

Peabody Mine Rescue Teams Earn Four Championships at National U.S. Department of Labor Event

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Peabody Energy teams earned four of the seven national championship trophies at the U.S. Department of Labor's National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition in Nashville, Tenn. The bi-annual competition tests the skills of mine rescue and first aid teams in simulated emergencies and enables employees to hone their safety preparedness skills. Nearly 60 teams from 12 states competed, and multiple Peabody teams participated.

"We're proud of our leadership in safety readiness, which is core to our commitment to achieving world-class safety results," said Eric Ford, Peabody's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "These honors speak volumes about the caliber of our people and our constant attention to best practices."

Peabody's Southern Appalachia Operations team won first place overall in the combination mine rescue/first aid competition and first place in the mine rescue category, outperforming far more experienced competitors.

The company's Federal No. 2 team from Northern Appalachia took first place in the first aid competition, and Electrician Chuck Harvey of the Twentymile Mine in Colorado won the national BG-4 Benchman competition.

Peabody's state and national award-winners include:

National Mine Rescue Awards

Combination Mine Rescue/First Aid Southern Appalachia, 1st Place

Mine Rescue Southern Appalachia, 1st Place

First Aid Federal No. 2, 1st Place

Southern Appalachia, 3rd Place

Benchman BG-4 Chuck Harvey, Twentymile Mine, 1st Place

Mark Beauchamp, Twentymile Mine, 3rd Place

1st Place State Awards

West Virginia Combination Mine Rescue/First Aid Southern Appalachia Operations Team

Illinois Mine Rescue Willow Lake Mine Team

Kentucky Biomarine Mark Lloyd, Bluegrass Team

West Virginia Mine Rescue Southern Appalachia Operations Team

West Virginia Benchman BG-174A Harry McGinnis, Federal No. 2 Team

West Virginia First Aid Federal No. 2 Team

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