

UNDERGROUND MINE RESCUE TEAM

For the members of Vulcan's underground mine rescue team, continuous training, practice and competition are all in a day's work. Vulcan's underground mine rescue team has placed highly in national competitions, including being named 'Best Out of State Team'. In these events, the team faces off in field exercises and first aid competitions with other teams from across the country.

The importance of the mine rescue team cannot be overstated. Teams have to be fully functional and prepared to deal with any problem that may arise. Team members are prepared to respond to an emergency not just in one of the Midwest Division's three underground mines in Bartlett, Bolingbrook, and Lemont but also in any of the four other underground mines operated by local competitors — as well as in other metal or non-metal underground mines in the central United States if necessary.

Participating in competitions is required by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) so the teams will be prepared if called upon during an emergency. MSHA requires teams to practice at least once per month and for non-coal mines, encourages annual participation in two national contests.

Community Safety Partnerships

Vulcan's safety efforts extend beyond the operations of its plants into the local community.

The signature community safety partnership for Vulcan's Midwest Division is a collection of Law Enforcement Days that occur annually at certain plants. Through these events, Vulcan partners with local law enforcement and brings officers into operations to learn about how the facilities operate. Vulcan works to build relationships between plant personnel, customers and the local officers through this program.

Law Enforcement Day is just one of Vulcan's commitments to promoting safety. Each year, the "Be Safe, Be Seen" safety campaign provides local students at Hodgkins, Ideal and Pleasantdale Elementary Schools with safety glow sticks to be used during Halloween, and bicycle reflector stickers for the summer. This public safety campaign helps get local trick-or-treaters home safely on Halloween.

Bartlett, Laraway, Lisbon, Manteno and Racine Quarries partner through local Adopt-a-School programs and with police departments to provide thousands of glow sticks division-wide to students. Vulcan also provides flyers to students with important Halloween safety tips from the National Safety Council.

Vulcan is a proud sponsor of these continuing events that promote safety at and around its plants – and throughout the community at large.