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The Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida announces David Drehmer as a recipient of their “Lifetime Achievement Award”. –

The Asphalt Industry in Florida bestowed a “Special Recognition Award” at their Annual Convention in Ft. Myers this past weekend. With over 48 years of dedication to the Asphalt Industry in Florida, David Drehmer was presented with this award.

Dave moved to Florida from upper New York in the mid 70’s where he landed at MacAsphalt (a Division of Ashland Oil); later to be consolidated as APAC-MacAsphalt Division and then ultimately APAC. After 30+ years in asphalt paving, he left APAC and went to work for Florida Rock Industries for approximately one year. Around 2005, Dave joined the family owned EA Mariani Asphalt Company as Vice President of Sales. Dave left Associated Asphalt (which acquired Mariani in 2007) in 2011 to become an independent consultant and finally retired in 2016.

Dave has served on several FDOT/FHWA/Industry Task Teams. In addition to being a regular participant in the Statewide Flexible Pavement Committee and ACAF Specifications Committee, Dave also played a significant role in the development of FDOT CQC Asphalt Specifications, FDOT Value-Added Asphalt Pavement warrant specifications, initial FDOT pavement smoothness specifications, Current CTQP Asphalt Qualification Courses and Residential ‘thin lift’ (4.75 mm) mix for use on residential streets and maintenance.

Dave is highly respected by his peers and is held in the highest regard by the FDOT, FHWA and all that have had the privilege to work with him. “Today, Florida has some of the best asphalt pavements in the US and Dave Drehmer is a big reason why,” said Tanya Nash, PRI Asphalt Technologies. “Through his training, his mentorship, patience, and willingness to give his all to the industry, Dave has left a legacy that should never be forgotten.”



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