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National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter to Induct Two Safety Advocates into the Safety and Health Hall of Fame October 22 at Annual Fundraiser

(OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 4, 2010) – The National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter will be inducting two long-time advocates for safety into the Safety and Health Hall of Fame. Bill Oakes and Rick Russell will be recognized during Soiree, the Council's annual fundraiser on October 22.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Oakes, a retired attorney from Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP, generously served as a volunteer member of the board of directors, the executive and administration committees in addition to serving as legal counsel from 1982 to 2009. During his 27 years of service, he guided the Council through the important growth phases that took legal expertise including the move from 24th and St. Mary's to 87th and F, the land purchase, contracts for designing and building the current headquarters at 120th and M Circle, and other contracts, especially the Safety Training Option Plan which now provides long term traffic education/diversion services to the citizens in the greater Omaha area. As the same time he was a strong advocate for everything related to safety and brought support from his organization as well.

Russell, President and CEO of Millard Lumber Company, served as chairman of the successful million dollar Capital Program Campaign in 1999 and 2000. He was instrumental in raising the dollars to establish new programs to serve the greater Omaha community. He served on the board of directors for ten years, on the Corporate Leadership Committee, Executive Committee and was Chairman of the Board for 2001 and 2002. Today he continues his generosity providing the Motorcycle Safety Training Program with a range at Millard Lumber Company.

Soiree

This year's annual Soiree will be held Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, La Vista Convention Center, 12520 Westport Parkway. In addition to the Hall of Fame induction, gourmet dinner, complimentary beverages and a silent auction, the entertainment will be ABBA Mania – featuring 21 of the Swedish supergroup's disco-era hits, performed by a cast of seven musicians and singers that includes a live band and backup singers.

About the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter

Founded in 1924, the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. For more information, visit www.safenebraska.org.

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