

## Focus: Records, Good and Bad



John

On June 10, 1979, the employees at the Brevard Plant achieved a new plant safety record by surpassing the old record of 6,141,052 man hours worked without a work related lost work day case. The previous record was established in 1968. As of June 10, the plant completed 893 days and 6,202,026 man hours without a disabling injury.

I am pleased over the passing of this milestone and wish to congratulate each one for making this possible. Improvements in our safety performance have come because each one has become more aware of their safety responsibilities. As long as we continue to give safety a higher priority, each day will add another new record to the one established on June 10.

Off the job safety is another matter. Our performance has been very poor, which indicates safety is frequently left at the work place. Twelve employees have suffered disabling injuries this year, including a fatality. No amount of publicity, prizes or gimmicks can reduce injuries. Off the job safety must be taken more seriously by all employees. If this is not done, plant statistics indicate an additional 12 to 13 employees will suffer painful and disabling injuries by year end.

I refuse to believe that something cannot be done to effectively reduce the frequency of injuries. This is a matter of great concern to me and demands the attention of every plant employee.

*John H. Golden*

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Plant Manager

## New Off-Job Safety Program Announced

The off-job safety committee has announced a new incentive program to promote off-job safety for the coming year. The new safety prize system replaces the Bingo game which had been running for the last two years; it eliminates the element of chance and assures an award for every individual who stays safe all year.

On the first Thursday and Friday of each month, a table will be set up with coffee and donuts for the people whose group went through the preceding month with no off-job injuries. Those groups which did not have a safe month

will not receive the token which is required for the coffee and donuts, nor will any of their supervision — all the way to the plant manager.

For each three weeks of no-injury performance plantwide, \$500 will be put into an off-job safety prize fund. For each calendar month which is free of off-job injury, an additional thousand dollars will be put into the fund. At the end of the year, June 1, 1980, the accumulated dollars will be used to purchase a safety prize for everyone who has not had an off-job injury during the program.

**ENERGY.**  
**We can't afford**  
**to waste it.**

## PLANT HOSTS EVOC

Brevard Plant shift workers gave up the West parking lot for EVOC on the weekends of April 21 and 28. EVOC is the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course developed by Charles McDaniel of Appalachian State University. It's a different approach to the subject.

Most emergency vehicle drivers have received no instruction which is focused on the driving of the vehicle itself; few such drivers have been given formal training in defensive driving. EVOC fills the need for this experience.

The course consists of a half day in a classroom and two half day sessions of actual vehicle operation. Participants drive cars, vans and ambulances in turning, backing and sliding exercises. A large area, free from traffic, is required.

Different courses were marked by rubber pylons for each of the exercises; each student drove each vehicle eight times through each of the exercises.

The backing experience calls on the student to back each vehicle through the marked course by using only the mirrors. An instructor rides with the student at all times.

For the sliding exercise, an area of the pavement is flooded with water and the student does turns and stops at speeds which cause slides and skids.

The ambulance turning exercise requires not only that the driver go through the turns a required number of times, but also that he ride as a patient while someone else drives. This gives him a feeling for what happens to the patient as a result of his actions.

EVOC is one of the best known emergency vehicle training courses available. The program has become known throughout the United States and Europe. The N.C. Department of Human Resources, Office of Emergency Medical Services, offers the course to providers of Emergency Medical Services, Rescue Squads and Volunteer Fire Departments. The course is funded by the Land Of The Sky Regional Council.

Everybody's best interests are served by the training. Patients transported by EVOC trained drivers should ride a bit faster, safer, and more comfortably. This is the fourth time our plant has hosted this course in the public interest.



EVOC ambulance whips into high speed lane change maneuver. A future driver is riding on a stretcher in the back, getting a feel of the ride from the patient's point of view.

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