

COURAGE

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.
The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.
---Nelson Mandela

One of the most important characteristics needed by a manager, especially a safety manager, is courage.

We need courage to correct the worker who is working unsafely.

We need courage to enforce safe work practices in the face of pressing production deadlines.

We need courage to speak firmly to those above us, below us, and around us to simply do the right thing.

We need courage to admit our shortcomings, and pick up the pieces and begin again.

We need courage to examine our own processes, programs, and policies to honestly determine whether they are accomplishing a safer workplace.

We need courage to admit we don't know everything, and pursue knowledge.

We need courage to allow others to speak wisdom into our lives, and to do the same for them.

We must show courage, my friends.

Our journey toward excellence in safety begins here.

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