

Meritorious Action Award

This award recognizes companies whose communications programs or initiatives have improved corporate effectiveness.

Entry Requirements

- This award for individuals will not be considered for industry employees while acting as members of rescue or fire squads, ambulance teams or paramedics at the time of the courageous or Good Samaritan act.
- Any employee of an SGA member company is eligible to be nominated for this award. A representative from a member company must submit a written application recommending the award. A narrative describing the event must accompany an application.

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Nomination MA-1	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Atmos Energy
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	Beau Tichenor
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Gas Supply Trader
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>On the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 20, Gas Supply Trader Beau Tichenor was driving to his wife's parents' house to pick up the couple's 4- and 2-year-old children, who had been in class all day. At a stop sign on a bridge atop a drainage canal, Tichenor suddenly saw an SUV inexplicably turn right and head down a steep embankment and into the water.</p> <p>"I was totally shocked by what I was seeing," says Tichenor, a 12-year employee. "The nose of the vehicle smashed into a metal culvert at the bottom of the canal and flipped over. The passenger compartment of the SUV was under water."</p> <p>Tichenor parked his vehicle and was preparing to call 911 when he saw another motorist calling the emergency number. Tichenor quickly scaled down the embankment and into the waste-deep canal water. He pulled on two side doors, which were locked.</p> <p>"I was getting ready to break a window under the water when I discovered an open window that was apparently rolled down," he said. "I started feeling around in the front seat and dashboard but could not find a person. By then, another gentleman had come down and I told him, 'I can't find anybody in the car.'"</p> <p>The vehicle was buoyant, so the two men started gently rocking it back and forth. Suddenly, air bubbles emerged from the left side of the car and the driver's head popped up.</p> <p>"We pulled the man onto the undercarriage of the overturned vehicle, and I asked if anyone else was with him," Tichenor said. "He was having trouble breathing but fortunately was able to answer no."</p> <p>The two men stayed with the injured motorist until the EMTs arrived. Emergency personnel slid a ladder down the canal embankment. Two firefighters then pushed a floating backboard over to the upside-down car, moved the man onto the stretcher and floated him to the ladder. Emergency personnel then slid the strapped-down driver up the ladder and into a waiting ambulance.</p> <p>A few days later, through social media, the man's wife and daughter were able to locate the two gentlemen who saved their husband and dad.</p> <p>"They were very grateful for our help and said the man had no broken bones and had recovered and was expected to return to work soon," Tichenor said.</p> <p>A week later, the Jefferson Parish city council declared Feb. 3 to be "Beau Tichenor and Brad Treuting Day."</p> <p>Part of the 500-word proclamation states: WHEREAS, Beau and Brad are recognized as Good Samaritans who saved the injured driver's life on February 3, 2021; and WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council recognizes Beau Tichenor and Brad Treuting on the good deed they performed in saving a life on January 20, 2021, and for putting others before themselves. The Jefferson Parish Council hereby declares Wednesday, February 3, 2021 as Beau Tichenor and Brad Treuting Day in Jefferson Parish.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Atmos Energy provides monthly safety training to all employees that consists of CPR training, personal protection tips, safe driving best practices, and day-to-day scenarios, and it fosters a company culture that promotes keeping our employees and the 1,400 communities we serve safe.
LOCATION	Kenner, Louisiana
DATE & TIME	01/20/2021 06:15 pm
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-1-Doc1-Beau%20Tichenor_1.jpg? t=1623357783 • https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-1-Doc2-Beau%20Tichenor_2.jpg? t=1623357783

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING LINKS AND MATERIALS	Fox 8: https://www.fox8live.com/2021/01/22/two-citizens-rescue-driver-overtaken-kenner-canal/ Photos: https://shared-assets.adobe.com/link/79b79bc3-0f3c-40c4-4240-60c7b529c86f
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Nomination MA-2	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Atmos Energy
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Eric Alcozer</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Service Technician 2
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>On February 10, 2021 Atmos Energy Service Technician Eric Alcozer stopped by a local restaurant in Plainview, Texas to pick up dinner for his family. The restaurant was full of patrons. As Eric entered the restaurant, he heard the scream of a woman who was in a panic because her father-in-law was choking on his food. Eric, having attended First Aid/CPR training with Atmos Energy, did not hesitate to respond. He immediately went to the table, took charge of the situation, and began to perform the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the obstruction in the man's airway. He continued performing the maneuver to no avail. The man's condition continued to worsen until he lost consciousness and fell to the floor. Eric was fully prepared to begin shifting into the mode of performing CPR when the Fire Department EMT's arrived. Eric stood by as the man was loaded into an ambulance unconscious with the situation looking very grim. On their way out an EMT communicated he did not expect the gentleman to make it.</p> <p>Several days later, Eric was made aware of the status of the man. Through a personal Facebook message from the choking man's daughter in law, he was told the man had survived. The daughter in law made certain in her message that "he is alive because of you". Eric's willingness to help another stranger exemplifies meritorious action! He sets an amazing example for the rest of us to follow. We couldn't be any prouder of Eric's quick and heroic reaction.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid/CPR
LOCATION	Plainview, Texas
DATE & TIME	02/10/2021 06:45 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-2-Eric%20Alcozer%20Story.jpg? t=1623358096

Nomination MA-3	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	CenterPoint Energy
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	<i>James Leonard</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Gas Service Technician III
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>CenterPoint Energy Technician, James Leonard, in the Beaumont, TX service territory recognized that a customer, who was experiencing an emergency, was getting tossed from one emergency response organization to another with no resolution. This technician found appropriate mechanisms to escalate each organization response to this potentially disastrous situation. The technician's actions allowed the emergency to be resolved without a safety incident or damage to life and property. The technician's full account can be read in the accompanying documentation.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Recognition of Abnormal Operating Conditions, First Responder Training, Incident Command System and Natural Gas, Hazards of Natural Gas and Prevention of Accidental Ignition, Inside Gas Leak Investigation, Inspection of Customer Appliances during leak investigation and turn-on procedures, Isolation of service by discontinuance
LOCATION	Beaumont, Texas
DATE & TIME	10/10/2020 10:00 AM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-3-SGA%20Meritorious%20Action%20Award%20Nomination%20-%20CenterPoint%20Energy%20Energized%20Gas%20Appliance%20Connection.pdf? t=1623358276

Nomination MA-4	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	CenterPoint Energy
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Robert Lowery Jr.</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Gas Service Tech III
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>When Robert responded to a call from a customer who suspected a natural gas leak inside the home, he uncovered more than he anticipated. After listening to the customer's concerns, Robert began performing his assessments. He quickly found the source of the leak inside the home: the water heater was not correctly connected to the supply line. Unable to repair the leak, Robert turned off the water heater, disconnected the flex line and installed a cap. As a precaution, Robert also inspected the customer's furnace, which was located outside the home.</p> <p>When Robert placed his equipment directly next to the furnace, his combustible gas indicator registered at its maximum capacity of 2,000 parts per million of carbon monoxide. Robert knew this meant that the immediate surrounding area contained dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. He then turned the thermostat off inside the house to stop the unit from running and disconnected the supply line, capping it off as well.</p> <p>Although the customer requested an inspection of a suspected gas leak inside the home, Robert took several extra steps to help ensure the home was safe from any additional leaks and informed the customer of the dangers of carbon monoxide. Commonly referred to as the invisible killer, carbon monoxide can cause headache, dizziness and nausea. High levels of the gas can result in mental confusion, loss of consciousness and death.</p> <p>The customer was very appreciative of Robert's help and his efforts to help ensure that she and her young family were safe from additional exposure to carbon monoxide.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Hazard Recognition
LOCATION	Customer Home
DATE & TIME	1/20/2021 at 6:15 pm
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-4-1.jpg? t=1623358438

Nomination MA-5	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Energy Transfer
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Transmission SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Rick Dudley & Justin Rigmaiden</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Measurement Technicians
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>Florida Gas Transmission's Ricky Dudley, Measurement Tech A, and Justin Rigmaiden, Measurement Tech B, were working at an FGT meter station when Ricky noticed a fire on the porch of a house across the street. They did not notice any activity on the porch. They grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran safely across the street. They checked the status of the homeowner to make sure he was safe and secure before jumping into action.</p> <p>They told the homeowner to shut his windows and door before discharging the fire extinguisher. They were successful extinguishing the fire but, it kept reigniting, so Ricky and Justin stood watch until they were able to get a water hose and permanently extinguish the fire. Ricky and Justin both were thankful for the training they have received on fighting fires. Apparently, the homeowner had thrown a cigarette butt in a can that ignited and spread.</p> <p>Thanks to these two brave employees. They probably saved the life and property of the homeowner!</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Fire Extinguisher Training
LOCATION	Lakeland, Florida

DATE & TIME	01/28/2021 01:00 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-5-Meritorious%20Action%20%281%29.pdf?_t=1623363972

Nomination MA-6

SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Energy Transfer
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Transmission SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Warren Migaud Jr.</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Mechanic
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>Warren Migaud Jr. – Lifesaving story A smart guy told me one time the challenge with a lifelong commitment to safety is you that will never really know the things you do that make a difference in people's lives and you will spend most of your time investigating and dealing with the things that did not go right. That was not the case yesterday for Warren Migaud Jr. (Mechanic – West Palm Beach).</p> <p>Warren came upon a terrible accident along the Florida Turnpike on the way to work Thursday 3/11/21. He noticed a large F450-style truck rolled over and on fire but no one around. As I am sure many of us have observed in our travels, other vehicles travelling down the Turnpike moved around the accident headed to their daily destination thinking, "I hope folks are ok."</p> <p>Not Warren, once he was safely by, he pulled to the median and grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran back to the truck. Surprisingly the windows were not broken, and the truck cab was full of smoke from the fire. Warren could not tell what was going on inside, but he heard voices calling for help.</p> <p>Warren got a maul from his truck and broke out a couple windows so he could discharge the fire extinguisher. There was a guy in the truck whose legs were on fire. By this time other people saw what was going, some stopped and brought additional fire extinguishers. Warren discharged multiple fire extinguishers and was eventually able to get the fire out and cut the passengers safety belts to position them for fresh air. He washed their faces and stood by to comfort and support until emergency responders arrived. The passengers were not able to be extracted from the vehicle until the fire department arrived on scene in about 15 minutes with the jaws of life. Two men lived through that event who would not have had a chance without Warren taking matters into his own hands and making a difference. Two other passengers did not survive the accident.</p> <p>Warren truly is an Energy Transfer Lifesaver and I am proud to know that I am a part of this team every day.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Fire-fighting and first aid training
LOCATION	West Palm Beach, Florida
DATE & TIME	03/11/2021 06:30 AM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-6-Migaud%20plaque.jpg?_t=1623364172

Nomination MA-7

SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Kinder Morgan
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Transmission SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Marshall Delk</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Corrosion Technician 4
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>On March 17th, around 10:00 a.m., our Corrosion Technician, Marshall Delk came upon a serious two vehicle crash that occurred just north of Woodward OK on highway 34.</p> <p>Here is his story.</p>

	<p>He first made sure his safety was taken into consideration by parking off the roadway and turning on his flashers to alert other drivers. He spoke with the 911 Operator to explain where the wreck had occurred and get assistance on the way.</p> <p>"As I approached the car which was the most damaged, I braced myself for what I might see. Just as I got to the driver's door, it flung open and a lady (50 or so) slumped over and began to fall out of the car. I was able to brace her fall with my thigh to prevent further injury. She was thrashing about and screaming that her back hurt. My first action was to calm the injured lady and reassure her that I could help and that medical care was on the way. I then secured her head and neck to prevent further injury to her spine. When the ambulance arrived, the paramedic asked me to help her install the neck brace because I was already in position keeping her stable and immobilized. Fire and rescue personnel brought in the backboard and we were able to move her onto the board with minimal effort. They held the board level with the driver's seat and I put my fists under her armpits and moved her onto the board so she could be strapped and transported."</p> <p>"I've had years of training in first responding, handling emergency situations and first aid and CPR. It has paid off in the past and it paid off today. I was just in the right place at the right time and was able to do the right thing, thanks to my training."</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Emergency Response, First Aid and CPR, Safe Approach, and Personal Protective Equipment.
LOCATION	Woodward, Oklahoma
DATE & TIME	03/17/2021 10:00 AM

Nomination MA-8	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Kinder Morgan
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Transmission SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	Rob Ivins
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Measurement Technician 4
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	Traffic accident that I pulled up on. Found driver injured. Called 911. Waited on Sheriff and Ambulance from Hobbs. I had pulled over on side of road East of Monument to put up laptop and cables. I was 3 feet off the road. Driver passed me at high speed, getting as close to my truck as possible at an estimated speed of 100 MPH in a Red 4 Door Chevrolet. 15 min. later, I found him in a field past the S curves wandering by a fence. He was crying and asking for help. I did not see his truck at first. His truck had rolled several times and up and over the top of the barbed wire fence out in the field. I was looking around behind me and thought it was a setup until I noticed his truck. I told him to lie down by the fence and not move. He was having trouble breathing. His ribs, chest and shoulder looked bad. The 911 Operator instructed me to keep him calm and to have him breathe deep. He was having problems breathing and starting to go into shock. He did not know where he was and he kept asking me to help him breathe. He was breathing slowly before the Sheriff showed up. His eyes were pinned. He was a big kid. I thought I was watching him die and would have to do CPR. I was on other side of the fence talking to him. Trying to keep him alert. 20-year-old male. The sheriff showed up and asked me to cut the fence for the ambulance. The sheriff took my information on his report and released me.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid and CPR, Emergency Response
LOCATION	Monument, Texas
DATE & TIME	01/01/2021 08:00 AM

Nomination MA-9	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	LG&E/KU
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2009
NOMINEE NAME	Amber Hildebrand
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Corrosion Scientist II
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	On December 19, 2020 Amber's husband went into cardiac arrest. Amber performed CPR on her husband until EMS arrived approximately eleven minutes later. Upon arrival he had no pulse and had

	<p>to be shocked five times before his heart began to beat on its own. Her husband was placed in a medically induced coma for several days and placed on a ventilator as doctors didn't expect him to have brain function. While in ICU he crashed two times and suffered a minor stroke.</p> <p>Her husband had to miss their son's second birthday and Christmas but he is home now, perfectly ok with no noticeable deficits. Amber's immediate response to this medical emergency and quick action was key to saving her husband's life.</p> <p>Amber credits our First Aid/CPR training we conduct at LG&E for helping her to save her husband's life.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid/CPR
LOCATION	Employee's Home
DATE & TIME	12/19/2020 12:00 AM

Nomination MA-10	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	Ben Barnhart
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Foreman
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	While Ben and his wife, Dana, were out one evening, they noticed a FedEx truck driver slumped over and not moving in his truck. They immediately called 911 and found out the driver had a diabetic attack. If not for this couple's quick thinking and care for someone they didn't even know, things could have turned out a lot worse for this driver. Thank you, Ben and Dana, for showing your commitment to safety for members of our community.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	CPR Training, First-Aid Training
LOCATION	Dayton, Ohio
DATE & TIME	09/19/2020 05:12 PM

Nomination MA-11	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	Group 1 - Brock Hendrix, Brett Baker, Cole Mathews, Justice Woods
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Laborer, Foreman, Laborer, Laborer
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>After lunch, this crew was heading back to the job site in two separate vehicles. Brock and Cole came around a sharp curve and saw a vehicle on its side up against a tree. They pulled over in a safe location, got out to assess the situation, and found a woman passed out behind the car's wheel. They tried to wake the woman so that they could get her out of the car and away from danger.</p> <p>Shortly after, Brett and Justice arrived and started flagging traffic so the police and firefighters could reach the accident. The crew assisted with traffic control until the authorities could get everything cleaned up. This is an excellent example of putting safety first and foremost and commitment to the team. We do not just help each other; we help others in the communities where we work. Great job to this crew!</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	CPR Training, First Aid Training
LOCATION	Franklin, Indiana
DATE & TIME	10/14/2020 12:30 PM

Nomination MA-12	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member

SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Group 2 - Justin Wilhelm, Don Sapp, Roger Fleming, Dakota Powell Michael Shuttleworth, Dustin Stapleton</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Crew Members
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	This crew was boring in pipe in Dayton, OH, when the foreman noticed a car pull in a driveway. The door opened, but no one got out. Justin could see the man's head, laying back on the seat with his leg out the door. He told a crew member to check the man and see if he was responsive. The man was not and turning grey, and they quickly called 911. While talking to 911, they were instructed to pull the man out of the car, lay him on his side, and rub his chest hard. The crew did this until the fire department showed up. When they arrived, they gave him a shot of Narcan. Thanks to the crew's quick response and following the instructions of the 911 operator, they helped save the life of this husband and father of two.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	CPR Training
LOCATION	Dayton, Ohio
DATE & TIME	05/12/2021 08:25 AM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-12-CatchONE_Data.pdf?_t=1623365284
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	The crew members names and job titles are: Justin Wilhelm - Foreman Don Sapp - Operator Roger Fleming - Laborer Dakota Powell - Borecrew Foreman Michael Shuttleworth - Borecrew Operator Dustin Stapleton - Hydro-Vac Operator

Nomination MA-13	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Lucas Donhou</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Operator
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	While driving to get more water for the vac truck, Lucas noticed smoke coming from a home. Lucas pulled over, knocked on the door, and realized no one was home. He called 911 and stayed there until the fire department arrived to ensure the scene was safe. Thank you, Lucas, for staying vigilant and looking out for others!
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Fire Hazard Training and First-Aid Training
LOCATION	Franklin, Indiana
DATE & TIME	01/25/2021 01:56 PM

Nomination MA-14	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Matt Hamilton</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Foreman
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	While at home, Matt heard his neighbor yelling for help. Matt ran over to help and noticed that the mother was passed out and not breathing. Matt performed CPR on her, who was lifeless and purple. He kept performing CPR on her till the paramedics arrived on the scene. The doctor at the hospital said whoever performed CPR on her did quality work and saved her life.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	CPR training that Pittsburgh employees received a month prior.
LOCATION	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DATE & TIME	01/23/2021 02:56 PM
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Nomination MA-15	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Nathan Leath</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Sewer Tractor Lead
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	Nathan noticed a fire had started next door. Nathan grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran to the scene to help put out the fire. It took several fire extinguishers to put out the fire because it kept reigniting. The boys who started the fire admitted they had soaked some wood in gasoline, which is why the fire was difficult to extinguish. After safely putting out the fire and waiting around to make sure it did not reignite, Nathan took the opportunity to hold a fire safety class with the neighbor kids. The mother of the boys thanked Nathan for explaining the safety concerns surrounding fire and gasoline. Thank you, Nathan, for taking safety home with you and for preventing any injuries.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Fire Hazard Training
LOCATION	Dayton, Ohio
DATE & TIME	06/12/2020 06:25 PM

Nomination MA-16	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Miller Pipeline
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2010
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Paul Dalton</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Foreman
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	While on the job site, three carpenters needing help waved at Paul across the street. When he approached the group, he found a man lying on the ground. He quickly realized the man was having a seizure. Paul helped stabilize the man to keep him from hitting his head until he stopped seizing. After several minutes, the man was able to speak and told Paul that he had epilepsy. Paul stayed with the man until EMS arrived and assisted. Paul said he felt like the training he received at Miller Pipeline allowed him to help the man safely.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	We host a CPR training course at each of our offices. This training helped Paul save this man's life!
LOCATION	Columbus, Ohio
DATE & TIME	12/04/2020 02:12 PM

Nomination MA-17	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Duane Carlson & John Chapman</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Superintendent, Foreman
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	At a project site, a client employee began showing symptoms of a cardiac event. Emergency crews (911) were contacted by client personnel. In the meantime, Duane Carlson mobilized all CPR/First Aid trained personnel to be available to assist in caring for the individual while John Chapman organized crew personnel to provide traffic control and ensure the ambulance had a safe and clear path to the section of right-of-way where the affected individual was located. These actions directly contributed to ensuring the individual was able to get off the right-of-way and receive the care they needed by professionals.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid, CPR

DATE & TIME	08/14/2020 01:00 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-17-SGA%20Nomination%20Form_Meritorious%20Action%20Award_08142020.pdf?t=1623367122

Nomination MA-18	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Group 3 - Jim Setterman, Ryan Zuehlke, Arron Jellison, Lloyd Fondren</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Assistant Superintendent, Oiler, Safety Coordinator, Safety Coordinator
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	A commercial truck and a passenger vehicle collided at an intersection about half a mile from the project's right-of-way, and the driver of the passenger vehicle was trapped in her vehicle due to the damage and a snowbank. Jim heard the accident and was first on-scene, followed by Ryan, Arron, and Lloyd, who aided in ensuring the drivers in the accident were ok, staying with the trapped vehicle driver until she could be safely freed by first responders, and flagging traffic around the accident. Their actions ensured public safety and shows their commitment to the well-being of the local community. It also reflects well on the reputation of pipeliners going above and beyond their normal duties.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Basic Emergency Training
DATE & TIME	03/09/2021 12:00 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-18-SGA%20Nomination%20Form_Meritorious%20Action%20Award_03092021.pdf?t=1623367291

Nomination MA-19	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Group 4 - Jocelyn Duncan, Greg Oeltjenbruns, Danny Nihart, Carter Tollefson</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Project Coordinator, Foreman, Straw/Laborer, Laborer
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>Jocelyn was almost back to a jobsite when she came upon a stringer truck that had just overturned. Upon analyzing the scene, she noticed that the truck was still running, smoking profusely, and straying oil everywhere, and a man and woman were running from their vehicle to the truck. She parked her truck about 30 feet away from the truck in case it came into complete flames. She then got out and ran to the truck, and saw a man crushed in it. The man and woman stayed with the man while Jocelyn ran to her truck and called 911, then called Greg right after to come with tools and help. After making those calls, Jocelyn got the fire extinguisher out of her truck's toolbox and sprayed the smoking truck.</p> <p>Greg and a few other employees then arrived on-scene, and they got tools out of Greg's truck to start prying the crushed passenger door open to free the trapped driver. Greg then called to get a few Minnesota Limited flaggers, Danny Nihart and Carter Tollefson, to handle traffic control. By this time, numerous people had arrived on-scene and it became a group effort to save the man's life. While most of the group worked to get the mangled door off, Jocelyn collected blankets and first aid kits to prepare for when they got the man out, expecting for some sort of injury. After about 10 minutes, the man was pulled out of the crushed cab and helped to stand and walk to a truck on standby, with no visible serious injuries. The situation was handled further by the police department, fire department, and ambulance that then arrived on-scene.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid, CPR
DATE & TIME	01/05/2021 01:00 PM

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Nomination MA-20	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Group 5 - Michael Olson, Paul Gatons, Chad Magoon</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Laborer, Operator, Operator
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>While working on a project, Michael observed their teamster, who was walking near a piece of equipment, begin to stagger and then collapse with an unknown medical condition. Michael and Paul ran to the teamster's location where they saw that he was unresponsive and laying on his stomach. They rolled him over and saw that he was conscious but incoherent. At that point, Chad called 911 to get an ambulance and Michael notified the on-site safety representative of the situation. Michael and Paul then put up their jackets to stop dust and wind from getting in the teamster's face. The ambulance arrived on-scene approximately 20 minutes after the teamster's collapse.</p> <p>The ER staff stated that the teamster would have a very good chance at a full recovery due to the crew's quick action of getting the ambulance on-site and to the ER so that the proper medication could be administered quickly.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid, CPR
DATE & TIME	09/11/2020 01:00 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-20-SGA%20Nomination%20Form_Meritorious%20Action%20Award_09112020.pdf? t=1623367674

Nomination MA-21	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Lloyd Fondren</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Safety Coordinator
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	<p>During Lloyd's travels to a project, he came across a single car accident on an interstate. He pulled over along with several other travelers, but noticed no one approaching the vehicle. There was broken glass and vehicle fluids all over the road, but Lloyd approached the vehicle to see if anyone needed assistance. Once he got to the vehicle, he noticed a woman inside trapped in the driver's seat by the seat belt. He first asked if she was okay and if she was able to be moved, and once she said yes, Lloyd crawled inside the vehicle through the broken windshield. He then crawled under her and lifted her up so he could release her seat belt, then another individual crawled on top of the vehicle and helped pull her out. The woman sustained several cuts from the broken glass, but didn't seem to have any broken bones or injuries.</p> <p>Lloyd showed Minnesota Limited's core value of commitment to those around him and making sure everyone goes home safe at the end of each day. Most people would have drove by and stared, but never would have stopped.</p>
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid
DATE & TIME	08/31/2020 01:00 PM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-21-SGA%20Nomination%20Form_Meritorious%20Action%20Award_08312020.pdf? t=1623367802

Nomination MA-22

SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	Minnesota Limited
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	SGA Associate Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2016
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Sam Carpenter & Marcus Wise</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Laborer, Operator
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	Sam and Marcus were driving to a jobsite, and they were stopped at a red light when the light turned green and the car in front of them did not move. They noticed that another driver got out of their car and started banging on the window and tried to open the car's door, but was unable to do so. Sam and Marcus got out of the truck to see what was going on and noticed that the driver was non-responsive. Sam went back to the truck, got a wrench, and broke out the back window, and they got the driver out of the car. The other driver started to do CPR on the person while Sam and Marcus called 911 for assistance and helped direct traffic.
COMPANY TRAINING USED	Basic Emergency Training
DATE & TIME	04/06/2021 06:30 AM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-22-SGA%20Nomination%20Form_Meritorious%20Action%20Award_04062021.pdf? t=1623367975

Nomination MA-23	
SGA MEMBER COMPANY NAME	ONE Gas
SGA MEMBERSHIP TYPE	Distribution SGA Gas Member
SGA MEMBER SINCE	2014
NOMINEE NAME	<i>Brayden Drew</i>
NOMINEE JOB TITLE	Customer Service Technician Senior
DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S ACTION	On the morning of February 16, 2021, Mr. Brayden Drew was dispatched to a customer service order at a residence in Shawnee, OK. Upon completion of the order, Mr. Drew returned to the residence and observed a female customer coughing, gasping for air and demonstrating the universal sign for choking. Mr. Drew took immediate action and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the distressed resident. Because of his recognition and ability to act quickly, he successfully dislodged the food that was responsible for the obstruction. After clearing the airway, Mr. Drew then called 911 and remained with the customer until EMT's arrived. The customer described the situation and Mr. Drew's response by stating "I choked on a piece of toast and Brayden had to perform the Heimlich maneuver on me...He was very professional and kind. I just am so glad he was there and was able to handle the situation with such grace. Thank you for having such a caring young man on your staff. I hope you can recognize him."
COMPANY TRAINING USED	First Aid / First Responder Training
LOCATION	Shawnee, Oklahoma
DATE & TIME	02/16/2021 08:30 AM
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	https://southerngas.org/wp-content/wpdm-assets/2021-SGA-Awards-Program/Meritorious%20Action/MA-23-Meritorious%20Action%20-%20FINAL.pdf? t=1623368262