

Safety Awards Celebration

The TRMA Annual Awards Dinner was a night to remember—filled with inspiration, well-earned recognition, and a shared commitment to safety excellence. Held in celebration of an outstanding year, the event honored individuals and organizations who went above and beyond in 2024 to make safety a top priority across the region.

One of the evening's standout moments was the presentation of the Next Generation Safety Stand-Out Award to Kelly Smothers of Dow, Kankakee. Kelly's leadership and forward-thinking approach to workplace safety made a powerful impression, setting a high standard for the next generation of safety professionals.



Dow Chemical receives Partnership Award

The TRMA community also celebrated a collective milestone: an OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate of just 0.364, with over 22 million hours worked across member sites in 2024. This rate is significantly lower than the national manufacturing average, highlighting the strength and consistency of TRMA members' safety efforts.

Another highlight of the evening was the awarding of the TRMA Scholarship in honor of Jerry Caamano to Anthony Esparza, a student pursuing an Industrial Technology degree at Joliet Junior College. The scholarship honors Jerry's legacy by supporting the next generation of technical professionals committed to safe, efficient workplaces.

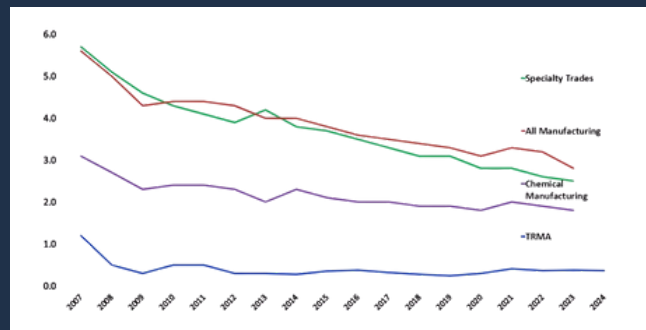
More than 50 companies were recognized for outstanding safety performance—many of which completed all of 2024 without a single recordable incident. These achievements reflect the deep-rooted culture of safety that defines the TRMA community.



Ray Woodworth congratulates Jim Cristman, Citgo, receiving Chairperson Award

A particularly meaningful moment came with the presentation of the Chairperson's Award for Distinguished Safety Achievement to Jim Cristman, Refinery Manager at CITGO Petroleum's Lemont Refinery. Jim has led by example—building a culture where safety is foundational to every aspect of the operation. Under his leadership, CITGO has also received the TRMA Partnership Award for 22 consecutive years, a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes about the values he and his team uphold.

The night's top honor, the prestigious Platinum Award for Contractor Safety Performance, was awarded to Brieser Construction Co. Recognized for their long-term excellence in high-risk work environments, Brieser first earned this award in 2011 and has now taken home the honor ten times—a testament to their unwavering focus on safety and continuous improvement.



Congratulations to all of this year's award winners and honorees—your leadership, dedication, and example continue to set the standard for safety excellence.

***CHAIRPERSON AWARD FOR
DISTINGUISHED SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT***

**Jim Cristman
CITGO**

***NEXT GENERATION SAFETY
STAND-OUT AWARD***

**Kelly Smothers
Dow Chemical**

PLATINUM AWARDS

Brieser Construction Co.

PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

**AmSty
Canal Terminal Company
CITGO
Dow Chemical Company - Kankakee
DuPont Company - Wilmington
Nouryon**

MERITORIOUS & GOLD* AWARDS

**Alliance Technical Group
AMS Industries, Inc
Bay Crane Midwest
BMW Constructors, Inc.
Brieser Construction Co. *
Brock Industrial Services, LLC *
Clennon Electric, Inc. *
Cooling Tower Depot, Inc.
DePue Mechanical, Inc. *
Diamond Technical Services, Inc.
DLZ Industrial Survey Inc.
Eagle Services Corporation
F.E. Moran Inc. Mechanical Services
Gatwood Crane
Heritage Environmental Services
HPC Industrial
K2 Industrial Services
Keller North America
Lindbald Construction Company of Joliet, Inc.
Manhattan Mechanical Services Inc. *
Meade Industries
MJ Electric
Nooter Chicago *
One Way Safety *
Orbital Engineering, Inc.
Priority Staffing, Ltd. *
Rachke Piping & Mechanical, Inc. *
SET Rescue & Safety
Spike Enterprises, Inc. *
Stevenson Crane Services, Inc. *
Superheat FGH *
Superior Construction
Testa Steel Constructors, Inc. *
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