

Dyer & Butler awarded CECA Award for safety initiative and innovation

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Dyer & Butler, a multi-disciplined engineering services specialist focused on transport infrastructure including airports, railways and highways, and part of M Group Services, has been presented with the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Southern Award for Safety Initiative and Innovation. The award was presented to Dyer & Butler IT technician Alex Wiggins for his work in developing Dyer & Butler's 'close call' reporting system.

Alex designed the reporting system from basic principles using commonly available technology. Since its introduction in 2015, Dyer & Butler's close call reporting system has been used to raise over 6,000 close calls. These close calls have been raised not only by employees, but by Dyer & Butler's supply chain partners, clients and members of the public.

The reporting system uses smartphone technology and a simple QR code to access the reporting page. Once this has been accessed, the report can be made by simply filling in the report in the same way as

sending a text. Once submitted, the report is instantly stored and emailed to the Dyer & Butler Project and Safety team to ensure any necessary action can be taken. The use of this system any unsafe act or conditions are identified and corrected before an accident or incident is allowed to take place.

Dyer & Butler Managing Director Neil Edwards commented: “The close call reporting system that was designed, developed and implemented by Alex has become a fundamental part of the safety culture of Dyer & Butler and as such, this was recently celebrated through the company achieving an accident frequency rate (AFR) of zero, following 18 months and 2.8 million man hours of work with no reportable accidents. Congratulations to Alex for his hard work and determination, and for developing a system that has ensured that we continue to be ‘safe by choice, not by chance.’”

CECA Executive Director David Allen comments: “CECA recognises that our people will underpin the future of the industry and only by recognising and celebrating their success will we encourage the next generation into it. We had numerous submissions but it was quite clear that Alex stood apart from those in his category. He was identified as someone whose initiative and enthusiasm “engineered” existing technology to change the health and safety culture in his business. He was an IT Technician whose work has impacted on all parts of that business. CECA believed it only right to celebrate his achievements.”

In recognition of his achievement, Alex was presented with an engraved award memento and a cheque for £500 at the Annual CECA Southern Lunch at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London.