



SAFETY AWARDS 2021

Going above and beyond with safety at the workplace

During André Meyer's 21-year tenure with Quality Allied Elevator (QAE), five years as Director of Fields Operation Training, his responsibilities have always included advanced training of all TSSA and manufacturer recommended education; however, he takes safety training to a higher level. In addition to mandatory training, André leads training sessions and presentations to field employees on a multitude of other safety measures including first aid, working at heights, service calls at night, and his own creation of a safety check in/out procedure. "I've worked in every facet of our trade from service to supervisor which has given me a broad range of safety knowledge. I've also been part of the health and safety committee for the past 15 years," André explains.

André's initiative, resourcefulness, and dedication to personally leading night classes keep him abreast of industry issues including industry incidents and accidents. He is the safety expert that the field relies on, not only as industry regulations change and evolve, but also to maintain safety check-in procedures. Keen to promote supplemental training, André provides reminders about the all-too-real dangers that can occur without proper safety measures in place. Increasing awareness of these 'close to the bone' incidents go a long way towards keeping QAE's teams safe.

André credits his safety mindset to early in his career when he worked on the rides at Canada's Wonderland. "The amusement park emphasized both safety and alertness – two attributes I uphold today," says André. He's also quick to commend his early mentors in the elevating devices industry, who instilled in him a safety-first culture – both at QAE and at prior firms. And André pays it forward today, working with younger tradespeople starting out. "One of the most gratifying parts of my job is time spent on sites with co-workers, teaching them to safely complete their work," he adds.

He admits a lot has changed in the industry over the years. "Years ago, my experience with TSSA was mainly with its inspectors, and then licensing. There's been an evolution of TSSA that has included more oversight, which is necessary to keep people safe." About the TSSA Safety Award, he adds, "It's nice to get this recognition. It was a surprise to win!"

André's commitment to safety goes beyond his role at QAE. As demands from owners, property managers, consultants and inspectors increase, André's renowned protocols have become even more applicable and important. On his own initiative, he maintains outstanding relationships with both the field employees and management to ensure safety is top of mind for everyone.

TSSA congratulates André for being a 2021 recipient of TSSA's Impact Safety Award!



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