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NEWS AND UPDATES FOR... ...APRIL 2010

The Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council is co-sponsored by the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Bureau for Workers Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene

Safety Council News

Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council Recognized with #2 Best Safety Council in the state for 2009 by the Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene.

[Read more about this prestigious recognition.](#)

Washington County Career Center Open House

Come and visit the Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council booth at the Career Center Open House on Thursday, April 15th from 4:00 pm - 7:30.

This annual event (free to the public) attracts 1,000 people annually. All areas of the school are open for tours and hundreds of businesses will be on hand showcasing their products and services.

The Safety Council will be promoting "Hang Up & Drive" a continuation of the "Distracted Driving" meeting from March 2010. Window stickers and valuable information on the dangers of distracted driving will be available for the attendees.

Miss the March Safety Council Meeting? Here is a Recap.

Speaker Major Coppernoll gave the "Distracted Driving" perspective of law enforcement. He relayed there were 3 aspects of non-driving activities: visual, manual, and cognitive. Texting involves all three aspects. He said any cell phone use slowed the reaction time, it was actually the same reaction time as impaired driving, and it reduces brain activity which you would be using for alert driving. In 2008 there were 6,000 accidents due to distracted drivers. Although there are no Federal laws or Ohio laws specifically for distracted driving, it falls under the category of willful & wanton disregard and reckless operation, which are misdemeanors.

Speaker Cheri Haas spoke on Employer Liability for Distracted Driving. She stressed that having a policy is a must. She defined distracted driving as, temporarily focusing on an object, event, or person not related to primary driving tasks. Sources can be communicating, eating, drinking, applying make-up, reading, using GPS, grooming,

smoking, changing/removing clothing, gawking at an accident, among others. The policy must state prohibition of cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle (also includes industrial machinery). It should also address disciplinary consequences for violating the policy and have a signed acknowledgement of receipt.

Want to see a sample policy? [Click here.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

April 21, 2010

Awards Banquet

Sponsored by Thermo Fisher Scientific

A celebration of safety!

76 area companies will be recognized for their safety achievements at this very special luncheon.

Speaker

Howard A. Mavity, Attorney

Fisher & Phillips LLP

Atlanta Georgia

Mr. Mavity is a partner in the Atlanta office. He co-chairs the firm's Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Management Practice Group. He draws upon his past business experience in transportation, logistics, construction, and industrial supply to work with clients as a business partner. He has handled well over 200 incidents of union activity, and has managed over 320 OSHA fatality cases in construction and general industry.

Want to know more about Mr. Mavity?

Visit <http://www.laborlawyers.com/showbio.aspx?Attorney-Howard-Mavity&Show=4999&>

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration & Networking Begins at 11:30

Cost \$12

Location: Marietta Country Club

[Click here to rsvp your attendance](#)

Countdown to Excellence! Movie Day

Thursday, May 6

Registration & Networking Begins at 2:30 pm

Movie from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Marietta Country Club

Meeting cost \$12

[Click here to rsvp your attendance.](#)

Nachos, popcorn and all the best movie snacks are waiting for you at this special meeting. This 55 minute video by Astronaut Mike Mullane will inspire you to reach new heights.

Want to know more about Mike Mullane visit <http://www.mikemullane.com/bio.htm>

OSHA Panel Discussion

What to do when OSHA comes calling.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

11:30 Registration / Networking

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Location: Marietta Country Club

Meeting Cost: \$12 includes lunch

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Panel:

Douglas J. Suter, Attorney with the Law Offices of Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Teeter specializing in complex litigation, wrongful death, serious injury, labor & employment law, OSHA/workplace safety and

civil rights litigation.

Doug Currey, Americas Styrenics, VPP Certified
Carmen Shafer, CSP, CHST, CRIS, OSHA Instructor
Howard Eberts, US Department of Labor, OSHA

2010 RSVP Guidelines

Unless your company is participating in the pre-paid program, a reservation is a must! All reserved lunches will need to be paid for, whether or not you attend....we're sure you understand.

If you attend without a reservation a \$3 charge will be included in your invoice.

BWC / Member News

ADA Training Offered ADA

Training is being offered by the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities through the Connectors to Success Project Training

Objectives:

- Refine your working knowledge of ADA basics.
- Define the rights and responsibilities of the employer.
- Define the rights and responsibilities of the candidate/employee.
- Discuss the concept of compliance as a goal.
- Use job descriptions from your business to help recognize essential job functions under the ADA.
- Discuss reasonable accommodation. What is reasonable and what is not.

HR credit will be given for the training.

Training dates are May 20 & 21. Classes will be limited to 20 each.

Want to know more? Contact Connie Strahler at 740-373-7277

MACC Offers Business Roundtable

The April 14th Business Roundtable at the Marietta Chamber will feature Colleen Cook and OSBA Certified Labor and Employment Law Specialist. Ms. Cook practices with the local firm of Theisen Brock, LPA.

She will be speaking on "Liability Issues from Hiring to Firing." Her presentation will focus on "Seven Easy Ways to Keep Your Employees From Suing You." Questions from attendees will be welcomed.

This session is at no charge to MACC Members. Email info@mariettachamber.com to RSVP your attendance or call 740-373-5176.



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