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ACCNJ Safety Day 2018

WORKER SAFETY: Focus on Training Investment

EDISON, NJ – In 2016, 101 New Jersey workers died on the job – four more fatalities than in 2015. Of those 101, 20 were in construction (nearly 20%), down by two from 2015. Across the country, 911 construction workers died on the job, 19% of the workplace fatalities and the highest number of all industry sectors.

“Our members are keenly aware construction is dangerous,” stated Jack Kocsis, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of ACCNJ. “Safety remains the number one priority for our contractor members. They invest in training to make sure everyone goes home safe at the end of the day.”

On April 18, 2018, ACCNJ, its member companies and labor partners will join forces for a special, coordinated emphasis on safety at New Jersey construction sites across the state. The goals are two-fold:

- Raise public awareness of the dangers that exist for construction workers as they build roads and structures
- Refocus the attention of workers on the key elements of staying safe while on the job

Safety Day 2018, featuring comprehensive training demonstrations involving hundreds of union construction craftworkers, will focus on the four leading causes of injury and fatality on jobsites, as determined by OSHA: falls, struck-by, electrocutions and caught-in/betweens.*

ACCNJ will also highlight the substantial investment in safety training and education made by our union contractor members and craftworkers of the general construction trade unions (Bricklayers, Carpenters, Ironworkers, Building and Heavy/Highway Laborers and Operating Engineers). Collectively, they invested more than \$31 million last year in safety training and education programs. This joint effort benefited more than 10,000 workers.

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About ACCNJ

ACCNJ represents general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey that employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers each year. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility and institutional construction projects annually. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey through quality, integrity, skill and responsibility.

***Note to media:** If you would like to visit a Safety Day 2018 training demonstration at an ACCNJ member's jobsite on April 18, please contact Jill Schiff, ACCNJ Executive Director of Operations, at 732.225.2265 or jschiff@accnj.org at least 24 hours before the event.