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MSA Named Top Workplace by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for the Second Consecutive Year!

MSA has again been recognized by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as a "Top Workplace" in Western Pennsylvania. This is the second year in a row that we have achieved this distinction!

Overall, MSA ranked third in the Large Company category. We also scored high in each of the specific areas surveyed including: company values, leadership and strategy; how the company communicates and gets work done; associate pay and benefits; opportunities for training and progression; work atmosphere and work environment; and quality of the managers and their managerial skills. The Post-Gazette based their determination exclusively on the feedback gathered earlier this year from our Pittsburgh-area associates and from employees at more than 700 Pittsburgh companies.

Because of our local success and high ranking over the past two years, MSA has also been recognized as one of America's Top Workplaces by Workplace Dynamics, LLC. Workplace Dynamics began the Top Workplaces competition in 2006 as a regional effort to help companies improve the way they conduct their business. The competition has since evolved to include regional programs sponsored by more than 30 newspapers across the nation, including the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

A top workplace is one that is successful with the bottom line, but also places a heightened focus on employees. At MSA, we couldn't be prouder of these Top Workplace recognitions. Our employees are the best in the safety industry and continue to make MSA what it is today.





MSA Awarded National Wellness Recognition by the American Heart Association

MSA's Pittsburgh-area facilities have been recognized as Platinum Level "Fit-Friendly Worksites" by the American Heart Association (AHA). MSA is receiving this recognition for demonstrating outstanding quality in promoting employee nutrition and physical fitness.

The Platinum Level is the highest honor in the AHA's Fit-Friendly Worksites program.

Instrumental in helping MSA earn this recognition was our Wellness Program - MSAFit. MSAFit offers incentives to associates who actively participate in health-related activities, including health screenings, lunch and learn programs, health-risk assessments, awareness classes, and walking programs.

The AHA award recognizes those organizations that offer employees suggestions for physical activities; provide healthy dining options; promote the importance of wellness in the workplace; and implement at least nine of the AHA's healthy workplace criteria including physical activity, nutrition and worksite culture.

2012 RECOGNITION

William Lambert Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 Award Winner in Western Pennsylvania

William M. Lambert, President and Chief Executive Officer of MSA received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2012 Award in the manufacturing category for Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

"I am very honored and humbled to receive this recognition from Ernst & Young," Mr. Lambert said. "When I think of entrepreneurs, I think of leaders who have a vision and are relentlessly committed to breathing life into that vision," he said. "MSA is a company that in two years will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Centennial anniversaries and entrepreneurship are two words you rarely hear used in the same sentence. So while this award is somewhat of a surprise, it is a great honor for me and for all of the associates of MSA who work exceptionally hard every day to help keep our customers safe in the workplace."



Jerry Zheng Named National Safety Council Rising Star of Safety

MSA's Jerry Zheng, Environmental, Health and Safety Engineer (EHS) based in Suzhou, China was recognized as one of the National Safety Council's (NSC) Rising Stars of Safety, Class of 2012, because of his outstanding efforts to help ensure a long-standing, hazard-free work environment in Suzhou.

The Rising Stars of Safety, presented by DuPont Sustainable Solutions, is an annual showcase of nominated professionals younger than 40 who regularly demonstrate their commitment to workplace safety by successfully engaging their peers in safety efforts and establishing safety programs.

Since joining MSA in 2008, Jerry has played a key role in associate safety initiatives, beginning with his involvement in the relocation of our Wuxi plant to our facility in Suzhou. During this time, Jerry developed and implemented a formalized safety process, which included his review and application of more than 185 EHS local and state Chinese governmental regulations. As a result of his efforts, and those of our Suzhou associates, our safety record has improved to the point where we are now approaching a remarkable two million injury-free hours worked.







From left to right: Tom Jeramaz, Chief Sean Marti (High Point Fire Dept., NJ) and Rick Pumphrey (Firefighter One Assoc.)

MSA Supports Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on the New York and New Jersey coastal areas. The impact from the super storm will be felt for months, if not years, and the personal devastation experienced by so many will be difficult to overcome.

In the days following this disaster, MSA took action by providing emergency responders with much needed safety equipment and support that allowed them to more effectively – and safely – assist in the overwhelming recovery and clean-up efforts. MSA field sales representative Tom Jeramaz visited numerous fire departments within the impacted areas, distributing over \$50,000 in gas detection devices and checking existing gas detection products – all free of charge.

In addition, through a local donation center established by our channel partner Olympic Glove, MSA donated more than \$100,000 in head and eye protection equipment. As always, MSA will provide support when and where it's needed. We keep all of the people affected by this terrible disaster in our prayers.

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International Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (AHR) Expo Dallas, TX • January 28-30 MSA Booth 980



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MSA Celebrates Safety

Doug Nugent, Manager of Integration & Support, Environmental, Health & Safety, was the first winner of MSA's "WIN A TAILGATE PARTY FOR YOUR TEAM" contest.

In September 2012, to celebrate safety, MSA launched a campaign to encourage people to share their favorite MSA safety stories, MSA experiences and/or MSA product testimonials for a chance to win a TAILGATE PARTY for their team.

Mr. Nugent was randomly selected and his prize, a TAILGATE luncheon was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at a construction site near Waynesboro, Georgia.

In his winning entry, Mr. Nugent said, "No matter the need, lead time or complexity, MSA is always there. The relationship I have with my MSA Territory Account Manager, Diana Nelson, has grown from the traditional manufacturer/ customer dynamic to a true friendship,

built on mutual gain and trust...and it all started in a small shipyard fifteen years ago."

Mr. Nugent's entry is representative of what we believe to be MSA's greatest asset: our people and the relationships we share with our customers. We're proud of the work we do and we stand behind every product we make. We work hard to earn the trust of our



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customers, and everything we do goes toward exceeding their expectations. As we often say at MSA, we make the world safer ... one person at a time.

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New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) New York, NY • February 4-6



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BURN: One Year on the Front Lines of the Battle to Save Detroit

BURN is an action-packed documentary, told through the eyes of Detroit firefighters, who are charged with the thankless task of saving a city—and an American Dream—that many have written off as dead.

The crew of Engine Company 50—one of the busiest firehouses in America stands at ground zero of the city's problems. Every day, these firefighters face injury, disablement and death. But they come back, day after day, resolved to make a difference. BURN tells the story of these exceptional individuals who, despite its challenges and dysfunction, believe in their city and are attempting to make a difference. But BURN isn't just about Detroit firefighters. It's representative of ALL national first responders whose budgets are on the chopping block.

This story is so compelling, MSA has partnered with Producers/Directors, Tom Putnam and Brenna Sanchez, to help bring BURN to a theater near you.

To learn more, visit **detroitfilm.org**

From left to right: Dave Miller, Dave Parnell, Brendan "Doogie" Brenna Sanchez and Tom Putnam

ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE BATTLE TO SAVE DETROIT

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MSA Translates Customer Needs into New Products

North Caspian Production Operations Company (NCPOC) in Kazakhstan faced an equipment challenge: new exploration sites near the Caspian Sea required escape devices and Supplied Air Respirators that could protect against potential leaks of deadly hydrogen sulfide, as well as provide a second air source without requiring the user to remove the face mask. On top of that, the equipment had to hold up in harsh temperatures ranging from -32°F in winter to 122°F in summer.

MSA quickly engineered working prototypes, based on the PremAire® family of respirators, specifically for the consortium. After several rounds of testing and development, MSA successfully demonstrated – on a frigid February day with temperatures of -32 degrees Fahrenheit – a product that satisfied the consortium and cemented a new client for MSA. The six and a half million dollar order included over 3,000 PremAire Escape Respirators, 300 PremAire Combination Units and 200 Air Maxx Extreme Breathing Apparatus.

"Always listen to your customer and be patient," advises Mohamed Elagrab, MSA Product Line Manager. Elagrab, along with area sales manager Lukasz Niewiadomski, maintained confidence that MSA would supply a product that fit the consortium's needs, despite many hurdles and tight deadlines. Elagrab explained, "Without being positive and motivated, this four year effort could have ended with no fruits."



The Kazakhstan project exemplifies the high standards of MSA products and proves, according to Elagrab, "that MSA is able to deliver on its promise of being 'The Safety Company.' Safety will remain our first concern even in the most demanding situations."

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ISA Expo Edmonton, Alberta, Canada • April 18-19

Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) Indianapolis, IN • April 24-27

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MSA EVOTECH® Harness Arrests Nineteen-Foot Fall

Framer Daniel Turner of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, knows how it feels to slip from a roof without fall protection. While working on a garage some years ago, he lost his footing and fell, causing injury to his hips and ribs. Thankfully, when he fell again while sheeting a residential roof for JNZ Enterprises, Inc. last April, he was wearing an MSA EVOTECH Harness and an Aptura® LT30 Retracting Lanyard that not only arrested a nineteen-foot drop but caused him no pain, not even in the old injuries that still flare up from the first fall.

Turner says of his experience with the EVOTECH Harness, "It was the best fall I ever had. I give it a ten. The way it kicked in . . . it was beautiful. I think the other guys were more scared than I was."

After his first fall, Turner became conscientious about fall protection. "Injury affects everything," he says. "I've got three kids and a wife that love me and they're all depending on me. Serious things to consider when you're up there." Still, he says he used the old models grudgingly, as they were restrictive and hindered productivity. Then the EVOTECH Harness came along and changed everything, he says, as it combines the best in safety and usability. The retractable lanyard allows for freer range of motion and the harness kicks in when it's needed most.

"I can't say enough about this product," Turner says. "You can do your job and if you slip you know you're not going to die. I'm a believer! I wouldn't want to work on a roof without one."

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GSA Expo Orange County, CA • May 14-16

Fire Expo Harrisburg, PA • May 17-19

American Industrial Hygiene conference (AIHce) Montreal, Canada • May 20-22 MSA Booth 1101



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FL4000H Multi-Spectrum Infrared (MSIR) Flame Detector Prevents Major Fire at a Natural Gas Compressor Station

When a 40 cylinder compressor at a natural gas compressor station in Cureo, Texas, caught flame, it could have been disastrous. An uncontained fire could have caused millions of dollars in damage and risked the lives of construction personnel who were working at the plant when the fire ignited. Thankfully, the FL4000H Multi-Spectrum Infrared (MSIR) Flame Detector swiftly identified the fire within the compressor's motor cylinder and arrested the machine's operation. First responders were notified and had no trouble containing the blaze.

"The fire was contained just below the wire harness. If the harness was burnt or damaged, it would have caused a long shut down of Compressor One," says Doyle Morris, Sales Engineer for General Monitors, an MSA company. "The customer can only run a single compressor for so long, which is why they alternate between the two." With one compressor out of commission while waiting for the harness to be replaced – a process that might have taken three or four weeks – the loss in productivity would have cost the customer 2.8 million dollars, in addition to the 1.2 million dollar price tag on the compressor!

And, of course, the potential loss of human lives is unquantifiable. Morris said, "with many workers on site, an uncontrolled fire could have been catastrophic." But thanks to the FL4000H Multi-Spectrum Infrared (MSIR) Flame Detector, and the quick-moving first responders, a potential disaster became a mere hiccup.

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American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Las Vegas, NV • June 24-26 MSA Booth 1433

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When the Walls Came Tumbling Down

While battling a raging two-alarm fire in a fully involved wood frame structure in Homewood, Pennsylvania, the building began to collapse. As ordered, Firefighter Guy Scatena, Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, and his company officer were repositioning for a defense attack.

Captain Ed Farley explained, "As I looked up, I had two firefighters at the front of the building when the entire front wall fell directly on top of them." By the grace of God, just like in "Steamboat Bill, Jr.", a famous Buster Keaton movie, the two firefighters were perfectly aligned with two separate 3 ft x 4 ft windows as the wall crashed down around them. It was an absolute miracle; the two

Scatena, who was struck in the back of the head and back, escaped critical injury thanks to his Cairns® 1044 Helmet. "I was briefly knocked unconscious, had some teeth that were chipped and had some muscles in my neck that were damaged. And, although it took some time to recover, I am back on the job," said Scatena.

"Our department is a big believer in the 1044," Farley explained. "If that Cairns helmet hadn't done its job the way it's manufactured to do, Scatena could have sustained critical injuries," Farley said. Scatena says, "I would like to say thanks to the designers and manufacturers of the Cairns helmet because it was instrumental in saving my life".

Ed Farley (left)	and Guy Scatena	(right)

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MSA Skullgard[®] Helmet Saves Ironworker's Life

MSA protective equipment is a vital component for anyone who is working in a dangerous environment, but on April 27, 2012, ironworker, Rodin Hernandez would fully appreciate just how important wearing his MSA Skullgard Helmet could be.

While connecting iron at the worksite of the Renaissance Charter School of Coral Springs, Florida, Hernandez was signaling the crane operator by radio as two beams were being lowered simultaneously. Repeating the standard command, Hernandez said, "Cable down, cable down", as the beams were being lowered. Unfortunately, there was miscommunication and the crane operator got the wrong signal; he lowered the beam, accidentally striking Hernandez in the head and damaging his hard hat.

Hernandez received MSA's Gold Helmet Award to commend his exemplary adherence to safety procedures. Accidents can happen at any time and when they do, they can affect more than just the victim. "I've got my wife, my stepson, I've got my daughter, my Mom...I've got a lot of responsibilities, you know?" said Hernandez. The MSA Skullgard Hard Hat protected this father, son and husband. Hernandez is grateful that this accident left him injury free and appreciates that he was wearing such well designed protection. "Thank you very much for this hard hat, it is VERY, VERY good, and it saved my life," Hernandez concluded.

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Fire Rescue International (FRI) Chicago, IL • August 16-17 MSA Booth 4031



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Reflect, Remember, Respect ... A 'Moving' Tribute

As the 10-year anniversary of the September 11 tragedy approached, Firefighter Adam Culbertson, Tinley Park Fire Department, Tinley Park, Illinois, felt compelled to turn his hobby of restoring and decorating old helmets into a way to bring the attack on New York City back to the forefront.

In May 2011, Culbertson contacted Tammy Elmen, MSA Customer Service Associate, requesting a helmet that could be used for his memento. "After hearing Adam's story, I really wanted to help him make this a reality," said Elmen, who sent Culbertson a white, Cairns®1044 Helmet, with a Bourke eye shield, and two blank fronts. She then coordinated efforts with our Cairns factory for final assembly. "Tammy was amazing! She was instrumental in making this happen," said Culbertson.

Culbertson painstakingly decorated the helmet and included the names of all 343 firefighters who died responding to the attacks. The words, 'Reflect, Remember, Respect,' were added. The helmet was treated with a chrome finish to reflect the face of the onlooker. "The helmet itself is meant for all to remember what happened that fateful day, and to respect the lives that were lost," said Culbertson.



This memorial took on a life of its own as it became a moving tribute, traveling from New York, to Illinois, to Pennsylvania, to Indiana. "It wasn't designed to sit on a shelf," Culbertson said, "this helmet was meant to serve as a constant reminder of sacrifice. I wanted it to be seen by as many as possible, so they, too, could reflect, remember and respect."

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National Safety Congress (NSC) Chicago, IL • September 30-October 2 MSA Booth 2011





MSA Works with Exelon and Williams to Deliver a Safety Solution

Safety is priority number one for Exelon's Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Delta, Pennsylvania. And so, when they began their Torus Lining Project– which involves draining, sandblasting and recoating a reactor wet well–they required a respirator with a facepiece and abrasive blasting hood that would allow for optimal visibility, mobility and safety for the crew. To achieve this, Peach Bottom expanded their project timetable and began working with MSA to develop the right solution. Doing so required pushing the project back an entire year, but in the end, John Raimondi, Customer Development Manager, MSA, and his team, delivered a modified Duo-Flo Type CE respirator that provided both air line and APR Protection with a blasting hood and specialty lens protectors for improved visibility, and on top of that obtained all approvals for the system design and

for the system design and configuration in time to meet Exelon's project needs

In the thick of project development, leadership from Exelon, MSA, and contractor Williams Specialty Services met weekly. According to Pete Roberts, Senior Project Manager of the Torus Lining Project, this teamwork effort was an important component to the success of the project, and he appreciates MSA's active involvement



from start to finish—from design, to testing, to securing the necessary NIOSH approval. "This was the first time I've dealt with MSA directly," says Roberts, "and overall I was very pleased with their level of engagement and concern for the safety of the workers. A significant safety issue was at the heart of this, and it was resolved."

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A Life Saving Initiative

Last fall, firefighters and medics, Michael Mullins and Robert Schlachter, answered a call from an ill woman who lived in the third-floor apartment of a house. As the men were climbing the stairs to reach her, an alarm started beeping. Startled, they discovered the 'beeping' sound was coming from the ALTAIR® Gas Detector attached to their trauma bag. It showed a reading of a CO level at 700 ppm in the stairwell. Once inside the apartment, the reading shot up to 1178 ppm. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends a ceiling of 200 ppm.

Mullins and Schlachter made eye contact with the victim, Theresa Hannah, who tried to walk to the stairs, when she fell unconscious. "Knowing what we were facing enabled us to effectively treat the victim. The ALTAIR Detector not only saved Ms. Hannah's life, but it also prevented any risk of injury to the firefighters/medics on the scene – not to mention, the inevitable CO exposure to the remaining house residents," explained Lieutenant Marty Kroell.

After evacuating the premises, Kroell and Firefighter Brian McCarthy donned full personal protective equipment (PPE) and SCBA to enter the home. Further investigation led to the source of contamination: a faulty boiler that was located in the basement. The third-floor apartment was heated by forced air, so when Hannah turned on her heat, the CO from the basement



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was circulated into her apartment. "Without the detector, we may not have identified the root of the problem. We were able to save lives," Kroell said.

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A Cinder Block is No Match for an MSA V-Gard® Helmet

Having a concrete cinder block tossed on your head in most instances, would kill you. However, Doug Pingree, quickly learned that he was the exception when he was protected during what could have been a fatal mishap while working at the construction site of a power plant in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Laborers were erecting the wall that connected the stairs. "This was cinder block construction and as they attached a concrete block to form the wall, they were simply chopping off whatever portion of the block that wasn't needed, and then carelessly tossing it down," Pingree explained.

Then a junior field engineer, Pingree, who was unaware of their methods, was struck from above by roughly one-third of a cinder block. "It stunned me," said Pingree. "I heard a flurry of Spanish words coming from the workers as they stared down at me, I think in disbelief. But, I was just fine. I didn't even have a headache," he said.

Pingree's hardhat, however, was dented from the accident and needed to be replaced. In the meantime, Pingree's company had switched vendors and tried to issue him a hat from a competing manufacturer. "It was flimsy, with a bendable brim, and I just didn't feel comfortable with it," Pingree explained. He told his story about how the MSA V-Gard Helmet had quite literally saved his life and shortly thereafter his company switched back.



"Less expensive, the other hard hats were supposedly a better buy, but what price can you put on saving a life?" asked Pingree. "I won't wear anything other than a V-Gard from MSA."

In an interesting twist, years after Doug Pingree's life was saved by a V-Gard Helmet, his wife, Susan Pingree, joined MSA as a Product Line Manager, helping to market the very product that saved her husband's life.

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