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The ICA Holds Commission Meeting In Casa Grande

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Last week the Industrial Commission of Arizona continued its tradition of holding commission meetings outside of Maricopa County. Thursday's commission meeting was held in Casa Grande where the Commissioners were joined by ICA Director, James Ashley, and Interim ADOSH Director, Jessie Atencio.

The ICA toured Quemetco Metals Ltd Inc., a local manufacturing site which is part of the ICA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). It was apparent during the tour of Quemetco Metals that they have gone above and beyond the industry standards in workplace safety. Their attention to detail and constant improvement - which is a daily activity for them - has helped them go over 2,400 days without a loss-of-time accident.



The ICA touring Quemetco Metals in Casa Grande

"Quemetco Metals embodies what it means to be a part of the Voluntary Protection Program," ADOSH Interim Director, Jessie Atencio, said of Quemetco Metals, "Their dedication to workplace safety should be a benchmark for the industry."

After the tour the ICA met with Casa Grande's industry leaders for lunch. In attendance were Mayor Craig McFarland, City Council member Lisa Fitzgibbons, Casa Grande

Chamber of Commerce President Helen Neuharth, and other members of the occupational safety community who were interested in seeing how the ICA could be of assistance. Director Ashley, ICA Chairman Dale Schultz, and the stakeholder group discussed encouraging more companies to go through the VPP process, having Casa Grande join the Public Entity Partnership Program (which is VPP for municipalities), and the new minimum wage and earned paid sick time law.



Chairman Dale Schultz, Vice Chairman Joseph Hennelly, Commissioner Scott LeMarr, Commissioner Steve Krenzle, Director James Ashley, and Interim ADOSH Director Jessie Atencio meeting with Casa Grande Stakeholders

Shortly after lunch the ICA delegation held their commission meeting in the Casa Grande City Council Chamber.



The ICA holding their commission meeting in Casa Grande

Of their Commission meetings outside of Maricopa County, Director Ashley noted, "These meetings provide the Commissioners an opportunity to meet with Stakeholders face-to-face to solicit their feedback and address their concerns throughout Arizona."

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