

# New And Improved: Taking a look back at the Years Improvements

As the year comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on everything Southern Folger has accomplished. We began the year with major renovations, including the new Training Center and improvements within the Engineering Department. These updates were only the beginning, as office renovations continued throughout the year. Beyond our workspaces, the Machine Shop also saw significant upgrades with the addition of new equipment and investments that support ongoing production across the campus.

We also strengthened our brand identity with new signage throughout the facility—on the main building, the Training Center, various departments, and even the Jail Shop. These updates help visitors easily navigate our campus while reinforcing the Southern Folger brand. Our presence expanded online as well with the launch of our new website, a modern platform designed to reach customers more effectively and showcase what Southern Folger stands for.

This year was filled with celebrations, too. We marked the grand opening of the Training Center with a vibrant fiesta-themed event, where President Don Halloran officially cut the ribbon. We also honored the careers of Reynaldo Rodriguez and Arthur Silvia as they each retired after many years of service.

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We also made great use of our new spaces. The Training Center not only hosted celebrations but also held CPR training and welcomed our first official training session this past November (more on page 2). Engineering saw its own improvements with the addition of new 3D printers that have helped streamline production.

Southern Folger continues to work diligently to lead through innovation, and the investments made this year reflect that commitment. From celebrating our employees to meeting shipping goals, our team has worked hard to make Southern Folger a productive and inspiring place to work.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we hope to continue this momentum with even more growth, innovation, and success. Happy holidays and Happy New Year from everyone at Southern Folger.









## **A Safety Tip**

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**From John Legros Director of Safety** 

#### **Happy New Year**

As the years change and the calanders turn, take a moment to remember and be thankful for the year being left behind. Remember all the hard work and dedication put in to Southern Folger every day and get excited for the new opprotunities of the next year Have a happy 2025 holiday season and a happy New Year!

### **First Training**

This past November, Southern Folger was proud to host its first official training session in the newly renovated Training Center. From November 18th to the 19th, representatives from CML joined us on campus for a comprehensive two-day program designed to deepen their understanding of our project processes, company history, and broad range of products. The training marked an exciting milestone for Southern Folger, as it showcased both the upgraded facility and our commitment to continued education within the industry.

The session began with a guided tour of the campus, giving participants an up-close look at our manufacturing operations. Many attendees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to see firsthand how precision, craftsmanship, and safety come together in every stage of production. After the tour, the group transitioned into classroom-style learning, where they explored how Southern Folger approaches projects—from initial concept and engineering to installation and long-term support.

Over the course of the two days, the participants received detailed product training covering everything from mechanical and electromechanical locks to sliders and control components.

Instructors highlighted key features, application considerations, and maintenance recommendations, allowing attendees to gain a better understanding of how each product fits into secure facility environments. The new Training Center offered an ideal setting for demonstrations and hands-on engagement.

Throughout the training, participants expressed that the combination of facility exposure, technical instruction, and real-world examples helped strengthen their confidence in working with Southern Folger products and systems.

Overall, the training was a successful kickoff for the renovated space and a promising sign of the many educational opportunities Southern Folger plans to offer in the future.



#### **Meet the New Faces of Southern Folger**



Anthony Gomez Machining Machinist Helper



Christina
Camarillo
Lock Assembly
Lock Assembler



**Sean Galindo**Welding
Welder



Cecil Garcia Jr. Lock Assembly Lock Assembler

#### A Word From our President

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Don Halloran - President, Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company









