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Missouri Businesses Receive \$800,000 for Safety Initiatives

MEM plans to award at least \$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 fourth round of safety grants to Missouri businesses this month to help them take the next step toward improving workplace safety.

To date, MEM has awarded a total of 86 policyholders with nearly \$800,000 in safety grants, and plans to give away a total of at least \$1 million in order to improve workplace safety.

"Controlling claims in order to control costs is a smart way for businesses to ensure everyone can go home to their families at the end of the workday, and that's what this program is all about," said Jim Owen, President and CEO of MEM. "We continually make investments in business so the cost of safety initiatives doesn't get in the way of protecting employees on the job. We don't want funding to stand in the way of saving lives."

All of MEM's nearly 18,000 policyholders, regardless of premium size, are eligible for a safety grant. Successful applicants earn one-to-one matching grants up to \$10,000 toward approved safety initiatives. 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 fourth cycle:

Table with 3 columns: Policyholder, City, State, and Approved Initiative. It lists 16 businesses and their respective safety grant initiatives.

Artur Express, Inc.	Bridgeton, MO	Five Dash Camera Behavior Coaching Systems
River-Roads Distributing Co.	St. Louis, MO	Four 24' Rolling Ladders
Smithville RII School District	Smithville, MO	Three patient Handling tables and One Lift System
Refrigeration Supplies, Inc.	St. Louis, MO	Forklift with basaloid Appliance Lift Attachment
Branson R-4 School District	Branson, MO	Pallet Wrap Machine, Motorized Pallet Jack & Lift Gate for Truck
Jasper County Sheltered Facilities Association, Inc.	Joplin, MO	Wheelchair Scale
Pony Bird Incorporated	Mapaville, MO	Cordless I-Mop XL Scrubber
Raygoza Contracting Services, LLC	New Florence, MO	Rough Terrain Scissor Lift
TrailerMan Trailers, Inc.	Louisiana, MO	4,000 lb Loader with Rotating Platform
Jeremiah Beyer	Cassville, MO	Skid Steer with Forks
Alpha House of Springfield, Inc.	Springfield, MO	Bulletproof Enclosure
Lolli Bros Livestock Market, Inc.	Macon, MO	Remote Access Gate for Lifestock Handling
Little Blue Valley Sewer District	Independence, MO	Raised Platforms with Guardrails
Sydenstricker Imp. Co.	Curryville, MO	Two Large Wheel Changer Forklift Attachments & Two Air Jacks
D&L Painting and Drywall, LLC	St. Louis, MO	Rough Terrain Scissor Lift

Policyholders can learn more about our SafetySMARTS Safety Grants 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 safety and risk management 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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