

Carr Recognizes Tower Climber Benito Banda with ‘5G Ready’ Hard Hat Presentation

WASHINGTON, DC, February 3, 2023—America’s tower crews are the backbone of the 5G and other next-generation builds underway across the country. Without their hard, often gritty work to deploy the infrastructure necessary to connect millions of Americans across the nation, America’s 5G leadership would be at stake.

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr has been recognizing the contributions of these hard-working tower climbers through a series of 5G Ready Hard Hat presentations. He previously recognized tower workers [Shama Ray](#), [Brandon Foster and Ammon Snyder](#), [Jessica Reich](#), [Jeremy Buckles](#), [Amber Perez](#), and [Robert Gallegos](#).

Today, Commissioner Carr is recognizing another talented 5G worker—Benito “Benny” Banda. Commissioner Carr had the opportunity to meet and climb with Benny in Huffman, Texas, in December 2021 where he works as a Field Safety Inspector at Enertech. Commissioner Carr issued the following statement:

“I am honored to recognize Benny for his work with this 5G Ready Hard Hat. Benny is a legend in the tower industry—known for his grit, determination, and dedication to safety. When many Americans pick up their smartphones, they assume that the networks are going to work—as if they run on magic or pixie dust. They don’t realize—or appreciate—the hard work of tower crews that power America’s world-leading wireless networks.

“Benny began his career as an iron worker at 18 years old. After being asked to work on a tower, the rest was history. Decades later, he has seen first-hand the evolution of 1G, 2G, 3G, 4G, and now 5G. His 40 years of commitment and experience exemplifies that tower climbing is not just a job, but a career with many different opportunities for growth and advancement. I thank Benny for his long-standing service and hard work.”

A video of the presentation to Benny can be found [here](#).

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