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MSA Continues Involvement in OSHA National Safety Stand-Down

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, Pa., May 23, 2016 – MSA, the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality safety products, participated extensively in **Safety Week 2016** that ran in tandem with Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA National Safety Stand-Down](#)) during the week of May 2-6. MSA continued its annual involvement which aims to remind and educate workers and employers in the construction industry about potential safety hazards.

MSA provided free OSHA-compliant, on-site training at various construction jobsites throughout the week with the company's fleet of mobile training vehicles. The program reviews basic fall protection principles and necessary personal protective products through demos and hands-on training. Topics include ANSI/OSHA standards, components of a fall arrest system, equipment inspection, and calculating fall distances.

MSA believes that mitigating the dangers and risks in the construction industry is a continuous task. With the percentage of construction industry deaths from falls continuing to trend upward- from 34.6 percent (279 out of 806 total deaths) in 2012 to 39.9 percent (349 out of 874 total deaths) in 2014 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. MSA continues its efforts to eradicate these hazards through education, research, innovation and prevention. And although falls are the leading cause of injury/death, worksite safety is a much broader concept. Every day MSA safety specialists travel all over the United States providing training on fall protection and other hazards requiring proper personal protective equipment (PPE), such as respiratory protection, gas detection, and head, eye, face, and hearing protection.

Through its participation in Safety Week 2016, MSA hoped to challenge everyone in the industry to act as leaders in safety to ensure that every worker goes home safely. MSA's mission statement conveys this intention, *"That men and women may work in safety, and that they, their families, and their communities may live in health throughout the world."*

To further its commitment to safety, MSA has recently opened a three-story, state of the art, safety training complex in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania – located just steps away from the company's corporate headquarters. MSA will utilize this world class facility to train industrial workers, construction contractors, utility workers and firefighters on how to properly select, inspect and use its personal protective equipment (PPE) in a hands-on, application based atmosphere. Packed with a

complex rig of ladders, platforms, manholes and escape windows, this facility allows MSA experts to simulate a myriad of true-to-life worker safety scenarios.

With this training facility, MSA is able to further its mission as a safety company by providing high-quality training to workers in the construction industry not just during Safety Week, but throughout the year. For further information, please visit www.MSAsafety.com/training.

To learn more about Safety Week and OSHA Stand Down, please visit www.constructionsafetyweek.com and www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown.



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Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people's health and safety. Many MSA products typically integrate any combination of electronics, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life-threatening situations. The company's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in the construction, fire service, oil, gas and petrochemical industry, mining and other industries. Principal products include self-contained breathing apparatus, gas masks, gas detection instruments, head protection, fall protection devices and thermal imaging cameras. MSA has annual sales of approximately \$1 billion, manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and 42 international locations. Additional information is available on the company's Web site at www.msasafety.com.

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