

Rio Grande Fence Co. of Nashville Wins Second National Fence Contractor of the Year Award in Three Years

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Feb. 3, 2016--Rio Grande Fence Co. of Nashville was named 2015 National Fence Contractor of the Year by the American Fence Association at FENCETECH 2016 at Music City Center. Rio Grande has won the award two of the past three years.

“Rio Grande Fence has a proud, 58-year history in the fencing industry and Nashville,” said Derek M. Smith, Vice President of Operations and third-generation owner. “Winning our second AFA Fence Contractor of the Year Award in three years, and in our hometown, is extremely gratifying.”

The AFA’s Fence Contractor of the Year Award recognizes a company’s outstanding service to AFA that advances the name, reputation and ideals of the Association on both local and national levels, as well as the company’s integrity and character.

2015’s Award recognized Rio Grande Fence Co.’s commitment to weekly, company-wide safety meetings; weekly professional education classes modeled after the national equivalent of AFA University; four employee scholarships to attend AFA University; and the company’s annual Good Friday Service Project.

“Our dedication to employee safety and professional education is ongoing, as is our work in giving back to Nashville via our annual Good Friday Service Project,” Smith said. “This year, all Rio Grande Fence employees partnered with the Ty2 Foundation. We donated labor and materials to install an 8-foot high black vinyl coated chain link perimeter fence for a new lighted basketball court at Woodmont Hills Church. The court hosts youth league basketball, and as an outreach to the community, is always open to the public.”

Since 1958 Rio Grande Fence Co. of Nashville has been installing and repairing fence for commercial and industrial projects in the Mid-South region. Rio Grande’s work can be seen at Nashville’s police precincts, Nissan Stadium, Nashville International Airport, and many other businesses, sports facilities and government projects.

Rio Grande Fence Co. of Nashville prominently displays the phrase, The Commercial Fence Professionals™, because it quickly explains what RGF does, who they do it for and in what manner they’re going to do it. RGF sets high standards but expectations are clearly communicated and their motto is a daily reminder of what makes RGF the best professional fence installer. As a two-time winner of the AFA Contractor of the Year Award, the phrase is a fitting one.

NOTE: Photos of Derek and Michael Smith (owners) accepting the 2015 AFA Fence Contractor of the Year Award, and Rio Grande Fence Co.’s Good Friday Service Project, are available for free and unrestricted media use at (<https://rgfence.box.com/020316PRESSRELEASE>).

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