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Dement Tree Service Employee Gains Certified Treecare Safety Professional Status



Sam Spence, CTSP
ISA Certified Arborist

Sam Spence, a Dement Tree Service employee, recently completed the Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP) program offered by the Tree Care Industry Association. The CTSP program allows one or more key employees at a given company to become certified tree care safety experts, thereby empowering and encouraging a culture of safety within that organization.

Dement Tree Service is a commercial and residential tree care company located in Medina, TN. Contact this company at (731) 783-5000 or www.dementtreeservice.com.

Maintaining a Certified Treecare Safety Professional on staff means that organizations are committed to safe practices in arboricultural operations. CTSP's are kept abreast of the latest technological advances and regulatory activities affecting the industry through the TCIA safety network, and must commit to ongoing education in the safety field in order to maintain their certification.

Because safety regulations and industry standards are continually evolving, the ongoing education requirement is vital to maintaining a legitimate safety program within a given company. In order to fulfill program requirements, CTSP's must complete a study guide, attend a two-day training workshop, and pass a rigorous exam. Once certified, CTSP's must complete at least 30 hours of training others, or receiving education themselves, every three years.

Consumers can have greater peace of mind with the knowledge that hiring a tree care company with a CTSP on staff helps to ensure safe and professional arboricultural work on their property.

About the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA): Founded in 1938, TCIA is a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. With access to the latest and best safety standards and training, the typical TCIA member company has 50 percent fewer accidents than a typical non-member. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org.

For more information about the Tree Care Industry Association, visit www.tcia.org. For more information regarding the Certified Treecare Safety Professional program at TCIA or to obtain digital photos, contact Peter Gerstenberger at (800) 733-2622 x109 or email peter@tcia.org.