

## National Farm Safety & Health Week

### Thank You

This week as it approaches each year and as all involved put on their thinking caps as to how to make it better, there is one group of people involved in this process that needs special credit.

The group of people that I wish to give special credit to are the survivors of a farm related tragedy. I hope somehow I can put the right words together to get the meaning and appreciation into content so that all of you can also thank this group for what they do.

There are several organizations, by their names; we can tell there is a story behind them. One that comes to mind is the mother who lost her son in a grain bin that has done tremendous work getting the story out to all and to parents of farm children everywhere the tragic importance of that type of safety. May this Mom and the parents of others never lose the strength to push forward to save others.

Last March, as nine States assembled in Des Moines, IA for a Farm Equipment/Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Conference, people involved in all aspects of safety, prevention of farm related tragedy, and response to tragedy either as law enforcement or E.M.S. were greeted by the organizer who had lost both legs in a round baler.

These people at the time of their tragedy needed support from family and friends and so in respect and gratitude lets all at this special time of reflection say "Thank you" to all those victims trying so hard to help the rest of us be "Alert, Aware & Alive".

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