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L&I Building Used in North American Premiere of Safety Device

On April 29, the Labor & Industry building in Harrisburg hosted the first-ever North American demonstration of SafExit, a Controlled Descent Device (CDD) used as a last resort in high-rise emergency evacuations.

Home to numerous statewide workplace safety initiatives, L&I welcomed the demonstration as an opportunity to help educate the community on this innovation in workplace safety technology.

The SafExit system needs no power source. It deploys two harnesses to lower evacuees at a controlled rate of 3.3 feet per second using cables interwoven with steel, Kevlar and other protective fibers, and can be used in 10 simple steps. The system can also be installed as a wall unit or concealed within a security door.

"It's designed to be a last option in an emergency when all other exits are blocked," Steve Kohler, president of Winner Global Defense, said

"It's like a fire extinguisher," added Winner's Vice President Mike Gjede, "we hope it never gets used."

The highlight of the hour-long presentation by Sharon, PA based manufacturer Winner Global Defense, LLC and its partner DoubleExit was the product demonstration, during which four Winner representatives, one camera man, and a volunteer from the audience – a local firefighter – individually used SafExit to safely descend from the building's fourteenth floor window to the ground below.



SAFE DESCENT — A representative of DoubleExit Rescue & Evacuation Solutions exits a 14th-floor window of the L&I building during an emergency evacuation simulation featuring the SafExit Controlled Descent Device.