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AEV now nation's top ambulance maker

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At the recent National Pool Account meeting, Ford Motor Company recognized AEV as the #1 Volume Ambulance Manufacturer in the industry.

"The ambulance industry is a very critical segment to the public safety of the US, and to Ford Motor Company," stated Jerry Renauer, vocational manager for Ford. "AEV has continued to grow to the point where they have now taken the coveted #1 slot."

AEV manufactures all models of EMS vehicles from their production facilities in Jefferson. AEV units are distributed throughout the world by a network of dedicated emergency vehicle dealers.

"Being recognized by Ford as #1 is a great honor to our nameplate and to the AEV team," said Mark Van Arnam, CEO of AEV. "We have continued to grow every year since our start in 1990, spending a few years in both the #3 and then the #2 positions. We have finally won the gold medal of our industry."

Van Arnam further announced that AEV has earned another honor this year, specifically being named as a Carolina STAR company by the North Carolina Department of Labor OSHA Division.

"There are over 250,000 companies in North Carolina, and only 103 of them have been designated as STAR companies," Van Arnam said. "Building the safest vehicles in the industry for our customers is a top priority, and being recognized as having an exemplary safety program and production facility is a vital part of that process."

The Carolina STAR rating recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management and is granted to companies that achieve average injury rates at least 50 percent lower than other companies in their respective industries. To obtain the rating, the worksite must first apply, submit to a visit from OSHA representatives, review OSHA recommendations and wait to receive the results of the panel's report.

The Carolina STAR program is the North Carolina equivalent of the Federal OSHA VPP program. The Voluntary Protection Programs, according to OSHA's website, promotes effective worksite-based safety and health by establishing cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system.

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