

City of Grand Island

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Item C2

Recognition of the City of Grand Island for Safety Award

The City of Grand Island recently received the GO Safety Award at the annual Great Plains Safety and Wellness Conference in Kearney, Nebraska. Governor Dave Heineman presented the award to Tami Herald, Don Jelinek, and Brenda Sutherland on behalf of the City. This award is for governments (city, county, state, and schools) which have shown a commitment to reducing employee injury rates through safety education, training, and risk reduction.

The City was recognized for the efforts of its Citywide Safety Committee in creating a safety manual, conducting organized meetings and inspections to identify and mitigate safety hazards for City employees as well as the general public that uses City facilities for services and recreation. The Citywide Safety Committee has employee representation from departments throughout the City. This commitment to safety resulted in the City's experience rating dropping from 1.15 in the 2008/2009 budget year to .94 in the 2009/2010 budget year. This rating has a direct impact on insurance premiums paid by the City.

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