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Use of Portable Electric Space Heaters

Safety must be a top consideration when using space heaters. The U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, causing more than 300 deaths. An estimated 6,000 persons receive hospital emergency room care for burn injuries associated with contacting hot surfaces of room heaters, mostly in non-fire situations.

Before use, any portable electric space heater should be inspected for the following:

- Should bear a UL listing label.
- Should be inspected by Plant Operations (maintenance) personnel to insure that the amperage draw will not overload the electrical circuit intended to power the heater.
- Should not have worn or damaged electrical cords, and the plugs should be in good condition.
- Should have a low center of gravity and should contain a

mechanism whereby the heater shuts off automatically if tipped over.

During use, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Units should be plugged directly into an electrical outlet. The use of any extension cord power strip should be prohibited.
- Should be turned off and unplugged when not in use, and at the end of each business day.
- Should be inspected frequently, on a weekly basis at a minimum, by the user to insure that they are in good working condition.
- Should be placed a minimum of three (3) feet from any combustible material (e.g. curtains, paper, cloth, etc) and in a well ventilated area.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, December 16,
2009

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting at Tangier

Bobbijo Christensen

CompManagement, Inc.

Workers' Compensation
Updates

December's Featured Program

Bobbijo Christensen

CompManagement, Inc.

Workers' Compensation Updates

Bobbijo has nearly 20 years experience in the workers' compensation industry and has been with CompManagement, Inc. since 1998. As an Account Executive, she provides service for clients in Northeastern Ohio, consulting on areas of cost containment, risk reduction, accident prevention and management of workers' compensation programs. Prior to her employment with CMI, she worked for the Industrial Commission of Ohio. Bobbijo is a frequent speaker on issues relating to workers' compensation, including participation in Safety Congress, various Safety Councils and CMI seminars.

CompManagement, Inc.

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Due to vacation,
there will not be
a newsletter
published in
January.

Happy Holidays!

Holiday Food and Funds Drive Continues

Our Holiday Food and Funds Drive will continue during the December 16th meeting.

Last month SCSC members donated 125 pounds of food and \$211.00 in cash donations. This equates to over 730 meals! Thank you for your overwhelming generosity!

Every \$1 donation purchases \$7 worth of groceries.



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Upcoming Events & Reminders

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

January's Featured Program

Tim Dimoff

SACS Consulting

Social Media in the Workplace

The explosive growth of online social networks has altered the way people communicate, share ideas, and disseminate information but with it comes certain risks. The lines between professional and private lives continue to blur, and while these communications tools create great opportunities, they also create ethical dilemmas and challenges for businesses. What is being said, how it is said, who is saying it and where it is being said can have a very profound affect on a business in many ways. With Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, blogging and other forms of social media communication continuing to grow, what can a company do to protect itself? Should employees be allowed to use these tools while at work? Should a company encourage employees to use these tools for company business? What are the real risks and why is it important? Every company needs to examine the risks this brings to their business and what they can do to protect their company, their employees and their customers. This presentation covers the fundamental elements needed to establish good decision making, policies and protocols to protect the business and mitigate the risks.

Tim Dimoff has spent over 20 years as an award winning narcotics detective before sustaining a career ending injury during a chaotic drug raid. Dimoff had to rethink his life and his career and decided to turn his vast law enforcement experience in a new direction. He founded SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc., a firm dedicated to helping corporations gain control of spiraling workplace crime and other high risk workplace issues. He is board certified by ASIS (American Society of Industrial Security) as Certified Protection Professional (CPP™), a designation that indicates board certification in security management and is recognized worldwide as the highest recognition accorded a security practitioner. He is also a TASA (Technical Advisory Services of America) board certified legal expert in police and in corporate security procedures and training. Dimoff is the founder of the innovative "Equalizer" *pro bono* program in Ohio that helps victims of violent crime establish new identities and a sense of safety after experiencing an attack. Dimoff holds a B.S. in Sociology, with an emphasis in criminology, from Denison University. He is also a certified instructor in both law enforcement and private security, and an advocate for stronger laws protecting and assisting victims of crime.



Semi-Annual Reports Due January 15th

Semi-annual reports for the 2nd half of 2009 (7/1/09 to 12/31/2009) will be due from all members on January 15th. The report and instructions are included with this newsletter. You may email, fax or file online. **Note: To file online you must be logged into the SCSC website to obtain access to the "Reporting" link.** Filing of semi-annual reports is a requirement of continuing SCSC membership as well as BWC's Safety Council Rebate Program requirement. **Please do not file your report before 1/1/10.**

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Jack Hale of Akrochem was the winner of \$58.00 in last month's 50/50 raffle. Congratulations! \$58.00 was credited to SCSC's account for future training activities. Thanks for participating!

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www.thesummitcountysafetycouncil.org

10 Ways to Stay on the Safe Side This Season

1. **Water, water, water your live tree:** Dry trees pose a fire risk. Make a fresh cut on the base before putting your tree into a sturdy stand and water it frequently.
2. **Check your lights, check them twice:** Inspect all of your electric lights and decorations for damage or wear. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections may pose a fire or shock hazard.
3. **Plan your fire escape:** Use the holidays as a good time to plan and practice a fire escape plan with your loved ones. Identify at least two exits from every room in the house, and have a safe meeting place away from your home.
4. **Sleep safe by installing carbon monoxide alarms:** Be sure that a carbon monoxide alarm is installed outside all sleeping areas in your home.
5. **Limit plug-in toys to the big kids:** It's not safe to give a small child a toy or product that needs to be plugged into an electrical outlet due to possible burns or electric shock.
6. **Give wrapping paper a second life:** Don't burn used wrapping paper as it may cause intense flash fires. And throwing it out adds waste. Consider recycling or repurposing it instead.
7. **Know your lights and cords:** Do not connect more than three miniature light strings together. Also, be sure to check the rating on your extension cords, and do not plug in more than the recommended wattage.
8. **Steer your tree clear:** Your tree should be positioned at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. It should also not block any doorways or exits.
9. **Decorate with a safe eye:** Cords should not be run under carpets or tacked up with metal nails or staples. Small decorations can be choking hazards so keep them out of the reach of toddlers.
10. **Look for UL**

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)

SUMMIT COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL
Co-sponsored by BWC's Division of Safety and Hygiene

Semi-Annual Report

1st [] due by July 15, 2009
(for current period January 1 – June 30,2009)

2nd [] due by January 15, 2010
(for current period July 1 – December 31, 2009)

Safety Council Account Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Company Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City / State / Zip _____

Please check here if information provided above has been updated on this report.

1.) DATE OF MOST RECENT INJURY OR ILLNESS RESULTING IN DAY(S) AWAY FROM WORK

____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

Report All Information Below For **CURRENT SIX MONTH PERIOD ONLY** (corresponds with period identified above)

2.) Average Number of Employees _____

3.) Total Hours Worked (entire six month period, all employees) _____

Items 4, 5 and 6 are based on the Recordkeeping Requirements under the Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970 (rev. 1/1/02). The columns listed below correspond to the columns in the OSHA 300 Log.

4.) Number of Deaths . . (column G in OSHA 300 Log)..... _____

5.) Number of occupational injuries and/or illnesses resulting in days away from work
(column H in the OSHA 300 Log) _____

6.) Number of days away from work as a result of occupational injuries and/or illnesses
(column K in the OSHA 300 Log)..... _____

Note: If you report a death, injury or illness resulting in days away from work in the current six month period (item 4 or 5), the most recent date of death, injury or illness must correspond with item 1.

Please return this form to:

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**Instructions for completing the
BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene semi-annual report form**

(1) Date of Most Recent Lost-Time Injury or Illness

This is the date of the most recent injury that resulted in an employee missing **at least one full day of work**. The date does not necessarily have to be during this reporting period. If no injuries have ever occurred, you may leave the date blank.

(2) And (3) Average Number of Employees/Total Hours Worked

Multiply the average number of employees x the average number of hours worked per week x the number of weeks in the six-month period. (i.e. 725 employees x 40 hours = 29,000 hours x 26 weeks in the six month period = 754,000 hours)

(4) Deaths

Taken from OSHA 300 Log column G, the number of deaths that resulted from an occupational accident during this six-month period.

(5) Number of Injuries/Number of Workdays Lost

Taken from OSHA 300 Log column H, the number of occupational injuries or illnesses resulting in days away from work.

(6) Number of Workdays Lost

Taken from OSHA 300 Log column K, the total number of days away from work as a result of occupational accidents during the six-month period. NOTE: If the days away from work resulted from an accident which occurred in a previous six-month period, please report the additional workdays missed.

IMPORTANT:

If the date of last injury or illness resulting in days away from work (1) was during the current six-month period within which you are reporting, there should be at least a 1 for (5) the number of injuries or illnesses, and (6) the number of days away from work.

If the date of last injury or illness resulting in days away from work was during a previous six-month period, (5) and (6) should be 0 unless an employee is still having lost days as a result of a previous injury (then there may be a number on line 6).