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First Things First Safety Tip

Securing Your Truckload

Just after midnight on February 22, 2004, Maria Dederici was driving south on I-405, when an entertainment center fell out of the back of a trailer in front of her. A 2' x 6' piece of particleboard flew through her windshield and hit her in the face. She was critically injured, but miraculously survived. She permanently lost her eyesight, has undergone multiple surgeries and worked through hours of physical therapy. Stories like Maria's are far too common, and often even more tragic.

How long does it take to secure your load? A few seconds more than it takes to destroy someone's life.

Please remember:

It saves lives. Over 350 accidents involving road debris occur on state highways each year.

It's the law. State law requires all loads be properly secured to prevent dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping.

It costs money. The fine for transporting an unsecured load is currently \$194. If an injury occurs from a shifting load, the fine is up to \$5000 and jail time.

It prevents litter. It is also a violation to litter on any public property and a ticket can be issued for this offense.

If you have any questions, please ask Jim Schick or Brian Van in our safety department.

UMC Core Values

UMC's "STAR Performance" Core Values (**S**afety, **T**eamwork, **A**ccountability, **R**espect, **P**erformance) truly reflect our culture and are instrumental in the achievement of our goals.

—► **This month's STAR Performer:** **Eddie Toyoji (submitted by Brett Endres)**

Ed Toyoji started with UMC in 1983. He worked as a plumber in the field prior to becoming a detailer shortly after his arrival at UMC. Over the years, Ed has led the planning and detailing efforts on many of our key projects including every phase of Fred Hutchinson CRC, Federal Detention Center, Stafford Creek, Swedish Hospital (multiple), STEP, Merck, and traveled to Hawaii for a couple projects. Ed has designed the plumbing systems on several of our design build jobs over the years, as well as re-designing more than his fair share of other engineer's designs. Ed is a wealth of knowledge and is greatly respected by his peers at UMC and across the industry.

Ed continues to quietly pound away at his projects, his focus, detail, and patience are to be commended in this industry of interruptions and change. We used to joke that a bomb could go off and Ed would not hear it as he gets so focused on the work at hand.

I am personally honored, as I know many others at UMC are to have spent a portion of my career working side by side with him, he has been a great mentor and partner to all of us.

Thanks Ed for the many years of dedication and hard work!

Ring the Bell!

UMC was awarded a major renovation of an existing data center in Seattle by Howard S. Wright Construction. The data center will support the national operations of a major financial institution. One challenging aspect of this design-build project is that the data center is "live", which makes careful planning of the modifications very important. As part of our work, we'll be designing and installing a cutting-edge Facilities Monitoring System. In addition to the usual HVAC control system, the

FMS will give the building engineers oversight of the electrical power, leak detection, fuel-oil, fire detection, fire suppression, security, and digital video systems.

Project Spotlight

Mary Pakinas reports the following update on **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center continues their tenant improvements. Currently we are working on the restroom replacement project that was started when the corridor to PHS was installed. At that time the restroom was removed and the fixtures were put in storage. Presently, we are beginning to reinstall them all. The LTQ-FT project and the Tewari Lab have just had their final inspections. There is a lab project that will begin in September in the PHS – Arnold Building. **Dave Newson, Floyd Burkey, Eric Oswald** and their crews have been very busy with all of the projects going on at the campus. **Steve Brooks** has continued to work on the design-build side of things. The Grant project should begin soon which is a large remodel of the Vivarium and Labs in Phase 1 and 2.

Run UMC!

Are you a runner or rider whose looking for some camaraderie, motivation and company to run or ride with? As part of UMC's commitment to our employees' good health through our **UMC wellness program**, we are putting together a running and riding group. The group activities will include weekly runs and rides in Mukilteo and elsewhere, as well as organized competitive and fun runs, triathlons and bike rides with the Run UMC Team! If you're interested in participating, contact Jerry Bush at (206) 368-6247 or jbush@umci.com to help get the group off to a running start!

UMC Company golf tournament fun and photos!

The UMC golf tournament was a great success, with good weather and lots of fun. Here are the UMC "stats"

1 st Place team	Travis Schoeben, Joe Trimm, Charles Dixon and Sarah Rollins
2 nd Place team	Dean Petterson, Doug Neilson, Nancy Brown and James Drinkwater
3 rd Place team	Max Harshman, Ralph Saragina, Cassie Huff and Mitch Droz
Long drive – Men, 10 th hole	Jim Dickson
Long drive – Women, 10 th hole	Sarah Rollins
Long drive – Men, 18 th hole	Dean Petterson
Long drive – Women, 18 th hole	Linda Barnhart
Closest to pin – Par 3, 3 rd hole	Audie Wallace
Closest to pin – Par 3, 7 th hole	Brett Endres
Closest to pin – Par 3, 12 th hole	Bev Keeler
Closest to pin – Par 3, 16 th hole	Steve Otis

Check out our online photo gallery by clicking on the link below. You will be able to view all the photos, print, copy, save or order your photo selection to be printed online.

<http://pipeline.umci.com/gallery>

Directions on how to use the online photo album:

- When you get to gallery, click on the first golf photo to open the album.
 - Click on the first golf photo again to enlarge it. You can move through the album by clicking on the arrow on the right side of the page.
 - If you want to order prints on line, there is a drop down box called "Print photo with" on the left-hand side where you can select the company you wish to use.
 - If you want to save, send or copy a photo, **right**—click on the photo and choose your option.
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Employee Events

Be sure to send in the best of your photos to Lise Van Deusen, lvandeusen@umci.com, for the **UMC Quarterly Photo Contest**. The deadline is Friday, September 30th. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Click on the link for all the details!

http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/quarterly_umc_photo_contest.pdf

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner (scary thought!) So here's something to get you started on that holiday spirit. The **Seattle Men's Choir** will be performing a "Holly Jolly Holiday" at Benaroya Hall this December. Tickets will be on sale soon, so check with **Jon Ericson** at (206) 368-6229 for all the details!

Dean Petterson and his partner won the 2005 Inglewood Golf Club Tournament. Amidst stiff competition over several weeks of play, our resident "golf-pro" came out on top! Congratulations Dean.

Quotable Leader

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson
