

## **3M™ Personal Safety Division, Ironworkers International and IMPACT Forge Partnership Agreement**

ST. PAUL, Minn.—May 10, 2017 — [3M™ Personal Safety Division](#), the [International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Ironworkers](#) (Iron Workers) and the [Ironworker Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust](#) (IMPACT) have formed a partnership to provide members, facilities and IMPACT signatory contractors access to 3M product training, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and special services.

“Falls in the construction industry continue to top OSHA’s list of serious injuries and fatalities. One of the key goals of this partnership is to help standardize safety practices using 3M PPE and fall protection training for more than 150,000 members and signatory contractors,” said Paul Maturen, business development manager with 3M. “We also see this partnership as an opportunity to work with the Iron Workers Safety and Health Department to pursue new technologies and best practices to help achieve the Zero Incident Campaign commissioned by General President Eric Dean of the Iron Workers.”

As part of the partnership agreement, 3M Personal Safety Division will work with the Iron Workers’ Safety and Health Department and the National Training Fund to establish competent personal fall protection training courses for selected personnel throughout the United States. In addition, 3M will dedicate a senior training specialist from 3M Fall Protection to serve as an instructor for the [Ironworker Safety Director Training Course](#), offered throughout the United States and Canada.

“We see this partnership with 3M as a valuable relationship to provide our members and signatory contractors with access to a full line of fall protection and personal safety equipment—including welding safety, respiratory protection and hearing protection—and apprentice and journeyman training,” said Iron Workers Executive Director of Safety and Health Steve Rank. “The combination of top-of-the-line equipment and training is invaluable to our organization and the people we serve. With 3M’s technical support, we are erecting new fall protection training structures in many of our 156 facilities throughout North America that will be equipped with a variety of 3M Personal Safety products.”

**To better serve our contractors and training facilities with acquiring 3M safety products, we have established a designated “National Fall Guard” as a national distributor to help expedite product orders and technical information. For product information and orders, please contact Kevin Holden with National Fall Guard at the following address.**

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### **About Ironworkers**

The Iron Workers (IW) represents 130,000 ironworkers in North America who work in construction on bridges; structural steel; ornamental, architectural, and miscellaneous metals; rebar; and in shops.

[ironworkers.org](http://ironworkers.org)

### **About IMPACT**

IMPACT is an ironworker-contractor partnership designed to provide a forum for ironworkers and their contractors to address mutual concerns and encourage reasonable balanced solutions.

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