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Greater Greenville Chamber Hosts NC Department of Labor Safety Awards Luncheon

Greenville, NC (April 24, 2026) - The Greater Greenville Chamber proudly partnered with the North Carolina Department of Labor to host the 2026 Safety Awards Luncheon, presented by Nutrien, on April 23, 2026, at the Hilton Greenville.

The program featured remarks from Luke Farley, Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Labor, and included the presentation of Gold and Silver Safety Awards to organizations that have demonstrated outstanding safety performance over the past year.

This year's event saw strong growth, with a 40 percent increase in attendance and 37 more awards presented compared to 2025, reflecting a growing commitment to workplace safety across the region.

Administered by the Department's Occupational Safety and Health Division, the Safety Awards Program honors both private and public employers that demonstrate a strong commitment to maintaining safe and healthy workplaces. To be eligible, organizations must operate a full calendar year without a workplace fatality at the recognized site and maintain an injury and illness rate significantly below their industry average.

Awards are presented at two levels, Gold and Silver, based on nationally recognized safety metrics. The Gold Award reflects performance across cases involving days away from work, restricted duty, or job transfers, while the Silver Award is based specifically on incidents that result in time away from work. Together, these distinctions highlight organizations that are actively working to prevent injuries and prioritize the well being of their employees.

In addition to annual recognition, the Department also highlights long term safety achievements through its Million-Hour Safety Awards Program. These awards recognize organizations that reach significant milestones by accumulating one million employee hours without a workplace injury or illness resulting in time away from work, with additional recognition granted for each subsequent million hours achieved.

This year's million-hour award recipients included Electrolux Home Products and Nutrien for reaching one million hours, Thermo Fisher Scientific for reaching four million hours, and Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc. and Moen Incorporated - New Bern for reaching five million hours without a qualifying workplace injury.

A wide range of organizations were honored during the ceremony, representing industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, utilities, and local government. These award recipients are helping set the

standard for workplace safety while supporting a culture of accountability and prevention across the region.

Additional sponsors included Boviet Solar, Greenville Utilities Commission, Piedmont Natural Gas and Pitt County Government. For a full list of award recipients, please click [here](#).

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