excavating, Inc.  
Payne & Dolan, Inc.  
Roughneck Concrete Drilling & Sawing Co., Inc.  
Stuckey Construction Co., Inc.

Division II Honorable Mention  
DK Contractors, Inc.  
Manusos General Contracting, Inc.  
MK Industries, Inc.  
Rasch Construction & Engineering  
Waukegan Roofing Co., Inc.

**Division III - 100,001 - 500,000 Hours**

Award Winners  
Becker Electrical Group  
Boller Construction Company, Inc.  
Martin Petersen Company, Inc.  
Ragnar Benson Construction, LLC  
William A. Randolph, Inc.

Division III Honorable Mention  
Alliance Contractors, Inc.  
Althoff Industries, Inc.  
Bane-Nelson, Inc.  
Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc.  
Camosy, Inc.  
Carey Electric Contracting, Inc.  
Cecchin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Curran Contracting Company  
International Decorators, Inc.  
Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.  
Mechanical, Inc.  
Plaza Excavating Contractors  
Riley Construction Company, Inc.  
Thatcher Foundations Inc.  
Thelen Sand & Gravel, Inc.

**Division IV - Over 500,000 Hours**

Award Winner  
Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc.

Division IV Honorable Mention  
Continental Electrical Construction Company  
Kelso-Burnett Company  
Turner Construction Company