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Seventeen Missouri Businesses Receive Grants for Safety Initiatives

MEM plans to award a minimum of \$1 million in safety grants over three years

Columbia, MO—The frequency of workers compensation claims continues to decline in Missouri, but Missouri Employers Mutual won't stop until workplace injuries are eliminated. The Safety Fanatics at MEM awarded the company's first ever safety grants to Missouri businesses this month to help them take the next step toward improving workplace safety.

"We know that many businesses—especially those without claims—have a perception that insurance is cutting a check for premium and never seeing a return," said Jim Owen, MEM President and Chief Executive Officer. "We're changing that perception by continuing to invest in injury prevention with our policyholders. Money back from MEM is yet another way safety pays. We don't want funding to stand in the way of saving lives."

All of MEM's nearly 16,000 policyholders, regardless of premium size, are eligible for a safety grant. Successful applicants earn one-to-one matching grants up to \$20,000 toward approved safety initiatives. MEM plans to award policyholders at least \$1 million in safety grants over the next three years, and far more if they improve workplace safety as MEM anticipates. Policyholders are required to report on the success of the safety initiatives so MEM can help other businesses learn from their success.

The following businesses were selected to receive safety grants in MEM's first cycle:

Policyholder	City, State	Approved Initiative
Association of Group Homes	Maryville, MO	Hoyer lift
Bridges Community Support	Maplewood, MO	1 patient lift, 3 evacuation sleds, 1 lifting kit
Burgers' Ozark Country Cured Hams	California, MO	Slicer
DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District	DeSoto, MO	Auto controlled high flow nozzles
Doing Steel, Inc.	Springfield, MO	Combilift
Emmaus Homes, Inc.	St. Charles, MO	Free standing track system, 4 safety kits
Harry S. Truman Children's Neurological Center	Independence, MO	5 scales for patient lifts
Kirberg Roofing, Inc.	St. Louis, MO	Rail system/fall protection system
Lake Ozark Fire Protection District	Lake Ozark, MO	Power load
Lehman Construction, LLC	California, MO	Fall protection system
Little Blue Valley Sewer District	Independence, MO	Manhole covers
Monett Metals, Inc.	Monett, MO	Conveyor system
Osage Ambulance District	Linn, MO	2 power loads
Sunnyhill, Inc.	St. Louis, MO	2 patient lifts
The Humane Society of Missouri	St. Louis, MO	Lift tables, mats
Woodhaven Learning Center	Columbia, MO	Patient lifts

Policyholders can learn more about MEM's Safety Grant program and how to apply on our website, www.mem-ins.com.

MEM is a safety company that provides workers compensation insurance. We help policyholders eliminate injuries and reduce claims costs to protect their people and their bottom lines. Headquartered in Columbia, with offices in Springfield, Kansas City and St. Louis, MEM is dedicated to providing policyholders with exceptional customer service, quality loss prevention expertise and timely, personal claims management. For more information on MEM, Missouri's number one provider of workers compensation insurance—visit www.mem-ins.com.

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