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ALPENA County Road Commission Wins Workers' Compensation Award

Gets on Honor Roll

Lansing, July 23, 2015. The Alpena County Road Commission was recognized for having one of the lowest employee injury rates among road commissions in the state.

“Low injury rates just don’t happen in our business,” says Jim deSpelder, Administrator of the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund. The County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund provides safety training and workers’ compensation coverage for road commissions. “Our business is working on the roads. Working on the roads is physically demanding and puts our workers at risk of being injured by passing vehicles. It takes constantly reminding employees that their safety on the job is a primary concern of management.”

Joyce Randall, Chairperson of the Fund and the Manager of the Mecosta County Road Commission, stated “Low injury rates also have monetary benefits to the road commissions.” She pointed out “lower injury rates results in lower workers compensation premiums. The monetary savings can go to other needs such as maintaining Michigan roads.”

“Road commissions that have lower than average injury rates qualify to be on our Honor Roll,” commented Jim deSpelder. “They should be applauded for their achievement.”

The award was given by the County Road Commission Self Insurance Fund otherwise known as CRASIF. CRASIF is a Michigan based group fund that provides disability management and workers’ compensation to road commissions. CRASIF services 72 out of the 83 road commissions in Michigan.