

# IMPERIAL

## Happenings

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### Imperial's Safety Program Bares Record Low EMR

Imperial Crane is proud to announce that our Experience Modification Rate (EMR) has reached a record low of .75. We are pleased to obtain this low rating in such a high risk business.

An EMR is an informative and important number to any construction company. It is informative because it represents the results of a company's safety policy. It is important because a high or low EMR can affect their opportunities for potential work. Contractors recognize the benefits of a low EMR and use it to prequalify companies before accepting bids.

Our low EMR has made it possible to continue building relationships with customers such as BP Amoco's refinery in Whiting, Indiana and CITGO's refinery in Lemont, Illinois. By participating in their

safety programs and establishing our own we have created a "Talk Safety, Live Safety" culture our ownership and staff are dedicated to. Imperial Crane strives to create an incident and injury free work environment by providing safety training and incentives for our employees. We not only follow OSHA regulations but anticipate and implement future policies, keeping us ahead of the curve.

Because of our commitment to safety we are quickly approaching three years without a lost time accident. Each day about 200 operators are making it home safely. This can be directly attributed to our employees' participation in our safety programs and an effective and proactive safety staff.

*TALK SAFETY LIVE SAFETY*

### Imperial Launches New Website

We have launched our new, user-friendly website that can be viewed at [www.imperialcrane.com](http://www.imperialcrane.com). Our site has been redesigned to give you relevant information in an organized manner. With improved navigation and design we have detailed our 40 year history in the crane industry, and all that we have to offer our customers.

When building our site we highlighted the subject matter most important to our customers, that being the details on our equipment. Our entire rental fleet is organized by category with vital facts, pictures and specifications. Imperial Crane Sales also lists all equipment for sale with thorough information and pricing.

When browsing our site you will find our safety accomplishments, a promotional video, and recent news and pictures. Visitors can request a quote or insurance, receive a credit application or download our informational brochure.

Please check the new website and see for yourself all Imperial has to offer.



## Replacement of Chicago Harbor's Lock Gates

LMC Power hired us to assist in the fabrication of Chicago Harbor's replacement lock gates, originally built in 1938. Between the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, the lock serves as a one of the nation's busiest commercial and recreational waterways. Imperial and LMC worked together with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and McHugh Construction on the project.

Walter J. Baker, Fabrication Superintendent of LMC, found Imperial through a recommendation. "We did some shopping around and heard positive things about Imperial. Our Senior Account Executive, Mark Priept, was able to work with us through multiple changes of our schedule and crane needs onsite. He was very helpful in supporting us as an out of state contractor in finding materials and miscellaneous equipment we needed."


We were hired to make all four gates accessible to a waiting barge crane, along with supplying boom lifts, other equipment and support. The four 160,000 pound gates were repositioned by our two 300 ton LTM 1250 cranes. 



PHOTO: MARK PRIEPT

## Experience Overcomes Difficult Site Conditions


Our Griffith, Indiana branch was hired by Hasse Construction to assist in a flood control project headed by INDOT. We lifted a gate-well structure, used to prevent water overflow, over a noise wall on Interstate 90 between the exits of Kennedy and Indianapolis.

The structure was lifted in three pieces weighing as much as 32,000 pounds by our 90 ton Grove TMS 900E. It was a challenging job due to difficult site conditions such as limited crane space on the busy highway.

Rachelle Janssen, Project Manager for Hasse Construction, was pleased with our use of the space, "Imperial's operator, Bill Freeman, did a fantastic job. It was challenging because the operator didn't have a visual of where the pieces were being set and was maneuvering around high voltage wires. A non-experienced operator could have found this job very difficult."



## Docking of Chicago's Popular Attraction

Entertainment Cruises Company hired us to assist in the docking of their Seadog speed boats, one of the most popular attractions in Navy Pier. We used our 300 ton Liebherr LTM 1250 to lift the four boats ranging from 78,000 pounds to 80,000 pounds. The docking location on the Calumet River was chosen because of its convenient location to Chicago and the ample space available for storage of the boats. The boats were set with plenty of space to build tents around them for storage, making summer preparation easier in the Chicago winter months. 



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## Importance of Adapting

We were hired by Antarctic Mechanical Systems (AMS) to assist in the installation of Anderson Shumakers' new 2500 ton Hydraulic Press as part of their \$15 million dollar plant expansion. The press was installed in sections weighing up to 225,000 pounds per piece.

Mike Costa, Project Manager for AMS, was impressed with our ability to adapt to changing job conditions. "Working with Imperial was a pleasure. This was a difficult job, made more difficult by adjustments occurring mid-job. Mark Priepot, Senior Account Executive for Imperial Crane, always provided the right equipment, altering to situations that arose."

We utilized our 550 ton Grove GMK7550 hydraulic truck crane. The crane was setup inside the already erected 26,000 square foot expansion. Sections of the wall and roof were left out for crane and press delivery access. Pieces were lifted from inside the building through an open section of the roof, swung over a support beam and lowered back inside the building into its final location.



# IMPERIAL EVENTS



**Imperial Staff at Soldiers Field's United Club for a MDA fundraiser. Pictured Rick Bohne, Senior Project Manager, Carolyn Bohne, Administrative Manager, BJ Bohne, President and CEO and Irena Felker.**



**Bill Tierney, Vice President of Imperial Crane enjoying Aldridge Electric's 19th Annual Turkey Fry with Ken Aldridge, President of Aldridge Electric and John Burke, Rental and Fleet Dispatch Manager of Aldridge Electric.**



**BJ Bohne, President and CEO of Imperial Crane, with customers at Imperial's Fall Classic Golf Outing.**



**Imperial Crane donated iPods, PSP Systems and V-Tech Learning Systems for the children of SOS Village, an alternative to foster care.**



# One-Stop Shop

Our large, diverse fleet and knowledgeable full service safety staff will fit all your crane needs. Come to us for truck cranes, crawler cranes, rough terrain cranes, manlifts, boomlifts, forklifts and more!

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