

NCCER offers top-notch instruction in

SAFETY



Paul Crivac, Director of Midland, Michigan-based Three Rivers Construction Company, didn't hesitate when his company gave him the opportunity to participate in NCCER's Safety Management Academy at Clemson University. Says Crivac, "I have always heard NCCER's management academies were top-notch, so I was eager to see what type of program the Safety Management Academy offered to the safety professional."

After enduring a full week of intensive training and bonding with fellow classmates, Crivac confirms that the academy is indeed "top-notch." Crivac found it refreshing to attend a management academy where the dialogue between the instructors and students is open and honest. He notes that, "It gives the participants confidence that they are taking reliable information back to the company."

Crivac says the academy reinforces how important it is for safety professionals to rely on the entire construction team. "Nothing in construction is solo. It's all a team effort—especially keeping safe." The academy points out how critical it is to keep a respected safety network on hand. "Not only do we make friends with

fellow participants, we make professional contacts that help us throughout our career," adds Crivac.

Crivac says that the information shared in the class is current, and the case studies give participants a chance to look into the future. "It is important that the case studies allow participants to actually apply the knowledge learned, back at the job site," stresses Crivac.

"I believe that NCCER's Safety Management academy is a perfect fit with our training programs," says Crivac. "In order to continually keep our employees safe, whether they are a novice or have had years of experience, it is critical that we offer the most up-to-date training available in the industry."

With an Experience Modification Ratio (EMR) of .50, Three Rivers, a general contractor with approximately 300 employees, proves that safety is taken seriously. The company employs full-time safety representatives who are responsible for planning and implementing safety activities on each company project. In addition, each new employee is required to complete a safety orientation and training program. For more information on Three Rivers Construction, contact Paul Crivac at pcrivac@trccompany.com.

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NCCER's Safety Management Academy is designed for both corporate safety directors and experienced field safety coordinators. It provides the philosophy, operating knowledge, and techniques necessary to design and implement a quality construction safety program for contractors. The Safety Management academy is conducted twice per year at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. For information on attending the Safety Management Academy or customizing an academy for your company, contact Gary Wilson at (352) 334-0911, ext. 309 or gary@nccer.org.