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News Release

Union County Receives Awards for Safety

May 9, 2019, Monroe, NC – Union County was presented with a Gold Award and Silver Award from the N.C. Department of Labor (NCDOL) at the Union County Chamber of Commerce's annual Safety Awards Luncheon on May 9. This is the fifth consecutive year the County has received a Gold Award and the third consecutive year to receive a Silver Award.

NCDOL's Safety Awards Program recognizes private and public firms throughout the state that achieve and maintain good safety records. The program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthful workplace.

Awards are presented annually by Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry to employers who have had no fatalities and have maintained an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its industry group. Michael Farrar, Public Works health & safety program manager, received the Silver Award for the County, and Union County Risk Manager Keith Richards received the Gold Award.

Companies or organizations receiving Gold Awards must have a rate of days away from work, job transfer or restriction at least 50 percent below the industry average. Silver Award recipients are based on the cases with days away from work rate. These are recorded when a worker missed at least one full day of work, not including the day of injury.

