



**John R. Fisher**, vice president of Technical Affairs and Safety, Alamo Group Incorporated, Seguin, Texas is being honored for his long dedication to development and application of industry standards and encouragement of off-road equipment safety.

At Alamo Group Incorporated, Fisher is responsible for providing senior management with leadership and direction regarding the organization's safety culture, proactive safety training, status of product liability, employee safety injury investigations, and compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Fisher has been a leading figure in the development of agricultural equipment safety standards in the ISO forum later introduced and adopted by ASABE, and has spent time encouraging colleagues to work with his educational vision for engineers in the future, through various training initiatives. Fisher has increased the understanding and importance of Alamo Group's employee workplace safety mission through education and implementation of employee safety programs and reviews, significantly reducing work related injuries. OSHA recordable and lost time injuries at Alamo Group have continually reduced to the lowest levels in 20 years.

In 2001, the ASABE Ergonomics, Safety, and Health executive committee formed an ad hoc group entitled AGSUR (Agriculture Seatbelt Usages and ROPS), and Fisher served as the chair. That committee conducted surveys on the usage of seat belts by college students, finding that the number one reason for students not using seat belts was that their fathers did not use them. As a result, the committee worked to develop a contest for students to develop a logo that could encourage use. Under Fisher's guidance, the committee held a student contest for development of the logo and videos encouraging ROPS and seat belt use.

A 42-year member of ASABE, Fisher has been extensively involved in the Ergonomics, Safety, and Health technical community as both a member and a leader. In addition to all of his work on ASABE committees and councils, Fisher has worked on the Association of Equipment Manufacturers Technical and Safety Leadership council, Mower Safety council, and the Agricultural Safety council. Fisher served on the ASABE Society Board of Trustees and the ASABE Foundation Board of Trustees. He maintains membership with SAE International and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Fisher has contributed to the revision of nine ASABE standards within the Ergonomics, Safety, and Health and the Machinery Systems technical communities. Fisher received an ASABE Standards Council Leadership Citation for his industry standards work.