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Safeco Insurance announces agent officers, participants for 2016 Midwest Region Advisory Council

SEATTLE, Washington – Bill Beaupre will serve as president for the Safeco Insurance Midwest Region Advisory Council, effective Jan. 1, 2016, Safeco has announced. Chad Bjugan will be the council's vice president. As regional officers, both also will serve on the National Advisory Council.

Safeco has been using advisory councils for more than 10 years to collaborate with agents on solutions that will improve the insurance experience for both agents and their customers. Approximately 140 agents sit on eight regional councils, all managed by agents. The national council includes the president and vice president from each of the company's regional councils across the country. Officers are elected by their peers.

"The agents who serve in the Advisory Council program are dedicated to building stronger relationships and creating excellent customer experiences," said Matthew Nickerson, Safeco Insurance president. "Their contributions are vital to our success, and I thank them for their commitment."

Beaupre is a producer at The Johnson Insurance Agency in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Bjugan is the principal of Richfield State Insurance in Richfield, Minnesota.

In addition to Beaupre and Bjugan, the following agents will serve on the 2016 Midwest Region Advisory Council:

- **Brock Fluegge**, Lakeside Insurance, Burnsville, Minnesota
- **Ryan Kyes**, Alliance Financial & Insurance Agency, Lowell, Michigan
- **Steve Albinger**, Couri Insurance, Waukesha, Wisconsin
- **Steve Tripp**, McKinney Olson Insurance, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- **Sean Chastain**, Chastain Insurance Agency, Omaha, Nebraska
- **Dan Iott**, Kemner-Iott Agency, Adrian, Michigan
- **Nancy Schwaller**, Schwaller Insurance Agency, Orland Park, Illinois
- **Sandy Menne**, General Insurance Services, Michigan City, Indiana
- **Dean Mastel**, Steffes Agency, Bismarck, North Dakota
- **Carrie Block**, 1st Choice Insurance, North Judson, Indiana
- **Rick Sovel**, Michigan Community Insurance Agency, Wixom, Michigan
- **Jim Pucin**, R. Pucin & Associates, Highland Park, Illinois
- **Rodney Casillas**, RC Insurance Solutions, Bettendorf, Iowa

About Safeco Insurance

In business since 1923 and based in Boston, Mass., Safeco Insurance sells personal automobile, homeowners and specialty products through a network of more than 10,000 independent insurance agencies throughout the United States. Safeco is a Liberty Mutual Insurance company.

Boston-based Liberty Mutual Insurance is a diversified insurer and the third-largest property and casualty insurer in the U.S. based on 2013 direct premiums written as reported by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Liberty Mutual Insurance also ranks 78th on the Fortune 100 list of largest U.S. corporations, based on 2014 revenue.

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