

Safety Sightings

Things are going to get better because you and I are going to make them better.

The Winesburg, Ohio facility, under the leadership of Safety Manager, Jeff Shanabarger, has implemented a MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team). The Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) program provides advanced medical emergency training to non-HealthCare professionals. This training furnishes each MERT member with the skills to provide immediate and temporary care to a seriously ill or injured employee at the workplace. This care is delivered during everyday emergencies and in the event of a local disaster such as an explosion, chemical release, Haz Mat spill, etc.

Jeff, a certified trainer through the National Safety Council, conducted CPR/First Aid/AED for the new team and stated, "We are going to meet at least quarterly for more training, acting out scenarios and training on new equipment. I hope to get stretchers or backboards to help move injured employees out of the plant to the nurse's office, and come up with other ideas to help in medical emergency situations."

According to Complex Manager Sammy Caudle, "Our goal is to become the premier job site in OH and become the safety standard for the rest of the poultry industry. We are proud of our safety record through the years and continually strive for improvement. A special thanks to all our associates for making safety part of their everyday life."

