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RANDY BRITTAN

SAYING GOODBYE TO A LONGTIME FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

It is with much sadness that we report that we have lost a friend and Molin Concrete family member. In June 2008, Randy Brittan, Molin Concrete employee for 32 years, lost his battle with cancer.

Randy started his career with Molin in 1976. Starting as a laborer, Randy worked in various areas of the company becoming a field foreman, production scheduler, and finally a field superintendent. One of Randy's well known projects as a field foreman was The Winslow House in Minneapolis. Gary Brittan, Randy's brother, recalls setting the 180,000 Sq. Ft. of plank during the winter of 1980 and 1981. The installation of the plank went quickly, thanks to Randy and his crew, and the project was ready for occupancy 13 months after ground breaking.

Randy excelled at every job that he held at the company. One of the memorable qualities about Randy was his love of the outdoors and his strong work ethic. John Molin recalled when Randy first came to work on the crews, "He didn't need any training at all, and he knew exactly what needed to be done." At Molin Concrete, Randy will always be remembered as a strong and loyal company man. He was well known and respected by general contractors for his experience and knowledge about the products and services. He will certainly be missed.

Randy is survived by his wife Brenda and son Eric.



Randy Brittan, long time employee, will certainly be missed.



The Winslow House was one of Molin's largest projects of the early 80's.

HOLLOW CORE PLANK BEARS ON STEEL STUDS



Molin recently completed the Embassy Suites Hotel in Brooklyn Center, MN. This project, with Shaw-Lundquist, featured a newer innovation on what precast hollow core plank can bear on: prefabricated steel-stud walls.

Precast concrete lent itself well to the project as a superior building material that installs quickly. The project utilized 8 levels of precast hollow core decking, which provided sound insulation and fire compartmentalization between levels of the hotel. Between each of these levels the hollow core was set on steel stud interior load bearing walls. These prefabricated steel studs were able to be set concurrently with the hollow core to save the owner time.

The design team at Molin was able to modify plank details to hide exposed connection details. This allowed the contractor to sheetrock right up to the ceiling with a finished appearance.

The Embassy Suites is due to open in late 2008

Architect: SJA Architects
Engineer: Northland Engineering
GC: Shaw-Lundquist Associates

Product:

Hollow Core Plank: 136,850 Sq. Ft

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

S.C.A.L.E. TRAINING FACILITY - JORDAN, MN

Providing a place for public responders to train in a safe and controlled environment was the motivation behind the S.C.A.L.E. (*Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency*) Regional Public Safety Training Facility in Jordan, MN. The new facility features three new structures: a 25-yard tactical gun range, a 200-yard tactical gun range, and an all-precast training tower that allows for fire fighting exercises. The S.C.A.L.E. Facility is the result of a joint effort between Scott County public officials and the local police and fire departments.

The 25-yard tactical gun range is where police can train for close range conflicts, giving the option of using their vehicles for maneuvers. For this structure, Molin provided precast structural wall panels for two of the walls. After installation, the panels were covered with rubber buffers which collect and retain the bullets.

The 200-yard tactical gun range is the only one of its kind for public responders in the metro area. For this structure, Molin provided precast structural wall panels for the entire length of the range. After installation, the walls were sound-proofed and had bullet collecting rubber attached to them. The rubber that is used for this application is made from recycled aircraft tires. Once the rubber padding is full of bullets, it is recycled again-allowing for the recovery of the rubber and the bullets.

The training tower is an all-precast structure that has the capability of simulating many different fire scenarios in a controlled environment. Using two different burners, the building has the ability to mimic a mattress fire and a kitchen fire. The burners have the ability to fill the entire structure with smoke in just a few minutes. This allows fire fighters to train for search and rescue operations using interchangeable interior walls and mannequins. In addition to the smoke exercises, there are many cast-in anchor points from which fire fighters can simulate repelling and rescue exercises throughout the building. The Molin design team worked with the designer to modify the schematic drawings to panelize the structure for precast production. No two pieces on the entire training tower structure were the same. Though this presented challenges, having Molin Concrete handle all of the design, manufacturing, and installation details allowed the project to be fast-tracked and installed on a tight schedule.



A wide range of fire fighting drills can be used with the structure



Architect: BKV Group
Engineer: BKV Group
CM: Bossardt Corporation
Precaster: Molin Concrete Products
Owner: Scott County

Product:
Hollow Core Plank: 8,554 Sq. Ft
Beams & Columns: 728 L.F.
Structural Wall Panels: 41,480 Sq. Ft.



The 25-yard tactical gun range



The 200-yard tactical gun range

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MOLIN PRESENTED SILVER ESOP AWARD



Mark Groff
Chief Financial Officer

Molin Concrete was recently presented the Silver ESOP Award by the ESOP Association. The ESOP Association presented this award in recognition of ESOPs (Employee Stock Ownership Plans) that have been active for 25 years or more. An ESOP plan owns part or all of a company. The employee participants share in the benefits of company ownership. The success of the employees and company directly impact the value of the company, and therefore, the value to the employee participants. The Molin Concrete Products Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust was established in 1974. Over the subsequent years, our ESOP has continued to increase its' ownership in Molin Concrete Products Company. On January 1, 2007, the company became 100% sole owner of Molin Concrete. Studies have shown that the ESOP model helps build stronger, happier and more productive companies/employees.

For more information on Employee Stock Ownership Plans, check out:
<http://www.esopassociation.org>

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