



Falk Employee Memorial Plaza Dedication
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Falk Statement

Bob Hitt, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rexnord Industries, LLC, the parent company of the Rexnord/Falk Geared Products Group, today released the following statement and information regarding the dedication of a memorial associated with the 2006 accident at the Company's Canal Street facility in Milwaukee:

"The Falk Employee Memorial Plaza was dedicated today to honor those involved in the explosion that took place on December 6, 2006, and its aftermath, including Daniel Kuster, Curtis Lane, and Thomas LeTendre, the three Falk employees who were taken from us on that day.

"A tranquil landscaped plaza now covers an area near where the explosion occurred. Bricks from buildings damaged by the blast were used in the construction of the plaza's focal point, an eight-foot high wall featuring three limestone plaques honoring our fallen colleagues, those who were injured, and the hundreds of caring community and emergency responders who helped us in our time of need.

"Falk and Rexnord are truly grateful for the help and support we received after the explosion. The dedication, compassion and strength of our employees and the community have allowed us to rebuild and continue. Those who gave help when it was needed are part of the inspiration for this very special site. We hope the plaza will become a place to gather, reflect and remember. We will never forget what happened that day in December 2006, those we lost, or the community spirit we found that has helped us to move forward."

Falk Employee Memorial Plaza Facts:

- The Falk Employee Memorial Plaza covers 7,650 sq. ft. and sits immediately to the west of the Falk smokestack that can be seen from Interstate 94.
- The landscaping features 800 plantings and 12 different varieties of plant materials.
- A lone Bristlecone Pine tree sits at the center of the plaza.
- A two-foot high seating wall encircles the plaza.
- Three employees lost their lives in the tragedy, and the theme of threes is present throughout the Memorial design. There are three plaques, three Regal Prince Oak trees, three flag poles displaying an American flag, a Wisconsin state flag and a flag reading "Falk Employee Memorial Plaza," and three lines of inlaid brick pavers in the sidewalks visually connecting the outer elements of the Memorial to the tree in the center.
- An eight-foot high wall incorporates cream city bricks gathered from the explosion site, and features the three Bedford limestone plaques honoring those lost, those injured and community responders.

The following page includes the text on each of the three plaques at the Memorial.



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Text contained on three plaques located on the Memorial wall:

Center Plaque

Dedicated to the cherished memory
of our three coworkers
who died in the Falk explosion on December 6, 2006.

Daniel Kuster
Curtis Lane
Thomas LeTendre

But if the while, I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restored, and sorrows end.
- William Shakespeare

Left Plaque

In recognition of the 71 employees,
contractors, and suppliers
who suffered injuries in the Falk explosion on December 6, 2006.

If all misfortunes were laid in one common heap whence everyone must take an equal portion,
most people would be contented
to take their own and depart.
- Socrates

Right Plaque

In sincere appreciation of the employees, emergency services personnel, business neighbors, government agencies, friends, contractors, and suppliers who provided care and assistance in the immediate aftermath of the Falk explosion on December 6, 2006, and who were engaged in the subsequent recovery of our business, the reconstruction of our workplace, and the restoration of our spirit.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
- Helen Keller



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