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TOWER CRANE LEGISLATION SIGNING

On December 10, 2008, Mayor Michael Nutter and Councilman Jim Kenney joined together in a ceremonial bill signing on the roof of 10 Rittenhouse Square. The new law ensures the highest level of safety during the installation and operation of tower cranes.



New Practices and New Partners



Source: www.gbcanet.org

Tower Crane Legislation Signing

In light of recent crane tragedies in other cities, Philadelphia responded with pioneering legislation to regulate the individuals who install, inspect and operate tower cranes. Philadelphia is the first major city to enact this type of legislation, which will be viewed as a model for best practices by other jurisdictions throughout the country.

The legislation was based on regulations put in place by the Department of Licenses and Inspections in August 2008 and is also fully supported by the Department of Risk Management, the General Building Contractors Association, Crane Owners, the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, the Operating Engineers Local 542, and the Metropolitan Regional Council of Carpenters.

“This legislation represents collaboration across the board to create an unprecedented standard of tower crane safety. The additional safeguards in certification and inspection will enhance Philadelphia’s solid track record in tower crane operation, which translates into greater safety in and around construction sites. The work done here will have a lasting impact and a significant effect on tower crane regulations in other major cities,” Kenney stated.

Mayor Michael Nutter added, “This legislation is the first of its kind in the country and I am proud that Philadelphia is leading the way in construction site safety. I applaud Councilman Kenney and the many partners who worked on this legislation for their hard work.”

AmQuip and Powell Announce Transaction

AmQuip Crane Rental LLC and Powell Equipment Company announced the acquisition by AmQuip of the business and assets of Powell, resulting in the formation of the Powell AmQuip division. The Atlanta based operation will expand the capabilities of AmQuip’s Southeast Region which includes Elliott AmQuip operations in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee and AmQuip’s Tower Crane Division in Birmingham, Alabama. The business will operate from Powell’s facilities located just off of I-285 in the heart of Atlanta under the direction of Floyd and Ross Powell.

“We are delighted to join with the Powell family and employees, who have a superb reputation for quality service

and safety in the Atlanta market.” said Frank Bardonaro, AmQuip’s president. “AmQuip will add RT’s, crawlers, tower cranes and additional AT’s to Powell’s fleet, as well as access to our safety, technical and engineering resources. The new Powell AmQuip team will offer a ‘one-stop’ shop for the greater Atlanta region,” he added. “In these uncharted economic times, we couldn’t be more excited about having the additional support from AmQuip to service our customers,” said Floyd Powell, CEO of Powell Equipment Company. “Our management, employees and operators will all benefit from this transaction, as well.”



Left to Right – Richard Powell, Ross Powell, Clark Elliott & Floyd Powell

Happenings

Boston



A New Coat for a Big Boat – Painting the Queen Mary



On October 28, 2008, AmQuip hosted its first Flu Shot and Wellness Fair. Employees received free flu vaccinations as well as various health and wellness information.

Ohio



Congratulations to the Avery Family who welcomed Gabrielle Carmen Avery into the world on November 14, 2008. Gabrielle weighed in at 8 lbs 1.4 oz.

Happy Holidays from Cincinnati, Ohio



Topping off the Diamondback at King's Island.

AmQuip made headlines during the topping off ceremony at King's Island. Two sections of track that weighed 45,000 pounds were hoisted to top off the Diamondback. The \$22-million coaster has a 230-foot hill and reaches speeds of up to 80-miles per hour. The Diamondback is scheduled to open in April 2009.



Cincinnati, Ohio

Operators Joe Woodrum, Tracy Richardson, Matt Bruening and Joe Garcia have been working double shifts in order to bring the Stratford Kenwood project to completion by Christmas 2008.



Butler County, Ohio
Our 300 ton AT working to complete one of Butler County's bridges on Morganthaller Road



Monroe, Ohio

AmQuip's 2250 installing panels, in excess of 180,000 lbs in the first of five warehouses. Upon completion of the project, the five warehouses will comprise of 16 acres of indoor storage area.

Dayton, Ohio

Operators Doug Heller, Tim Hall, Donnie Kroger, Steve Jones and their oilers battled adverse weather conditions to complete two phases of the bridge construction. Armstrong Steel praised our operators as "the best I've seen in a long time".



Brandon York, Lincoln Smith, Matt Bruening 2008
Operating Engineer Apprenticeship Graduates

Cincinnati, Ohio

AmQuip was given the honor to move the Judge Milton Brown (historic Pullman car) which will be converted to a radio station located at the Casey Jones Railroad Museum (Tennessee).



Nashville



Murfreesboro, TN

U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms called on Elliott "The Crane People" who worked in conjunction with the Fire Marshall, fire department, electric company and the City of Murfreesboro to make the building safe for investigating. Hats off to Rick Dickson, Brent Wilson and Russell Nisbet for a job well done.

Murfreesboro, TN

Two of our 75 ton cranes setting a sign on the MCC.



Decatur, Alabama

Our 360 ton AT setting a 280,000 lb reactor at Alpharet.



Bensalem



PSEG

PSE&G Hudson Project in Northern New Jersey will be kicking off the

second week of January with (2) 2250's with Luffing jib, (1) LR1400 with Superlift, and various other hydraulic cranes throughout the year. In addition to these rentals with PSE&G direct, our Northeast sales team did an excellent job working with National Steel Erection for a 150 Ton Crawler Crane on the PJFF & SDA Erection at this same location for a six month duration.

First Quarter 2009 Refinery Projects:

- Conoco Phillips Shutdown – Late January through Early March
- Sunoco Capital Project – End of 1st Quarter
- Valero Paulsboro Shutdown – End of 1st Quarter



AmQuip continues to donate old cell phones to the Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Turning Point provides services to more than 5,000 victims of domestic

violence each year. Old phones should be returned to Melissa McCrane or Joy Johnson at our corporate offices.



Elliott/AmQuip's Annual Fish Fry; October 30, 2008

Wilson County, TN

Our 60 ton crane proudly flying the American flag at the Wilson County Fair (8/16/08 through 8/24/08).



Happenings

Tower Division

Building REVEL – Atlantic City, NJ

Project Update: Two concrete towers have passed the 160 feet height (headed to 700 feet). We have completed 10 climbs on the tower cranes with 22 more to go. Additional support cranes are also working on the project. Visit http://amquip.com/building_revel.cfm for video highlights.

Atlanta, GA

AmQuip have been awarded all crane work (crawlers, RT's and towers) for the new \$1.6 Billion expansion of the Atlanta International Airport.



Boston, MA

The first MR615 in the world on the new Harvard



Science project in Boston. Two of the six luffing tower cranes are currently erected with the balance to be operational by February 2009.

Relocations

Moving On Up

Nick Rozumalski has relocated from Birmingham, AL to Philadelphia, PA to help support the growing tower population in the Northeast.

Safety Awards

Holder Construction Company awarded AmQuip "Subcontractor of the Month" for the month of September 2008. This is the first time the award was presented to a vendor. Holder's Executive Vice President, David O'Haren received an overwhelming response from their jobsites and safety department on how well AmQuip performed and followed the tower crane guidelines.

GBCA Award

The 2008 Construction Excellence Awards program is the premier construction awards program in the region. Due to the hard work and dedication of our employees, we are pleased to announce that AmQuip was the recipient of the 2008 Safety Excellence Award presented by the GBCA. The GBCA is the Philadelphia builder's chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. It is a construction trade organization dedicated to skill, integrity and responsibility.



Left to Right – Jeff Hammons, Scott Elsing, Jennifer Mackewich & GBCA Chairman of the Board, David Panichi

SAFETY CORNER

Jeff Hammons, VP of Risk Management

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION AND SAFETY

Holidays are a time to celebrate, and parties abound. As soon as one is over, another is knocking on the door. For many people, celebrations include alcohol, and for some, drinking is celebrating. During the holidays, many states increase police patrols, in specific places, or just about everywhere, really cracking down on drinking and driving. Ironically, drinking and driving crashes are one of the most easily preventable catastrophes.

Sobering Holiday Statistics

On average from 2001 to 2005, about 40 percent of all fatalities during the Christmas and New Year holiday periods have occurred in crashes where at least one of the involved drivers was alcohol-impaired as compared to about 28 percent of all fatalities during the rest of December. (NHTSA, 2007)

In 2005, by the time our country finished ringing in the year, 135 people had died in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the 12-hour span between 6:00 PM on New Year's Eve and 5:59 AM the next morning. (NHTSA, 2005)

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, more than twice the amount of people may die in alcohol related crashes on New Years Eve than on other winter evenings. (NIAAA, 2001)

Some Simple Steps to Safety During the Holidays

- If you drink, don't drive, no matter how little you think you have had.
- Designate a driver before you arrive at an event or party.
- If hosting a party, make sure to set rules on drinking and driving. Offer to provide a ride home or a place for guests who drink to sleep.
- If possible, avoid driving during the early and late evening hours on holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. Protect yourself and passengers by wearing a safety belt at all times, in case of a crash.

Here are a couple of other things to remember:

Some of the people drinking during the holiday season rarely drink, and do not always understand how much alcohol they can handle. This is one reason that everyone should take care during the holiday season not to drink and drive. Do not judge your ability to handle alcohol against someone else's tolerance level. Just because someone else thinks they can drive after a drink doesn't mean you can.

Sometimes it helps to decide how much you will drink before attending those holiday parties. Again, try to have a designated driver or alternate way of getting home if you drink. If possible, stay where you are.

Eating before and after drinking alcohol can help a person to tolerate their alcohol. Small, healthy snacks also help to suppress the urge to overindulge at parties. Alternate alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks during holiday parties. You will feel better in the morning, better than you would otherwise.

During the holidays, drinking has the same effect on a person's response time, driving skills, and common sense. In a word, that effect is "impairment." Just because the holidays are a special time does not mean that drinking and driving is any different, neither is how a person reacts to alcohol in their system. Drinking can give a person an over-exaggerated sense of confidence, which leads to taking greater risks and less care. Too many people take chances and let their guard down.

Remember that the holidays are a time for friends, family, and fun, and drinking and driving does not have to be part of the celebration.

HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

Tristan Coplien, HR Generalist

I know many of you are frightened right now about the status of your account in the 401(k) plan. The bottom line is that as long as you have at least a three to five year time frame the best thing to do is probably, "stay the course". Those who panic and cash out or that the bottom lock in losses and it will take many, many years to recoup the losses. History has shown that those who stay the course typically recoup their losses and get back into a gain situation much quicker than those who panic and sell.

In addition, please be aware that when you continue each pay period to defer into the plan, you are buying in at prices 30-40% cheaper than where they were a year ago.

We know these are tumultuous times. I encourage you to call Financial Planning Associates (FPA) for guidance if you want to discuss your individual situation. They can be reached at 610-627-5566 or you can visit their website at www.fpa.com. In addition, FPA has given the HR department several articles to help everyone's understanding of the current market. Please feel free to contact me for any general information regarding our 401K plan.

Milestones

Edward Sylvester	35	Robert A. Kaye	1
Shawn Follin	10	Donald J. Kerr	1
Donna Jackiewicz	10	Thomas D. McKeown	1
Sean Lawlor	10	Russell M. Nisbet	1
Daniel M. Cole	5	Mark Pellegrino	1
William R. Hamner	5	Katherine C. Pope	1
Louis Lorenzini	5	Dennis L. Reichert	1
Vladimir Berger	1	Jacob M. Salyers	1
Marco T. Burkes	1	Becky Sue Sturkie	1
Dana Burns	1	Jerry L. Young	1

New Faces

Joseph Garland Turney	9/2/2008	Dale D. Ohlschwager	10/17/2008
Steven D. Nocca	9/10/2008	Ralph Martignetti	10/20/2008
Francisco R. Carreras	9/15/2008	Joan Mensinger	10/20/2008
Daniel G. Bond	9/20/2008	Anthony Tomasetti Jr	10/20/2008
Roxanne M. Dawson	9/22/2008	Jason R. Hauser	10/21/2008
Louis A. Holland	9/24/2008	Scott W. Vanhorn	10/23/2008
Jeffrey A. Purser	9/24/2008	Tony M. Bowersock	10/28/2008
Eric K. Timmerman,	9/24/2008	David M. Anderson	10/29/2008
Kenneth P. Piscopo	9/29/2008	Philip A. Foster	11/8/2008
William D. Getting	9/30/2008	Allen M. Nieland	11/10/2008
Guy Erwin	10/1/08	Brian O'Neill	11/12/2008
Forrest A. Thacker	10/5/2008	Thomas I. Robertson	11/15/2008
Butch Coffey	10/13/2008	Mark Sarao	11/15/2008
Dakota L. Tidwell	10/13/2008	Scott M. Josephitis	11/18/2008
Mark A. Runk	10/16/2008	Anthony P. Coyer	12/1/2008

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