

# Newsletter

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## New Professional Miner Levels!



10 • 20 • 30 • 40 YEARS

# Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association Professional Miner Program to Reach New Levels

The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association recently announced an expansion of its highly successful Professional Miner Program to include recognition at the 10, 20, 30 and 40-year levels.

The Professional Miner Program, which recognizes individual miners who have worked injury-free for various periods of time, has grown to include more than 20,000 members since its inception. The program – the first of its kind – is designed to recognize the high level of skill, knowledge, and professionalism that miners bring to their profession. Miners who participate in the program receive recognition for their years of working accident-free. As members, they will also receive information and tools to help them maintain their leadership in safe and healthy workplaces. The JAHSa uses surface mail and e-mail to communicate directly with individual miners about health and safety matters.

Applicants for the Professional Miner Program are required to sign a pledge to serve as a positive work model for other miners and as a mentor for new miners.

After the Association receives the miner's pledge, the Association sends the miner a sticker, patch, certificate and other information.

The program originally recognized professional miners at three levels:

- Miners with No Reportable Injuries over a five-year period
- Miners with No Reportable Injuries over a three-year period

- Miners with No Lost Time Injuries over a three-year period.

Response from the mining community to the Professional Miner Program was overwhelming. It soon became apparent that miners wanted the program to expand to recognize accomplishments beyond the initial five-year period. In response to many requests from miners, the Association has moved to expand the program beginning in October 2006.

New merit badges, stickers, and certificates have been designed for the expanded program. (See sidebar)

If you are interested in applying for recognition as a "Professional Miner," please visit the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association Website at <http://holmessafety.org> to obtain additional information and an application.





## Who May Apply

Miners can apply for one of the seven different levels of the Professional Miner Program.

### ***Professional Miner Double Diamond Level***

Miners with No Lost Workday Injuries over a 40-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Diamond Level***

Miners with No Lost Workday Injuries over a 30-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Granite Level***

Miners with No Lost Workday Injuries over a 20-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Marble Level***

Miners with No Lost Workday Injuries over a 10-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Platinum Level***

Miners with No Reportable Injuries over a 5-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Gold Level***

Miners with No Reportable Injuries over a 3-year period.

### ***Professional Miner Silver Level***

Miners with No Lost Time Injuries over a 3-year period.



40 Years



30 Years



20 Years



10 Years



5 Years



3 Years



3 Years



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**Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association**  
**Professional Miner Program**  
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The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association (JAHSA) was organized in 1916 to promote health and safety in the mining industry. The Association currently recognizes miners and mine operators who promote safety and health in the mining industry.

The Association also sponsors the “Professional Miner Program,” which recognizes individual miners who have worked injury-free for various periods of time. In October 2006, the program will be expanded to recognize new levels of safety accomplishment.

Through the program, the Association can communicate directly with individual miners using mail and E-mail about health and safety matters.

**Professional miners embrace safety and health as values, which are critical to mining the natural resources needed to keep this country strong and our economy growing.**

A self-nominating process allows a miner who meets the program criteria to apply for recognition as a “Professional Miner.” A miner signs a pledge to serve as a positive role model for other miners, and as a mentor for new miners. After the Association receives the miner’s pledge, a sticker, patch, certificate and other information is mailed to the miner. Since its inception, more than 20,000 applicants have been recognized as “Professional Miners.”

Miners who were previously recognized at the three or five year level are still eligible to apply for recognition under the new levels.

**Professional Miner’s Pledge**

As a Professional Miner I pledge to serve as a positive role model for other miners, and as a mentor for new miners. By recognizing that Safety and Health are Values,” I will work to ensure a safe, healthy, and alcohol and drug free workplace for myself and coworkers, and promote and participate in health and safety initiatives