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### News Release

## County Receives Safety Award for Fifth Straight Year

**May 7, 2012, Monroe, NC** – Union County Risk Manager Keith Richards on May 3 accepted a N.C. Department of Labor (NCDOL) Gold Award on behalf of Union County. It was Union County's fifth consecutive year to win a Gold Award.

NCDOL's Safety Awards Program recognizes private and public firms throughout the state that achieve and maintain good safety records. The program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthful workplace.

Awards are presented annually by Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry to employers who have had no fatalities and have maintained an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its industry group.

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