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LUCAS TREE OBTAINS THE ONLY SAFETY CREDENTIAL IN TREE CARE INDUSTRY

Twenty-six individuals from Tree, a commercial and residential tree care company located in Portland, Maine, recently obtained their Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP) credential, as put forth by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), America's oldest and most respected tree care trade association.

TCIA's CTSP program is the only safety credentialing program in the tree care industry. The program integrates the principles of adult learning and safety program management with real-world data and experiences, teaching individuals how to act as a safety coach and work to change organizational attitudes about safety.

The 2006-2007 tree care industry accident survey results showed that companies with employees enrolled in the CTSP program were 10 times less likely to experience a lost workday incident compared with non-CTSP companies, and four times less likely to experience a 'recordable accident' that companies without a CTSP on staff. Companies enrolled in the CTSP program experience fewer accidents and injuries, less lost time and reduced costs.

Seasoned employees of this venerable third-generation company traveled to Portland from as far away as Alberta, Canada and South Carolina to obtain their CTSP credential. Twenty-six regional and district managers, as well as the safety training staff, are now CTSPs, demonstrating that Lucas Tree is serious about developing and nurturing a culture of safety.

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