

SAFETY MATTERS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

A GOOD SAMARITAN

Christian Baldenegro takes all the right steps in a crisis

You never know when someone will need your help.

Christian Baldenegro, GEM facility management service tech, was driving between jobsites in early January when he passed a stopped car at the roadside.



Christian Baldenegro

The brake lights were on and the passenger side tires were resting over the curb.

Concerned, he circled back and parked behind the car to check the occupants. Both driver and passenger appeared

unconscious and didn't respond when he knocked on the vehicle window.

Baldenegro took all the essential steps in an emergency. He called 911. To secure the car, he opened the unlocked passenger door and climbed across the occupants to put the car in park and turn off the ignition. Then he began trying to wake the men.

Another driver stopped to help and after seeing the condition of the men, she offered Narcan.

"With all the driving I do, I see a lot of stopped cars and I try to help as much as I can," Baldenegro says.

"I'm glad I was there, and I'm glad that lady was there to help. Everybody else just drove past those guys."

**- Christian Baldenegro
GEM facility management
service technician**

Both men began regaining consciousness as paramedics arrived.

"I'm glad I was there, and I'm glad that lady was there to help. Everybody else just drove past those guys," Baldenegro said.

PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

37 GEM associates get certified in CPR/First Aid/AED

GEM hosted four CPR/First Aid/AED classes in November and December, providing lifesaving training for 37 associates.

Why should you get CPR/FA/AED trained and stay up to date?

Ron "Radar" Dickens, safety specialist, says:

"I've had CPR Training for 30-plus years and have never had to use it. I was an instructor through the Red Cross for approximately 15 years early on. I would always start the class with 'You're going to learn something that I hope you never have to use. But it's better to know it and not need it, than need it and not know it!'"

"To have the basic skills to help in the time of need is something great."

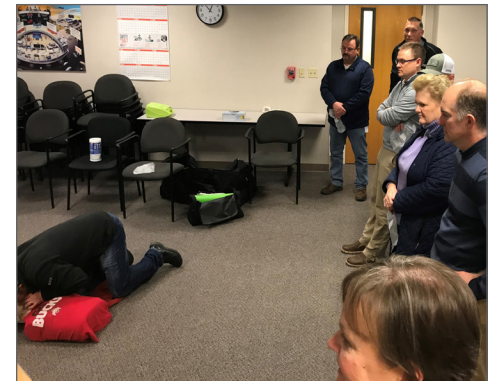
**- Derrick Sattler, shipping and receiving specialist
GEM warehouse**

Kevin McCall, purchaser, says:

"The CPR/FA/AED training was a great refresher. It had been a number of years since I had been through a class like that, and although most of the information was the same, it was presented in a way that helped to keep it fresh. I am certainly more aware of where the AEDs are when I am out and about."

Derrick Sattler, shipping and receiving specialist in the GEM warehouse, took the class to be prepared for any situation.

"In case something were to happen at



CPR/First Aid/AED training in session at GEM

work, at home or just out in the world, to have the basic tools to help in the time of need is something great," he says. "I also have young kids at home and the training helped me learn what to do in times of need with young kids. "

Continued on back >

RUDOLPH LIBBE INC
GEM INC
GEM ENERGY
LEHMAN DAMAN
RUDOLPH LIBBE PROPERTIES

 **GEM INC**
RUDOLPH LIBBE GROUP

BEST FINDS OF 2019!

Our winners eliminated fire, fall and lockout/tagout hazards



L-R: Bill Cornett awards Don Cherry the grand prize

Grand Prize
\$1,000 Best Buy gift card

Don Cherry, ironworker

Another contractor's 60-foot man lift was in use with its engine engulfed in fire and

a strong gas smell. **Don Cherry** extinguished the fire and disconnected the battery.

2nd Place (Tie)
\$625 Best Buy gift cards

Mark Rambush, electrician and James Colbert, pipefitter



Mark Rambush

The grating was out on the fourth floor near the edge of the walking path with no barricades.

Mark Rambush put red caution tape in

the entry way and notified the foreman.

...

The customer's maintenance crew said the heater was locked out, but when **James Colbert** checked, the heater had 480v.



James Colbert

He found that the wrong lockout/tagout had been used for the unit.

Random drawings of best finds
\$250 Best Buy gift cards

Winners of the random drawings for Find It-Fix It are:

Kurt Burden, pipefitter



Kurt Burden

Mark Beauregard, ironworker

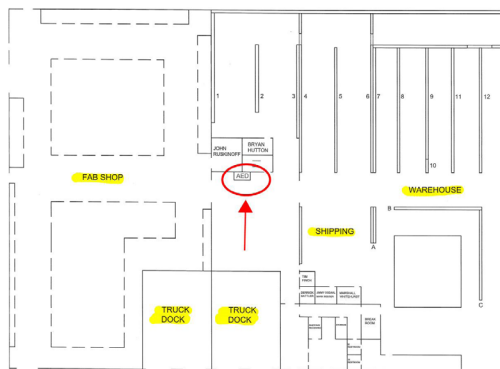
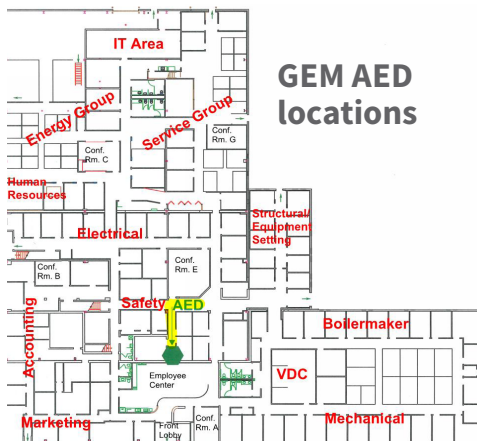
Thank you!

Thanks to all GEM associates who reported 1,151 finds in 2019.

Your personal commitment is making our jobsites safe. Keep up the good work!

37 GEM ASSOCIATES TRAINED IN CPR/FA/AED

'To have the basic skills to help in the time of need is something great'



> Continued from front

Sattler adds, "They're skills and knowledge that you hope you never have to use, but knowing that you have those skills when needed is invaluable. I'm grateful that the company gave us the opportunity to gain these valuable skills."

Who's newly certified at GEM?

Paul Anderson
Jim Buchanan
Ernest Cedroni
Ryan Chamberlain
Dawn Cousino

Susan Deal
Ron Dickens
Lonnie Dombrowsky
Matt Dornan
Mike Glaze

Elizabeth Hancock
Jason Harris
Tim Hartman
Bret Hilbert
Margaret Hutton
Scott Kepp
Allison King
Jeff Layman
Kevin Lietaert
Rod Luck
Jeff Mack
John Marshall
Kevin McCall
Mike McGrady

Trevor Melton
Jeremy Mitchell
Lee Pfund
Dan Pollzzie
Josh Ramey
Tim Roe
Derrick Sattler
Mark Schwiebert
Jeremy Smith
Matthew Stremmel
Laura Strong
Matt Vineyard
Jack Wilson

WANT TO BECOME CPR/FIRST AID/AED CERTIFIED?

Want to become certified in CPR/First Aid/AED?

To register for a class, respond to one of the CPR/First Aid/AED emails or email a member of the GEM safety department.

If you don't have company email, see your supervisor.