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Summit County Safety Council Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting at Tangier

Matthew Banning and

Tom Neff

Rockwell Automation

Lawnmower accidents cause thousands of foot injuries

Your lawn could become a "toe-away" zone if you're not careful when operating rotary-blade lawn mowers.

The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates more than 40,000 Americans suffered a power mower-related injury a year. According to the results, more than 663,000 people were treated in U.S. emergency rooms for lawn mower injuries between 1996 and 2004.

"We still see too many foot injuries from power lawnmowers," says foot and ankle surgeon James Thomas, DPM, FACFAS. "The blades whirl at 3,000 revolutions per minute and produce three times the kinetic energy of a .357 handgun. Yet we see patients who have been hurt while operating a mower barefoot! Foot injuries range from dirty, infection-prone lacerations to severed tendons to amputated toes."

If a mower accident occurs—even just a minor injury—Thomas says immediate treatment is necessary to flush the wound thoroughly and apply antibiotics to prevent infection. Superficial wounds can be treated on an outpatient basis, but more serious injuries usually require surgical intervention to repair tendon damage, deep clean the wound and suture it. Tendons severed in lawnmower accidents generally can be re-attached surgically unless toes have been amputated.

Thomas says children under the age of 14 and adults over age 44 are more likely to be injured from mowers than others. He advises anyone who operates a power mower to take a few simple precautions:

- Don't mow a wet lawn. Losing control from slipping on rain-soaked grass is the leading cause of foot injuries caused by power mowers.
- Wear heavy shoes or work boots when mowing—no sneakers or sandals.
- Mow slowly across slopes, never go up and down.
- Never pull a running mower backward.
- Keep the clip bag attached when operating a power mower to prevent projectile injuries.
- Use a mower with a release mechanism on the handle that automatically shuts it off when the hands let go.
- Always keep children away from the lawn when mowing it.



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June's Featured Program....

*Matthew Banning and Tom Neff
Rockwell Automation*

Management Systems...

Management systems such as those for Quality, Environmental, and Safety programs help ensure consistent control of processes. They provide the framework to help an organization identify customer, industry, and legal needs and risks, to put methods in place to address those needs and risks, and to continually improve performance. The common elements of the various management systems will be discussed with a specific emphasis on the safety and environmental requirements along with examples of how to meet those requirements.

Matt Banning is a Senior Quality Engineer at Rockwell Automation in Mayfield Heights. As part of the corporate Quality Management Systems group, he works to consolidate best practices and drive standardization across the organization. He has developed several enterprise-wide computer applications to support the quality management system and many corporate programs that define Rockwell policy. He has created and delivered training programs such as those for internal auditors and ESD coordinators to hundreds of people around the world. He is an ISO 9001 lead auditor, a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and an ESD certified professional program manager. Matt has a bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Case Western University

Tom Neff is the EH&S Regional Operations Manager for Rockwell Automation. His regional duties include assisting facilities in Singapore, South Korea, Dominican Republic and some other Rockwell Automation sites within the United States. He has also helped Matt Banning develop and deliver corporate auditor training programs for ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001. He is a CHMM (Certified Hazardous Material Manager) and a certified ISO 14001 Lead Auditor. Tom is also finishing his second term as the President of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council.

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HEARING PROTECTION IS A SOUND INVESTMENT

This month's winner of the Safety Slogan Contest is C.J. Tierney of Georgia Pacific, LLC. C.J.'s slogan "**HEARING PROTECTION IS A SOUND INVESTMENT**" was selected by the Executive Committee. C.J. will receive a \$25.00 gift card for his winning slogan. Congratulations C.J.!

The Safety Slogan Contest is open to all SCSC members. Submit your safety slogans to Sally Cox at scox@neo.rr.com. Each month's winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card.

News From OSHA!

Visit OSHA. Gov "What's New" to access these links

OSHA releases H1N1 flu guidance for employers and workers

OSHA issued worker safety and health guidance for H1N1 flu, including fact sheets on "What Employers Can Do to Protect Workers from Pandemic Influenza" (English/Spanish), "Respiratory Infection Control: Respirators Versus Surgical Masks" (English/Spanish), and "Healthcare Workplaces Classified as Very High or High Exposure Risk for Pandemic Influenza" (English/Spanish). QuickCards™ were also released on "Pandemic Flu Respiratory Protection" (English/Spanish) and "How to Protect Yourself in the Workplace during a Pandemic" (English/Spanish).

OSHA announces rulemaking on combustible dust hazards

OSHA will issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on combustible dust hazards and convene related stakeholder meetings. The purpose is to evaluate possible regulatory methods and request data and comments on issues related to combustible dust such as hazard recognition, assessment, communication, defining combustible dust and other concerns. Visit OSHA's Safety and Health Topics Web page on combustible dust to learn more about this hazard.

FY10 Safety Council Rebate Program Change

A new safety council program year begins July 1, 2009. BWC is continuing its Safety Council Rebate Program for FY10.

One significant change to the program is that it excludes employers enrolled in BWC's group-rating and group-retrospective programs.

The eligibility requirements and rebates for FY10 will remain the same as for FY09.

Members enrolled in group rating or group retrospective programs will not be required to meet eligibility program requirements. However, We encourage your continued participation with SCSC to network with other employers in your community and to learn techniques for increasing safety and better management of your workers' compensation program.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

June 17, 2009

**Regular Meeting—Tangier
Matthew Banning and Tom Neff
Rockwell Automation
Management Systems**

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June 30, 2009

**Deadline to Submit External Training
Certificates for FY09 Discount
Program**

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July 15, 2009

**Deadline to submit Semi-annual Re-
ports for 1/1/09 to 6/30/09**

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July 15, 2009

**Regular Meeting—Tangier
Greg Newsome
City Scrap & Salvage
Safety is Magic**

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August 19, 2009

**Regular Meeting
Bruce Hennes
Hennes communications, LLC
Crisis Communications**

SCSC Training update

In Our April meeting survey we asked members to identify what safety council sponsored training would be of interest. The top four categories selected were: OSHA 10 Hour General Industry, NFPA 70E Electrical Safety, First Aid, and OSHA Recordkeeping.

In order to move forward with scheduling classes and determining costs, we need to get a tentative idea how many members are interested in attending these classes. Please email Sally Cox at scsx@neo.rr.com if you are interested in any of the following:

OSHA 10 Hour General Industry—Full Day—Cost to be determined

NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Related Safe Work Practices—Full Day – This will be instructed by Michael Kovacic of TMK and Associates (Michael was the featured speaker at our May SCSC meeting.) SCSC will cover the instructor's fees. Members would need to purchase their own textbooks and lunch.

First Aid Training/CPR—Full Day—Cost to be determined

OSHA Recordkeeping including OSHA 300 Log and Summary—Half Day— Members would pay for breakfast only.



Last month's 50/50 raffle grossed \$104.00. Mike Totaro from Karvo Paving/Trucking was the winner of \$52.00. The remaining \$52.00 will be used toward training for SCSC members. Thanks for participating!

Special thanks to Paul Alic and Paula Henry of Goldsmith-Eggleton for undertaking the raffle activities!

It's almost that time of year again

Semi-annual reports for the 1st half of 2009 (1/1/09 to 6/30/09) will be due from all members on July 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 Re-bate Program requirement. **Please do not file your report before 7/1/09.**

Thank you!

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 _____

Submitted By _____ Date _____

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).