

Coal Man of the Year



Your KMI Coal Man of the Year for 2014 is Charles Snavelly. Charles is a native of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He graduated from Prestonsburg Community College and transferred to Virginia Tech where he obtained a degree in Mining Engineering in 1978.

Charles worked in various engineering positions for A.T. Massey Coal Company before being promoted to the position of President of Sidney Coal Company, a Massey subsidiary. He spent seven years as an operations president with Massey.

Charles then worked for James River Coal Company for 10 years from 1995-2005 in operations management, and joined International Coal Group (ICG) in 2005. He worked in Land and Acquisitions for two years and operations management for four years, rising to the position of Executive Vice President of Mining Operations. After ICG was acquired by Arch Coal in 2011, Charles served as a Group President for the Eastern Operations through December, 2013.

Charles joined the mine rescue team at Martin County Coal in 1983 and has been a staunch supporter of mine rescue teams and activities since then and has had as many as 14 teams within his area of responsibility.

We congratulate Charles and his family for this deserving award.