



PROFILE OF THE MONTH-
Johnny Quarles

For the last 10 years we have depended on Johnny Quarles in a variety of positions. Having previously worked on a County Rescue squad, he came to MEI with a full understanding of the methods and the ethos required of effective emergency response. Early in his career at MEI, he quickly earned a reputation as one of the most reliable midnight E.R. calls you could make.

These days he is an integral part of the Aqua Treat team. He keeps the solidification process running smoothly, operating excavators, driving forklifts, and helping out wherever he can. At home, Johnny enjoys his horses and his land and has recently welcomed a new baby to his family. Every successful business has a core of committed employees who consistently get the job done. Johnny is one such guy.

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Making *our* standard, industry standard.

Top 10 OSHA Violations of 2016

The U.S. has come a long way since 1970 when OSHA first came on the scene. Industrial fatalities and injuries have been reduced by over 50%

10 "serious" violations, fiscal year 2016

	STANDARD	TOTAL VIOLATIONS
1	Fall Protection (1926.501)	5,635
2	Hazard Communication (1926.1200)	3,544
3	Scaffolding (1910.451)	3,535
4	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)	3,414
5	Respiratory Protection (1910.134)	2,421
6	Ladders (1926.1053)	2,365
7	Machine Guarding (1910.212)	2,147
8	Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)	2,043
9	Electrical – Wiring Methods (1910.305)	1,424
10	Fall Protection Training (1926.503)	1,285

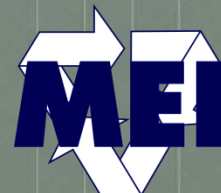
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A "serious" violation is defined by OSHA as "one in which there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result, and the employer knew or should have known of the hazard."



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Top 10 "willful" violations, fiscal year 2016

	STANDARD	TOTAL VIOLATIONS
1	Fall Protection (1926.501)	173
2	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)	114
3	Lead (1910.1025)	52
4	Excavations (1926.652)	49
5	Mechanical Power Presses (1910.217)	44
6	Scaffolding (1926.451)	40
7	Machine Guarding (1910.212)	19
8	Specific Excavation Requirements (1926.651)	19
9	General Duty Clause 5(a)(1)	16
10	Grain Handling (1910.272), Welding, Cutting and Heating (1915.53)	14

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OSHA defines a "willful" violation as one "committed with an intentional disregard of or plain indifference to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and requirements."

OSHA's goal is to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. By following the OSHA standard many common accidents (and fines) can be avoided.

Safety Tip

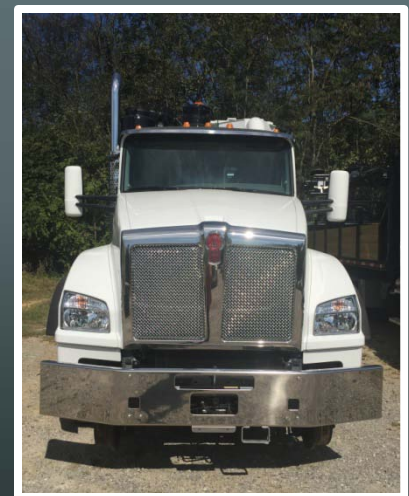
Lock up any prescription medications in your possession that are likely to be desired by drug addicts; do not store such drugs in medicine cabinets that are accessible to visitors. You do not know the curiosities or addictions of everyone who visits your home.

People afflicted with a drug addiction are on the lookout for medications. Always destroy any unused drugs and throw them away.

Addiction to pain pills has become all too rampant and everyone needs to do their part responsibly store or destroy unused drugs.

New Equipment

Marion has recently obtained some new tractors and Guzzlers to fulfill the growing needs of our clients.



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