

## Lacey Crawford

Tradeswomen Heroes Award

Winner - November 2022



**Level of Experience:** Journeyworker

**Years in Trade:** 16

**Union:** Teamsters

**Local:** 988

**City:** Houston, TX

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### Bio

Lacey Crawford has been a member of Teamster's Local #988 out of Houston Texas since 2006. Since joining the local she has taken on positions of increasing responsibility and is currently the Teamster General Foreman for Day and Zimmermann at South Texas Project Nuclear Power Plant; a position she has held since 2015. Lacey's work ethic and commitment to excellence are unmatched, providing the cornerstone for how she approaches everything in life.

After the twists and turns of life took her from a potential degree in nursing to the teamster's trade at a nuclear power plant, she approached the situation with a glass-half-full viewpoint. Entering a trade that is largely male-dominated, and one that has never had a female General Foreman at South Texas Project, she accepted the challenge, set the bar high, and ultimately rose to the position she is in now.

In January 2022, Lacey was faced with what would be the biggest challenge of her life. While riding home from work on her motorcycle, as she does every day, a car crashed into her, resulting in life-changing injuries. The day after the crash she was informed her left lower leg was beyond repair and would have to be removed. Doctors told



her with extensive physical therapy she would walk again, however seeing as the left leg is the leg she uses to clutch a semi-truck, the likelihood of making a recovery to the extent of being able to drive a truck in a nuclear facility was unlikely.

After multiple surgeries, the road to recovery began. Little did the doctors know Lacey's recovery wasn't based on the premise of being able to merely walk again, it was to be able to fulfill her job duties to the same degree she had before the wreck, and within a year's time. After she was released from the hospital and went home, the transition from hospital recovery to life recovery kicked in. Not only was she focused on her own recovery and return to work, but she also has a loving husband and 16-year-old son who needed her as well which served as the catalyst for a full recovery.

With her family in full support, Lacey set on the road to recovery, even borrowing a family friend's dump truck, and driving in the field near her house, practicing with her new prosthetic leg. The aforementioned principles that have guided her throughout her whole life, guided her through this difficult situation with the same tenacity she has shown her entire life. On July 25th, 2022, barely 6 months after she took that fateful helicopter life flight ride to the medical center in Houston, Texas, not only was Lacey walking again, she had

returned to Day and Zimmermann at South Texas Project Nuclear Power Plant as the teamster General Foreman at full capacity.

Every day since then, Lacey has performed her job with the same excellence we have always known her to. However, she now serves also as an inspiration to us all and a constant reminder of how strength, determination, and a positive attitude can help you achieve greatness.

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### **Why Lacey Was Nominated**

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