



**SUMMIT COUNTY
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SCSC Newsletter

Thanksgiving Holiday Safety

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In recent years deep-frying turkeys has become increasingly popular, however this new tradition can be a recipe for a holiday tragedy! The use of turkey fryers are considered a serious injury and fire risk because:

- Many units easily tip over, spilling the hot oil from the cooking pot.
- If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, the oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner or flames, causing a fire to engulf the entire unit.
- Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too may result in an extensive fire.
- With no thermostat controls, the units also have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
- The lid and handles on the sides of the cooking pot get dangerously hot, posing severe burn hazards.

If you absolutely must use a turkey fryer, please use the following tips.

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other flammable materials.
- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.

- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.



- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water do not mix, and water causes oil to spill over causing a fire or even an explosion hazard.
- The National Turkey Federation (NTF) recommends thawing the turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for every five pounds in weight.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use your all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call the fire department for help.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 18,
2009

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting at Tangier

Stephen Uzelac

Safety Awareness, Wellness
and Prevention

November's Featured Program

Stephen Uzelac

Safety Awareness, Wellness and Prevention

Stephen Uzelac is a retired college professor who has been actively involved in corporate leadership training and education for over 30 years. Steve has shared his profound insights with thousands of learners through classrooms, training and consulting. Stephen believes that his experience, education and continuous learning has given him the wisdom to write, "Assertive Leadership: A Total Quality Team Attitude," and a planning guide on "How to Continue to Succeed at Work, Life and Pleasure," published by Mohican Publishing.

I am thankful for my parents, family, friends, colleagues, educators, leaders and others who have contributed to my way of seeing and believing. I value family, friends, work, health, relationships, learning and my relationship with God. I believe that anything worth doing is worth improving.



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November is
National Road
Safety Month-

Be Vigilant. Be
Wise. Practice
Road Safety to
Stay Alive.

Holiday Food and Funds Drive

SCSC will be conducting a food and funds drive during our November and December meetings. All proceeds will be distributed to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Please help our organization make an impact by bringing a food item(s) to our meetings on November 18th and/or December 16th. The **Super Six** most needed items are boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned beef stew and canned soup. **Financial donations will also be accepted. Every \$1 donation can provide \$7 worth of groceries for the hungry.**



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Upcoming Events & Reminders



November 18, 2009
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Stephen Uzelac
Safety Awareness, 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
Social Media in the Workplace



February 17, 2010
Regular Meeting—Tangier
Doug Eilertson
Tech Center and Sanford
Rose Associates
Developing a Company-wide
Commitment to Safety

OSHA Recordkeeping Class

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 jurisdictions 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 scsx@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.

Attendance also qualifies for the two-hour safety training requirement for Group Experience and Group Retrospective rated employers.

November's Sponsor

Special thanks to Tech Center for sponsoring Summit County Safety council. Tech Center provides a wide spectrum of staffing services locally and it provides professional contract services nationally or globally.



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Steve Wilcox of Acro Tool and Die was the winner of \$57.00 in last month's 50/50 raffle. \$57.00 was credited to SCSC's account for future training activities.

SCSC subsidized \$2,456.48 of the total costs (\$5,239.48) of last month's NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Class. Coming soon: First aid/CPR Training.

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Time to check Your Home Safety Devices

For many people, it's a tradition to check their smoke alarm batteries when the time changes from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time. But remind your workers that now is also a good time to check all your home safety devices. Here's a quick "to do" list: Test your home smoke alarms and change the batteries; Test your carbon monoxide detector according to the manufacturer's instructions; See if your fire extinguishers

are fully charged and ready; If you have a security system, make sure it's working the way it was designed to work; This is also a good time to review your family's fire drill plans. Make sure everyone knows at least two ways to get out of each bedroom and each area of the house. Establish a place to meet outside in an emergency.

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.

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