

Employer Champions

Dale Dimitt was first introduced into the industry when his friends needed someone to help program their CNC machines. From there, his interest in manufacturing only grew. For the past 20 years, Dale has been a supervisor on various shop floors overseeing manufacturing processes to facility operations. He is currently a manufacturing supervisor with Sargent. Sargent Aerospace and Defense is a global supplier of precision-engineered customized components that champions what it means to be a NIMS employer.



Though Dale has only been with Sargent for about a year, he has had the pleasure of working with Southern Arizona Manufacturing Partnership's efforts in combating the skills gap through education and on-the-job training. Dale has found that NIMS credentials are a perfect match for these efforts. He considers NIMS to be a rare program due to the fact that **"it prepares them for real-life. NIMS teaches the job and teaches the job right."** To Dale, the application of real-life skills is what sets a NIMS-credentialed individual apart from the rest.

When it comes to the next generation of manufacturing, Dale has found that if someone wants to learn, has a good attitude, and holds a little common sense, then they can be trained to do anything. He has found that kids who have graduated high school with NIMS credentials are his favorite to work with because **"they are invested, want to learn, almost thirst for knowledge, and they apply themselves, rarely are they afraid to jump in."** Since his introduction to NIMS, Dale considers attitude, common sense, and NIMS credentials when hiring due to his success with all five of his current NIMS credentialed hires. Dale has one thing to say about those five individuals: **"They are dream employees."**

Through Dale's dedicated work, Sargent Aerospace and Defense is NIMS Ready; are you?

The NIMS logo, consisting of the letters "NIMS" in a white, serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a red background. Below the text are several white lines radiating from a central point, creating a starburst or network-like effect.

"I am super impressed; not only by what they learn, but by their desire to work and learn."



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