

CREW360 ALL STAR – RAFAEL LLAMAS



The CREW360 Safety Steering Team is recognizing Rafael “Rafa” Llamas, a Foreperson based in Long Beach, CA as a CREW360 All Star. Rafa began working for Stacy Witbeck in 2022 as an Operator at our Trancas Replacement project in Malibu, CA. He was promoted this past August and is currently working at our Port of Long Beach Pier B East Expansion project.

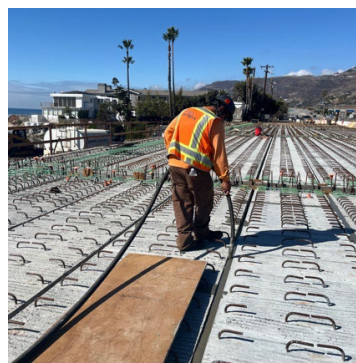
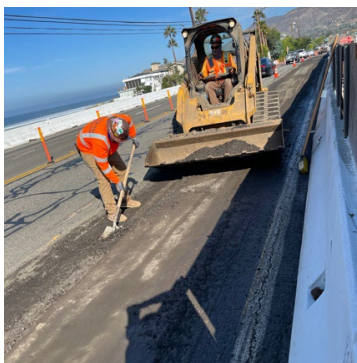
Field Engineer and SST Member Charlene Suarez explains why Rafa deserves this acknowledgement:

“Rafa is always looking out for everyone on site. He is not scared to speak up and stop work if conditions are not safe. The main thing with Rafa is that he will stop anything to make sure it's safe and he is always watching out for other people. As an operator, he communicates well with everyone around him, informing them of his potential movements and where ground personnel should be to keep them safe from the equipment. Additionally, there have been a few times when all the crews have left and I've had to stay longer, and Rafael will stay waiting for me to make sure that I leave safe.”

Co-worker Luis Rangel extends on that praise:

“Rafa will always have input to make it more safe. He is always highlighting things to stay away from and asks for input when discussing safety related concerns with his team.”

Here's a little bit about Rafa and his thoughts on safety:



Why do you work safely?

Because I want to make sure we all get home safe and in one piece.

What does safety mean to you?

Work without damaging equipment or injuring people.

What is something you learned that you still teach others?

Safety comes first. Make sure everything is secured and safe before starting an activity, even if it requires extra time and effort.

How do you promote safety?

Remind people that to have a long successful and injury free career, you need to be safe.

What has been your most memorable moment at work?

Every time a job is completed.

What job was your favorite?

Trancas, Malibu Bridge project.

What role was your favorite?

I was a mechanic for a long time, then sold my business. After that, in 2001, my cousin got me into construction as a Laborer. Later I got into the operator's union, and this has been my favorite role. There is a lot of diversity in what I can do as operator, and I have enjoyed it since I entered.

Where did you grow up?

Jalisco, Mexico.

What do you do for fun?

Work on home improvements and fishing.