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PRECO Electronics® Introduces the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award Finalists *Recognizing Outstanding Safety Leaders Throughout 2018*

Boise, Idaho – Feb. 7, 2019 – Recognizing safety professionals each year for their unique innovation, dedication and best practices within the heavy-duty industries, PRECO Electronics® is proud to announce the three finalists for the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award: [Curv Compliance's](#) Fernando Figueroa, [Bayer's](#) Heather Fry, and [Quinn Company's](#) Lucas Kwan.

“We received a record number of nominations this year, each of which illustrating an accomplished safety professional,” Tamara Humpherys, PRECO’s Marketing Manager said. “We believe the top three finalists set the example as individuals with exceptional proofs of innovation, leadership, vision, and best practices in safety. We hope the example they set will allow those within the heavy-duty industries to recognize the potential within their own industry, community or business.”

As the global leader in heavy-duty collision mitigation safety technologies, PRECO commemorates the following award finalists for their outstanding achievements:

Fernando Figueroa

Fernando Figueroa, President and co-founder of Curv Compliance, has built his career on keeping employees safe, adequately trained and knowledgeable to reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace through quality Environmental, Health, Safety and Compliance Service (EHSC) systems.

Figueroa, who serves as a member of the safety committee for Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and many others, is recognized for his initiative in launching Curv, a safety and compliance focused outfit. Designed to provide safety audits, inspections, education, and guidance for businesses in need of industry-specific compliance resources, Curv implements corrective action processes to establish safe and effective operations.

Under his leadership, Curv has been named the two-time recipient of San Antonio, California’s AGC chapter Service Provider of the Year award. Leading by example, Figueroa personally and professionally places safety above convenience and makes knowledge, information and help accessible to those who need it.

Heather Fry

Heather Fry, Health, Safety, Environment (HSE) Specialist at Bayer, earned her Master Degree in Occupational Safety and Health. At Bayer, Fry supports over 1,500 employees and has

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cultivated an existing safety culture while playing an instrumental role in the shift towards the acceptance of fleet technologies.

Fry was the Project Lead with the implementation process of telematics within the Monsanto fleet. Having reached full implementation in August 2017, the telematics systems have already reduced accident rates, improved driver safety, generating a free flow of operator performance data. Thus, establishing a line of communication bolstering the significance of technology adoption. To ensure easy access to vital safety information, stories and tips, Fry created an internal safety newsletter, distributed to all employees in the United States and Canada. Fry is set to begin the process of implementing telematics on the Bayer fleet after the realized benefits within the Monsanto fleet.

Lucas Kwan

Throughout his 25 years as a Safety Compliance Manager, Lucas Kwan has exemplified excellence in safety through his continuous support and dedication to the every-day safety and wellbeing of his employees. Understanding the importance of transparency, communication and thought leadership, Kwan works to unify his employees under these three pillars when implementing programs, understanding the risks of the job, and teaching best safety practices by creating an open culture of sharing, educating and listening.

Kwan, who took over as Quinn Company's Safety Compliance Manager 11 years ago, successfully restructured Quinn's health and safety culture, decreased the incident rates by 85 percent, and saw zero lost-time due to injuries in 2018.

PRECO appreciates the participation and nominations received. It is an honor to be among outstanding safety leaders such as our nominees and to hear from those who support and recognize their hard work and dedication to safety. For more information, please contact Reyna Clow at rclow@preco.com, or visit our [website](#). PRECO will announce the recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award mid-February.

About the Excellence in Safety Award

As a leader in safety, PRECO Electronics established the Excellence in Safety Award to honor safety professionals for their initiative and commitment to the advancement of safety within their community, business or industry. The Excellence in Safety Award is intended to recognize an individual that demonstrates excellence in advancing best safety practices throughout the community, business or industry by continuously going above and beyond to integrate, innovate, and educate others to inspire change and improve safety.

Award Criteria

- Initiative: The nominee demonstrates leadership, initiates open discussions, introduces programs, and gives voice to safety concerns within the industry, community or business.

- **Involvement:** The nominee takes an active role in industry associations, community safety programs, and/or business/legislative policy changes to advance safety.
- **Innovative:** The nominee is creative and imaginative; introduces new ideas and suggestions to move safety into the forefront of the community, legislature, business or industry they serve.

About PRECO Electronics

As the global leader in collision mitigation technologies for over 70 years, PRECO Electronics strives to mitigate risk, while eliminating accident-related injuries and fatalities through active blind spot monitoring. With a focus on finding solutions to the safety issues facing the heavy-duty industries, PRECO continues its development of new technologies to help keep fleets, drivers, and the public safe by making object awareness and blind spot visibility a priority.

For more information on PRECO's heavy-duty vehicle collision mitigation technology, please visit www.precocom.com.

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