



# HEALTH & SAFETY

## JUDGES COMMENDATION FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

### Paul Haddell – Balfour Beatty Near Miss Reporting App

**The near miss reporting app is a simple, anonymous and instant way of reporting near miss incidents, helping risks to be identified before an accident occurs. A valuable tool in light of H&S Executive statistics which record that for every actual accident there are around 90 near misses.**

The app reports the location (longitude and latitude) of the reporter with an option to send a notification of the incident so prompt action can be taken. The app also caters for call back requests to discuss the incident in further detail.

Since the introduction of the app on the Balfour Beatty Mott Macdonald Highways Agency Area 4 contract there have been improvements in all accident frequency rates.

The app has been rolled out to all seven depots and main office in Area 4 and is showcased during 'Zero Harm' talks. It always receives positive interest and feedback. Balfour Beatty have begun to share the app with subcontractors working within Area 4 and

promoted its benefits at the recent 'Fit for the Future' subcontractor conference. The app means that the old paper near miss forms are not used, making it sustainable, free, and more importantly, a timely method of reporting.

The app was developed by Paul Haddell, a Balfour Beatty drainage engineer and has been recognised through a Considerate Constructors gold award. The app is available on Blackberry and Android and being developed for iPhones and iPads.

Paul Haddell says "The tragic death of a colleague really brought home the importance of safety and being able to report any unsafe acts or conditions. I came up with the idea of the app because I wanted to help ensure that everyone coming into contact with our works returns home to their families and friends at the end of the day. It's designed to be easy to use and will hopefully collect those 'I'll report it later' near misses that often get forgotten when operatives return to the depot. It sends up-to-the-minute information, so that near misses can be dealt with immediately."

#### Judges' comments

**The Judges felt this deserved a special award to recognise the commitment and dedication of Paul Haddell whose primary role is not Health & Safety. He applied a personal hobby of developing apps to improve safety in the workplace and then engaged with all levels of the organisation to promote its application.**

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