

Preco Electronics Awards Montana-Dakota Utilities With Annual Safety in Motion Honor

Montana-Dakota Utilities' Fleet Maintenance and Repair Specialist Kim Hodges Named 2015 Award Recipient for his Continual Commitment to Safety

Boise, Idaho ([PRWEB](#)) April 06, 2016 -- [Preco Electronics](#), the global leader in heavy-duty vehicle collision mitigation, today announced [Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s](#) (NYSE: MDU) Fleet Maintenance and Repair Specialist, Kim Hodges, as the recipient of the [2015 Safety in Motion Award](#). Mr. Hodges, a 20-year veteran of the Montana-Dakota Utilities, is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the utility's fleet that spans eight Northern and Pacific Northwest states.

Safety in Motion is an annual award given by Preco that recognizes an individual who demonstrates the highest initiative, imagination and involvement within the safety industry.

Montana-Dakota Utilities is responsible for the installation and maintenance of electric and natural gas utility lines in cities, suburbs, and in the countryside. While Montana-Dakota Utilities' fleet, along with its sister utility companies,' consists of more than 2,500 vehicles, its active safety initiative focuses on the larger trucks in the fleet from ½ ton to class 6 and 7 medium and heavy-duty trucks. Montana-Dakota Utilities has been systematically upgrading its fleet of heavy-duty utility vehicles so that the operators experience an active safety solution that combines visual and audible alerts. The combination of safety solutions eliminates blind spots and has resulted in fewer side and rear-end collisions, as well as improved safety and lower installation costs.

“We are proud to present our 2015 annual Safety in Motion award to Mr. Hodges who has continually addressed the needs of his operators and has been proactive in his vision to expand their safety program,” said [Matt Wood](#), Vice President of Sales at Preco. “Mr. Hodges' team of operators works in all types of environments. It was critical that operators have access to both visual and audible alerts from the rear and side of their vehicles. Mr. Hodges completed an extensive review and had the vision to understand the needs of his operators and the value a combination of solutions would have on the operation of the vehicle.”

“I am thankful for this recognition, as safety is paramount to Montana-Dakota Utilities,” said Hodges. “We've been using Preco for more than four years, and its ruggedized solution has significantly improved our operator efficiency and reduced collisions. And because of their ongoing commitment to safety, I am confident that Preco will stay on top of the changes within the safety industry.”

About the Safety in Motion Award

Preco's commitment to the heavy-duty vehicle safety industry has continued to move safety forward. As a safety leader, Preco identifies and honors other safety professionals who also keep safety moving forward in their companies, communities, and industry. Preco Electronics created the Safety in Motion Award to honor one person each year who is the voice of safety in their industry.

The award criteria include the following characteristics:

Initiative: The ideal candidate will initiate candid discussions, programs (corporate, community, or industry), and/or give voice to safety issues in the industry or community.

Imagination: The ideal candidate will demonstrate creative and original suggestions to move safety into the

forefront of the community, legislature, company or industry they serve.

Involvement: The ideal candidate will take an active role in industry associations, community safety programs, and/or corporate/legislative policy changes to advance safety.

Nominations for the 2016 Safety in Motion award will be accepted beginning in November 2016. An official call for nominations will be sent out via email to key contacts in the heavy-duty vehicle industry. To ensure your email is included in this notification, please email Tamara Humpherys at [THumpherys\(at\)Preco\(dot\)com](mailto:THumpherys@Preco.com) with your contact information.

About Montana-Dakota Utilities Co

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is part of MDU Utilities Group, which also includes Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Great Plains Natural Gas Co. and Intermountain Gas Co. MDU Utilities Group serves more than 1 million customers with electric and/or natural gas service in Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Montana-Dakota Utilities is a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a diversified natural resources company traded on the New York Stock Exchange as “MDU.”

About PRECO Electronics

Preco is the global leader of collision mitigation solutions for heavy-duty equipment industries. Preco’s patented safety technology systems provide customers a scalable and customizable solution for object detection that actively engages operators to vastly improve worksite safety. Customers across a wide spectrum of markets, including construction, mining, over the road, waste, transportation and utilities have realized reduced collisions, improved productivity and mitigated risk. Established in 1947, Preco is a privately held company based in Boise, Idaho. Learn more at Preco.com or follow us on Twitter [@PrecoElec](https://twitter.com/PrecoElec).

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