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Summit County Safety Council Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting at Tangier

Gregory Newsome

City Scrap & Salvage Co.

Safety is Magic

Protection that Goes Hand in Glove

Cuts to the hand can result in permanently disabling injuries when nerves, muscles, bones and connective tissues are damaged. In jobs such as meat cutting, sheet metal fabrication, appliance assembly, automotive repair, plastics or textile manufacturing, hands are at risk for serious cuts.

Many styles of glove are available for different jobs. Some gloves are soft and flexible, some have gripping surfaces and some include anti-microbial components to help prevent infections. Some designs of cut-resistant gloves are made as glove liners and others are used with a cotton lining inside.

No one glove will protect against all hazards. Nor is one type of glove suitable for all kinds of work. For instance, leather gloves that protect against scrapes allow water and chemicals to seep through. Lightweight nitrile gloves will keep out many liquids but will tear easily. A glove with a long sleeve or loose gauntlet protects the wrist but can cause a broken arm if caught in moving machinery.

Not only is it important to select the right glove for the hazard and task, it's also important to ensure that the glove fits properly. A glove that fits too loosely is hazardous because it can allow chemicals to run inside or it can be caught in moving equipment. It could slide off your hand, causing you to lose your grip. A glove that fits too tightly is also a problem. It can tear and allow chemical exposure. A tight glove also causes fatigue to the hands.

Your workers' hands are the tools of their trade, yet failure to use proper hand protection is a leading cause of hand injuries. Remind your workers of the importance of using proper hand protection.

Internet Addiction can be Deadly

Texting or using the Internet while driving or operating equipment is getting people killed.

Several recent fatal collisions have involved drivers distracted by text messages. In one, five people were killed when their vehicle was struck by a tractor-trailer whose driver was texting at the time. A fatal head-on train crash has been blamed on texting distraction, as has a recent bus collision.

A number of jurisdictions are planning to ban texting while operating a motor vehicle.

Your company also needs to make sure your workers aren't using cell phones or the Internet while they drive or operate machinery.

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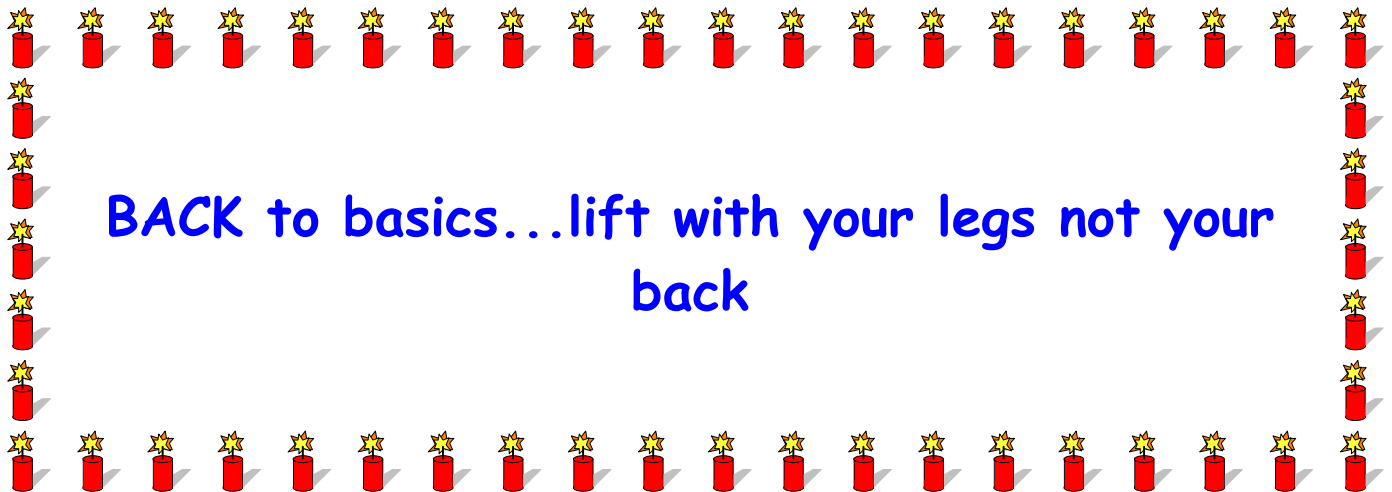
July's Featured Program....

***Gregory Newsome
City Scrap & Salvage Co.***

Safety is Magic...

The term training refers to the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and competencies as a result of the teaching of vocational or practical skills and knowledge that relate to specific useful competencies. In addition to the basic training required for a trade, occupation or profession, observers of the labor-market recognize today the need to continue training beyond initial qualifications: to maintain, upgrade and update skills throughout working life. People within many professions and occupations may refer to this sort of training as professional development.

Gregory Newsome is employed by City Scrap & Salvage Co. in Akron, Ohio and is their Director of Safety & HR. As an Authorized OSHA Trainer, magician and juggler he entertains audiences with amusing antics which adults need to retain information. Safety is truly magical when a company's culture finally encompasses safety. Gregory is currently serving on the Summit County Safety Council (SCSC) board, Website Chair on the Akron Area Society of Human Resource Management (AASHRM) and is the Safety Chair on the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) Northern Ohio Chapter.



This month's winner of the Safety Slogan Contest is Tracie D'Antonio of the City of Akron. Tracie's slogan, "**BACK to basics...lift with your legs not your back**" was selected by the Executive Committee. Tracie will receive a \$25.00 gift card for her winning slogan. Congratulations Tracie!

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!

Department of Labor Back in Enforcement Business

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis told 4,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professionals attending the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) annual conference that the Department of Labor is "back in the enforcement business."

Addressing delegates at the San Antonio, TX, conference last week, Solis noted that President Barack Obama believes the government has a responsibility to protect workers from unsafe workplaces.

"We are ready to get to work as we have a lot to do to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses," Solis said. "I want OSHA to get back to being active and robust. And I want to make it clear that we want to partner with business to keep workers safe – to partner with safety professionals, businesses and communities."

Solis says the DOL has a proposed budget of \$1.7 billion for programs in 2010, including \$50.6 million for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA will hire at least 130 additional inspectors and boost workplace inspections by 10 percent.

"We want to return respect to OSHA," she told the crowd.

News from BWC!

Drug-Free Workplace and Safety Council Rebate Program updates

Changes to BWC's Drug Free Workplace (DFWP) and Safety Council Rebate Programs took place July 1.

The changes affect group-experience-rated employers. The payroll report and premium payment for the period Jan. 1, 2009, to June 30, 2009, is the last in which group-experience-rated employers can stack their DFWP discount and/or Safety Council Rebate with their group discount.

Employers who are not group-experience rated remain eligible to stack the DFWP discount and/or Safety Council Program Rebate with other discounts available through BWC programs.

Upcoming Events & Reminders



July 15, 2009

Deadline to submit Semi-annual Reports for 1/1/09 to 6/30/09



July 15, 2009

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



August 19, 2009

**Regular Meeting—Tangier
Bruce Hennes
Hennes Communications, LLC
Crisis Communications**



September 16, 2009

**Regular Meeting—Tangier
Phil Canfora,
Mark Beauchamp and
Ozzie
Chase Protective Corp.
Drugs in the Workplace**



Last month's 50/50 raffle grossed \$113.00. Don Popp of The Ruscoe Company was the winner of \$56.50. The remaining \$56.50 goes into the SCSC training fund. Thanks for participating!

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

It's not too late to pre-pay for the FY10 Safety Council Program year...

12 meetings from 7/09 thru 6/10 - \$180.00

***Mail check payable to Summit County Safety Council at
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Reminder

Semi-annual reports for the 1st half of 2009 (1/1/09 to 6/30/09) are due from all members by 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 Rebate Program requirement. **New members effective 7/1/09 are required to file the report for 1/1/09 to 6/30/09.**

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).