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## **North Branch donates safety fine proceeds to charity and hires Carter as new safety director**

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North Branch Construction's dedication to jobsite safety includes the implementation of a Safety Fine Program on all of their projects.

North Branch continues to raise the bar by performing random jobsite inspections and obtaining OSHA 30-Hour Certification for all of their project managers and superintendents. This diligence has led to North Branch obtaining the lowest EMR of all 33 of the members of the ABC New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Self-Assurance Group that the firm is affiliated with.

At the end of each year, North Branch donates all proceeds from the Safety Fine Program to the non-profit charities and organizations that they work with. This year, North Branch gave \$1,450.00 to CATCH Neighborhood Housing.

North Branch has also hired Donald Carter as safety director. Carter is a safety professional with numerous years' experience as a safety trainer, previously owning his own safety consultation business, and is also a member of the National Safety Council.

CATCH is a Concord-based non-profit organization that creates opportunities for permanently affordable, quality housing for families in Merrimack County. North Branch and CATCH are currently working together on the Bow Highlands Phase 2 workforce housing project in Bow, NH.

The North Branch Safety Fine Program was developed in 2005 with the intent to increase hazard recognition, reduce risk of injury, and create an overall safer working environment for all personnel working on North Branch construction sites. At a minimum, it requires subcontractors, as well as North Branch's own employees, to abide by the OSHA Construction Industry Regulations at all times. When safety violations are observed, it is North Branch's objective to correct them immediately. Consequently, North Branch warrants safety fines for any repeat violations.

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