

Four employees receive Life Saving Awards at PZAC meeting

Four Hanford employees came to the rescue of a driver of a pickup truck that swerved into oncoming traffic and went off the road on Jan. 7 during the morning commute. For their efforts, Fluor Hanford employees Domingo Ramirez and Max Aguilar and CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees John Feil and Tom Miller were recognized with Life Saving Awards at the Presidents' Zero Accident Council meeting March 20.

Ramirez and Aguilar were in the vehicle following the truck and they were the first on the accident scene. As they approached the truck, they observed a man in apparent medical distress. Following procedures, Ramirez and Aguilar learned in the Medic First Aid training, they called 911, checked to make sure the victim's airway was clear, and kept him in a position to prevent him from injuring himself further. Ramirez and Aguilar also checked for other injuries and possible bleeding. When he stopped to help, Miller assisted Ramirez with traffic control around the accident scene. Feil unbuckled the victim's seat belt to prevent further injury, and because the victim was shaking so badly, Feil put himself in between the victim and the steering wheel to prevent injury until emergency medical services arrived.

The PZAC Life Saving Award is designed to recognize and honor employees whose lifesaving actions exemplify the true meaning of caring and courage. Nominations are presented to the PZAC for a vote and the awards are presented at a later PZAC meeting. ■



Fluor Hanford teamster Max Aguilar, left, and CH2M HILL electrician John Feil were among four employees honored with Life Saving Awards presented by Fluor Hanford President Dave Van Leuven.