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City of Manhattan Receives SHAPE Recognition from KDOL

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Industrial Safety and Health (ISH) division and Secretary Lana Gordon, presented the city of Manhattan employees with the Safety and Health Award for Public Employees (SHAPE). The city was implemented for SHAPE because they created and sustained safety and health programs and showed proof of annual training records for all employees. They also maintained the OSHA 300 injury logs and stayed below the national average for DART and TRC rates. The City of Manhattan has completed a full city inspection by KDOL Industrial Safety and Health (ISH) division.

SHAPE was established in 2012 and is administered by the Industrial Health and Safety division of KDOL. The City of De Soto was the first SHAPE recipient in 2012. Two other cities received recognition since 2012. The program is designed for public entities, which are cities, counties, USDs, and State agencies. To qualify, an entity must meet the requirements of no lost work days within a specific time parameter, which is determined by the number of employees within that entity. Each entrant has five achievement levels in which to strive beginning at the Kansas level, then proceeding to the Sunflower, Bison, Star and lastly, the Diamond level.

To learn more about the SHAPE award program go to <https://www.dol.ks.gov/Safety/ShapeProgram.aspx>.

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