

Sioux Chief Plumbing Products Integral to New Mercy Hospital Joplin

On May 22, 2011, an EF-5 tornado destroyed much of Joplin, Missouri, including St. John's Mercy Medical Center, which took a direct hit. Today, Mercy is rebuilding the medical center in Joplin and Sioux Chief is proud to be a part of a plan that will continue to serve much needed medical services to the community.

Kansas City, Missouri - December 10, 2013 – Sioux Chief announced its Supply, Drainage, and Support products have been selected for installation in the new **Mercy Hospital Joplin**, which replaces the previous St. John's Mercy Medical Center, destroyed on May 22, 2011, by an EF-5 tornado that devastated a large portion of Joplin. The **new medical facility** is expected to be complete in 2015.

US Engineering, the mechanical, plumbing, and HVAC contractor for the new hospital project, selected Sioux Chief's rough plumbing products as a primary source for the facility's supply, drainage, and support installation needs. US Engineering will install thousands of Sioux Chief products including hundreds of water hammer arresters, Stub Outs, OxBox access boxes, support brackets and nearly one thousand Sioux Chief FinishLine drains and cleanouts in the **new 424 bed facility**.



"We're careful to examine true costs so that even when Sioux Chief's products cost more in some cases than its competitor's we still know we will save money," said US Engineering, plumbing superintendent, Clint Morgan. "That's because of the significant reduction of installation time. It's labor savings."

"Sioux Chief's product design eliminates a lot of time and effort so my team members spend far less time on the initial installation. For example, the FinishLine drain and clean-out system adjusts before and after the pour; that's a real game changer for us," Morgan said. "On a project of this magnitude, the advantage of using the FinishLine is that the strainer tops stay off the job during construction saving on breakage and cleaning. With typical drains, the strainer is the only finish item on the job during construction. The FinishLine keeps the strainers off the job site. At the end of the job the strainers are set at the time of the tile, making it easy for the tile setter to get the strainer top set to the exact height of the finished floor, plus we don't have to clean any duct tape off."

"There is a lot of pride in rebuilding the medical center and restoring the Joplin community after the 2011 catastrophic tornado," said Sioux Chief National Sales Director, Michael Foster. "Joplin sits less than 130 miles due south of the Sioux Chief manufacturing plant," Foster said. "This hits closer to home than one might think, so we continue to feel a deep sense of commitment to those who have suffered as well as to those rebuilding the community."

More About Sioux Chief:

Since 1957, Sioux Chief has manufactured innovative plumbing products. It is a leader in providing rough plumbing solutions for residential, commercial, industrial and government applications. Sioux Chief's comprehensive product line is comprised of three core groups: Supply, Drainage and Support. Sioux Chief products are sold to qualified wholesale distributors and retailers worldwide. The company is headquartered in Peculiar, Missouri — just outside of Kansas City.

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