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## Safety Alliance Expands With New Chapters Throughout Florida and in Texas and California

MIAMI, Fla. (March 1, 2018) – The <u>Safety Alliance</u>, a resource for safety, health and risk professionals to address workplace safety issues, expanded this past year by establishing new chapters throughout Florida as well as in Texas and California.

The Safety Alliance was founded in Miami in 2012 by David Wessin, a 30-year construction safety veteran, to bring together safety, health and risk professionals with OSHA, universities and colleges, attorneys, and safety vendors to develop best practices for improving workplace safety. Wessin is employed by <a href="Sims Crane">Sims Crane</a>, Florida's premier crane and equipment provider, as the company's South Florida Safety Director.

"As the Safety Alliance celebrates its six-year anniversary this year, we have added a dozen chapters in Florida, as well as opening Texas chapters in Houston and the Texas Panhandle, and our first California chapter in Fresno," said Wessin, who also is the Safety Alliance's CEO. "In 2018, we will continue to open additional chapters nationally and possibly internationally."

The Safety Alliance organization now has nearly 1,000 members. Wessin attributes the Safety Alliance's success to several key factors:

- Safety Alliance meetings are free to attend each month and are open to the public, allowing the organization to include smaller companies who may not employ a full-time safety person. Safety Alliance monthly meetings feature dynamic presentations about current, relevant safety topics.
- Safety Alliance membership is free and members receive a complimentary weekly publication, the Safety Alliance Weekly Review.
- The Safety Alliance works closely with the federal government and area OSHA
  offices to promote workplace safety and best practices. The Safety Alliance
  signed an alliance with OSHA in 2013 that was renewed in 2015. In 2017, OSHA
  announced that the Safety Alliance was one of the most successful alliances in
  the nation and that OSHA wanted to renew the alliance for five more years.

The Safety Alliance also focuses on giving back to the communities the organization serves. The Safety Alliance Change4Change Program collects cash donations in a hard hat at every monthly meeting, with the funds collected donated quarterly to a local charity. In addition, The Safety Alliance recently created their SAFE-VET Program to provide free OSHA 10-Hour training to our veterans nationally. The Safety Alliance supports and promotes local food banks throughout the year and conducts a November food drive. In December, the Safety Alliance conducts a toy drive, delivering toys to a local children's hospital.

For more information about the Safety Alliance, visit their newly designed website at <a href="https://www.safetyalliance.org">www.safetyalliance.org</a>.

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