



**SUMMIT COUNTY
SAFETY COUNCIL**

SCSC Newsletter

OSHA Announces National Emphasis Program on Recordkeeping

OSHA is initiating a national emphasis program (NEP) on recordkeeping to assess the accuracy of injury and illness data recorded by employers.

The recordkeeping NEP involves inspecting occupational injury and illness records prepared by businesses and appropriately enforcing regulatory requirements when employers are found to be under-recording injuries and illnesses.

Accurate and honest recordkeeping is vitally important to workers' health and safety. This information is not only used by OSHA to determine which workplaces to inspect, but it is an important tool employers and workers can use to identify health and safety problems in their workplaces."

The inspections include a re

ords review, employee interviews, and a limited safety and health inspection of the workplace. The NEP will focus on selected industries with high injury and illness rates.

At the request of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the House Committee on Education and Labor, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a study on the accuracy of employer injury and illness records. This NEP will help OSHA work cooperatively with the GAO. It also complements the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) efforts to investigate factors accounting for differences between the number of workplace injuries and illnesses estimated by BLS and those estimated by other data sources.

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Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting at Tangier

Michael A. Dunton

Fire Marshal

Cuyahoga Falls Fire Dept.

October is for enjoying the Fall leaves, trick-or-treating and carving Jack-o-Lanterns. But, the month also has a greater significance for fire departments across the nation. October is Fire Prevention Month.

October's Featured Program

Michael A. Dunton

Fire Marshal

Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department

Michael A. Dunton is the chief fire investigator and chief code enforcement officer for the City of Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department. He has served in that capacity for the past fourteen years. He is a second-generation firefighter with more than twenty-nine years of experience as a firefighter and paramedic.



Marshal Dunton holds both a bachelor's degree and associate's degree majoring in fire protection from the University of Akron. He is a former Associate Professor at the University of Akron, and taught for fifteen years in the fields of Fire Investigation, Fire Inspection, and Fire Protection in Building Design and Construction.

Dunton is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and The National Association of Fire Investigators. He has worked cases with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, The Bureau of Criminal Identification, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. He has qualified as an expert witness in both fire investigation cause and origin, and has also provided expert testimony in regards to building fire safety and integrity.

Additionally, he has served as the lead code representative for both the Ohio Fire Officials and the North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association. He has offered testimony and proposed code language at the International Code Council Code hearings. Several of his code changes were adopted, and are now part of the International Building and Fire Codes. He currently serves as a Fire Advisory ad hoc committee member to the Ohio Board of Building standards.

"Stay Fire smart! Don't Get Burned"

Follow these simple safety rules to keep your family safe:

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles to

prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.

- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.
- Insist on home fire sprinklers for your family's safety.

Upcoming Events & Reminders



October 21, 2009
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Michael A Dunton
Cuyahoga Falls Fire Dept.
FY09 Rebate Program Check Distribution



November 18, 2009
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Steve Uzelac
Safety, Wellness, and Prevention



December 3, 2009
OSHA Recordkeeping Class
Chenoweth Country Club
Cari Gray
BWC



December 16, 2009
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Bobbijo Christensen
CompManagement, Inc.
Workers' Compensation Updates



January 20, 2010
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Tim Dimoff
SACS Consulting

FY09 Rebate Checks to be Distributed at this Month's Meeting on October 21st

BWC will be distributing over 15 million dollars statewide this month to employers who met the eligibility requirements of the FY09 Safety Council Rebate Program. Summit County Safety Council members will be receiving a combined total of \$602,930.58. These checks, to be distributed at the conclusion of the October 21, 2009 safety council meeting, represent the initial 2 percent participation refund. Employers who



who reduced their frequency or severity by 10 percent or more below the previous year's frequency or severity or employers who maintained both frequency and severity at zero, will receive an additional 2 percent performance refund by mail later this year. These refunds are reflective of policy year 7/1/08 to 6/30/09 for private employers and 1/1/08 to 12/31/08 for public employ-

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic Scheduled

SCSC will be sponsoring a flu clinic before the regular safety council meeting on October 21st. Summa Center for Corporate Health will be administering seasonal flu vaccines. Cost to members if just \$15.00. Please contact scox@neo.rr.com if you are

interested in receiving a flu shot. **The seasonal flu vaccine will not provide protection against the 2009 H1N1 flu.**

OSHA Issues Final Rule Updating Personal Protective Equipment Standards

OSHA published a final rule Sept. 9 revising the personal protective equipment sections of its general industry, shipyard employment, long shoring and marine terminals standards concerning requirements for eye- and face-protective devices, and head and foot protection. More information can be

found in the Sept. 9 Federal Register.

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OSHA Recordkeeping Class slated for December

Summit County Safety Council is co-sponsoring an OSHA Recordkeeping Class with neighboring safety councils, South Summit, CAK and Eastern Stark County Safety Councils on Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Chenoweth Country Club in Akron. Cari Gray, Safety Consultant Specialist with BWC will be the instructor for this class.

The target audience for this class is individuals responsible for OSHA recordkeeping within a company with more than 10 employees. You will learn:

- OSHA recordkeeping requirements for workplace injuries and illnesses;
- Correct use of the required OSHA recordkeeping forms (300 and 300A);
- Guidelines for recordable and non-recordable workplace injuries and interpretations;
- How to determine and compare injury and illness rates

Public entities fall under PERRP jurisdic-

tions and are still required to complete (and submit annually) the PERRP logs, which have the same general guidelines and logic as the OSHA requirements.

Cost is \$10.00 which includes breakfast. **Reservations must be made and paid in advance by November 20, 2009.** Submit your reservation by email to scox@neo.rr.com. Make check payable to Summit County Safety Council at One Cascade Plaza, Akron, OH 44308.

Attendance at this course would qualify for one meeting credit for BWC's Safety Council Rebate Program.

Mission Statement

To promote safety/accident prevention in the workplace by offering informational and educational opportunities to both the private and public sectors within the community.

Co-sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)