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## **ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS of NEW JERSEY MIKE HENNEBERY RECIEVES THE FIRST MIKE CORBETT MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD**

EDISON, NJ – In June, the sudden passing of OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist Mike Corbett left the New Jersey Safety Community mourning an industry icon. While his family, friends and coworkers continue to heal, the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey chose to rename the Safety Recognition Program in his honor.

The formerly named Safety Recognition Program is intended to identify those that have shown an exemplary commitment or random act of safety that has made them standout for their efforts. Mike Corbett showed an exemplary commitment to safety every day.

On July 15, 2022, at ACCNJ's Safety Council Meeting, the first Mike Corbett Memorial Safety Award was presented to Special Government Employee (SGE) Mike Hennebery, CHST, Corporate Safety Director, Torcon Inc.

As a career safety professional, Mike Hennebery embraces Torcon's core values of safety and the well-being of all their employees and subcontractors. During his 25-plus years with Torcon, he has ALWAYS been an integral part of the company's drive to continuously enhance their safety & health culture, which has been a key motivator for Mike. For 30+ years, Torcon has been part of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. They were the first construction firm in the nation to be recognized for multiple Star sites. They have the first VPP Star construction site to ever be recertified; the first VPP Star pharmaceutical plant site to ever be recertified; and the first VPP Guanin ever awarded to a construction site in Puerto Rico. Not only does this show Mike Hennebery's commitment to safety, but it showcases his relationship with OSHA, particularly with Mike Corbett as they worked side-by-side to achieve these recognitions.

Mike Hennebery's coworkers describe him as calm by nature. He listens and provides excellent solutions that are pro-active in preventing accidents and overall safety management. While being part of the safety team is often a thankless position, he makes it better by always being available to take your call or showing up at the project to review the concern firsthand. Having a boss that stands by your side, who constantly has your back and supports your efforts is a valuable trait. He is kind, professional, wise, patient and shares many humorous life stories that are told at the right moments; much like qualities we remember of Mike Corbett.

ACCNJ recognizes Mike Hennebery for exemplifying a passion for safety, showing compassion for others, and living life to the fullest. He is well deserving of the first Mike Corbett Memorial Safety Award.

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*Pictured center in the photo above, Mike is surrounded by his safety team and OSHA representatives.*

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