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Alpha Natural Resources First Aid Team is Nation's Best

KINGSPORT, TN, September 18, 2017 – Alpha Natural Resources applauds the achievement of its Southern West Virginia Team #1 for winning the Mine Rescue First Aid National Championship. Southern West Virginia Team #1 took top honors in the First Aid division at the 2017 National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition, which was held at the National Mine, Health and Safety Academy near Beckley, West Virginia.

Alpha SVP of Safety Brian Keaton praised the team's competitive spirit and its dedication to the task of being prepared to take care of its fellow workers. "We are very proud of all of our mine rescue team members for their dedicated service," said Keaton. "This competition is one way they keep their skills sharp in the event they are needed to assist their fellow employees. They competed against the best teams in the country and we are proud to see them receive this recognition."

More than 60 teams from a dozen states competed in the events, which drill the mine rescue teams in the skills needed to operate effectively in an actual mine emergency.

In addition to winning in the first aid competition, the Southern West Virginia Team #1 also finished third in the combined event of mine rescue and first aid. And the team was awarded first place in first aid and combination events among teams from the state of West Virginia.

More than 500 coal mine rescue team members from around the nation competed in the weeklong event, which was sponsored by the Holmes Mine Rescue Association and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

About Alpha Natural Resources

Alpha Natural Resources has affiliate mining operations in West Virginia and Kentucky, and supplies metallurgical coal to the steel industry and thermal coal to generate power. Alpha has offices in Kingsport, Tennessee, and Julian, West Virginia, which support approximately 20 active mining operations. Alpha is committed to being a leader in mine safety and an environmental steward in the communities where its affiliates operate. For more information, visit Alpha Natural Resources' website (www.alphanr.com).

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