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mid-ohio valley
**SAFETY
COUNCIL**



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR...

...January 2010 UPDATE

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

Upcoming Meetings

January 20, 2010

Preparing for Emergencies

*Could you be a survivor? Are you ready for the unexpected?
Get ready for an interactive exercise unlike any other.*

Facilitator~ Chip Udischas

Eagle Scout/ First Aid CPR Instructor / SCUBA Instructor for rescue divers / EMT / Military Police Corps & Deputy Sheriff w/Coshocton County Sheriff's Office

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration Begins at 11:30

Location: Marietta Country Club

[Click here to RSVP your attendance](#)

February 17, 2010

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Ever taken a shortcut? Do you sometimes skip the PPE? See someone not practicing safety in your workplace?

Join us for this interactive session where you guess "What's wrong with this picture?"

Facilitator ~ Carmen Shafer, CSP, CHST, CRIS

Shafer Safety Solutions

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration Begins at 11:30

Location: Marietta Country Club

[Click here to RSVP your attendance](#)

March 17, 2010

TBA

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration Begins at 11:30

Location: Marietta Country Club

[Click here to RSVP your attendance](#)

April 21, 2009

Awards Banquet

A celebration of safety!

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration Begins at 11:30

Location: Marietta Country Club
[Click here to RSVP your attendance](#)

May 6, 2010

Countdown to Excellence

*Sit back in your chair and get ready to see one of the best safety presentations out there.
Movie Day!*

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>

Registration Begins at 2:30

Movie from 3:00 - 4:00

Followed by group discussion

Location: Marietta Country Club

[Click here to RSVP your attendance](#)

May 19, 2010

OSHA Panel Discussion

What to do when OSHA comes calling.

Douglas J. Suter, Attorney with the Law Offices of Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Teeter

Specializing in complex litigation, wrongful death, serious injury, labor and employment law, OSHA/workplace safety and civil rights litigation.

Doug Currey, Americas Styrenics, VPP Certified

Carmen Shafer, CSP, CHST, CRIS, OSHA Instructor

Noon - 1:00 pm Meeting

Registration Begins at 11:30

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Invoicing Alert!

Pre-Paid Program

The MOVSC Pre-Paid Program was a hit in 2009 and will be continued in 2010. What it is:
Pay \$144 in January, this covers your attendance at all meetings in 2010.

Benefits of participation include:

- No need to RSVP for a meeting,
- Special registration table where your name tag will be waiting,
- No need to wait for the sign-in sheet to make it around to your table, you can sign-in at the registration table,
- No more collecting a invoice at the meeting and taking it back to the office.

Invoices were emailed out to all Safety Council members December 15th...you can then choose if this program is right for your company.

2010 RSVP Guidelines

A reservation is a must! (Unless your company is participating in the pre-paid program). 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.

News

It Is Reporting Time

It is time for the Safety Council semi-annual report. The report covers July 1 - December 31, 2009. Semi-Annual Reports will also be emailed to all members who have indicated they are the primary contact for their company. They are available at www.movsafetycouncil.com.

This information is used for the awards program and must be provided to be eligible for the incentive program. **All members** (*no matter your FY10 rebate eligibility*) should return the reports by January 22.

2010 Discussion Guide Available Exclusively on OHIO BWC website

Annually, the Division of Safety & Hygiene publishes the **Safety Leaders Discussion Guide**. The monthly articles are written in a style that encourages participation and interaction and includes additional resources.

Monthly 2010 Discussion Guide Topics Include

- Electrical Safety
- Slips, Trips and falls in nursing facilities
- Three-point technique
- Talking about shift workers
- Contractor safety
- ICE - In case of emergency
- How did it happen?
- Employee safety orientations
- Basic ergonomics training for construction
- Reacting to a worker's emergency
- Handling chemicals safely
- Material handling (push/pull)

You can find the discussion guide at <https://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/forms/publications/nlbwc/SafeHygPubs1.asp>.

Wednesday, January 13: Business Roundtable Discussion

Worker's Compensation with Colleen Culp of Careworks Consultants, Inc. Noon to 1 pm in the Chamber Conference Room. Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee, tea & soft drinks provided.

Learn more about group rating. There will plenty of time to address your specific questions. [Please RSVP by email](#) or call 740-373-5176. Limited to 18.

Speaker Bio: Colleen Culp currently serves as an account executive for client services for CareWorks Consultants, Inc., the largest third party administrator in Ohio.

Colleen has more than 44 years experience in the Ohio workers' compensation industry. She joined the team at CareWorks Consultants in March of 2000. She currently works very closely with many of CareWorks Consultants' chambers and associations. She is also responsible for client services in the Southeast portion of the state, including the Marietta area.

Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, CareWorks Consultants strives to exceed customer expectations and reduce the impact of workers' compensation costs. As a result of delivering best-in-class service to our customers, CareWorks Consultants is proud to maintain one of the highest client retention rates in the industry. Our service delivery model is based on a team approach with the client as our

focus. Our knowledgeable associates and advanced technologies continue to distinguish us from other third party administrators (TPAs) in Ohio

Eramet Recognizes Plant Joint Safety Audit Team

Eramet recently honored its 40+ employee Joint Safety Audit Team during a day-long, plant-wide celebration of employee commitment to safety.

The Joint Safety Audit Team, which is comprised of members of Eramet's hourly and salary employees, was formed in early 2008 to help identify and rectify potential safety concerns throughout the facility. The team performed exceptionally well, working together cooperatively throughout the plant to enhance the safety and well-being of all Eramet Marietta employees. So well, in fact that what was initially established as a temporary, experimental approach to safety has become a key component of Eramet Marietta's Safety program, says company CEO Frank Bjorklund.

"Over the past year or more, we've worked hard to make our facility safer for all of our employees.

Many changes have come about because of the plant's innovative Joint Safety Audit Team," he relates.

"Members of this team spent many hours performing tasks associated with safety to support our common goal that Eramet Marietta continues to provide a safe working environment for its employees.

Their hard work continues to pay off."

Team members performed inspections, walk-throughs, paperwork reviews and recommended remediation when necessary.

Members of Eramet Marietta's Joint Safety Audit Team are: Bob Allman, Jay Arnold, Ray Baker, Gary Beagle, Jerry Binegar, Bill Bloomingdale, Steve Brown, Jason Canterbury, Pat Dickinson, Dean Douglass, Gerry Dye, Gary Ferguson, Mitch Gillian, Tim Gragg, Rob Habeb, Traci Harper, Clayton Harra, John Hooper, John Hughes, Melody Hughes, Don Joachim, Marty Keith, Justin Kirby, Brian Lee, Dave Lee, Jeff McKinney, Chris McLeish, Dave Miller, Mark Miracle, Marc Mounier-Vehier, Rick Radcliff, Dave Riggle, Dave Riggs, Ed Scott, Jeff Sturm, Mike Thompson, Allan Tubaugh, Glen Underwood, Sue Vallera and Tom Zakowski.

Pioneer Pipe Honored for Safety

Pioneer Pipe Inc. was recently honored at the National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee's ninth annual Zero Injury Safety Awards Banquet held at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

The NMAPC presented Pioneer Pipe with Zero Injury Safety Awards Banquet held at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The NMAPC presented Pioneer Pipe with Zero Injury Safety Awards

for the construction and maintenance work Pioneer Pipe has performed at the Solvay Advanced Polymers facility in Marietta and the SABIC Innovative Plastics facility in Washington W.V.

Congratulations to Cheryl Kiggans and all the employees at Pioneer Pipe on your recognition.

U Southeast Ohio UCC Announces 2010 Meeting Schedule

1. February 11, 2010
2. May 13, 2010
3. August 12, 2009
4. November 4, 2010

For questions please contact: Chuck Green, Ohio Utilities Protection Service, 800-311-3692 ext. 7250

Group Rating Plan

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) allows private and public employers to join together under a sponsoring organization to be evaluated as one large employer for their workers' compensation premium calculation.

This means savings for your business! Under a group rating program, savings will vary, but generally, employers with excellent claims experience and safety records can qualify for up to 51 percent discounts. Employers with average to better-than-average loss history can expect savings in the range of 30 to 45 percent.

To qualify, an employer must have better-than-average claims experience and also must be up-to-date on premium payments owed to the OBWC. In order to be accepted into a group rating plan.

The final deadline to join a group rating plan for the July 2010 through June 2011 premium period is February 28, 2010. Call the Chamber at 740-373-5176 to learn how you can apply to be part of the Chamber Group Workers Comp Rating Plan.

Shafer Safety Solutions, LLC Travels to Las Vegas

In January, Carmen Shafer with Shafer Safety Solutions, LLC will be traveling to Las Vegas for the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America National Safety and Health Committee meeting. As part of this meeting, Carmen will be organizing the first round of judging for AGC's Construction Safety Excellence Awards. Forty-six safety professionals nation-wide are joining together to review 115 submissions from construction companies across the US and select the finalists who will be competing for the grand award in March. Carmen has actively participated in the Safety Committee for over 8 years and is also Chair of the Workforce Development Task Force.

Want to know more about Shafer Safety Solutions? Contact:

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Looking for Free Ways to Quit Tobacco?

Attend a Stop Tobacco Class. For more information contact Stephanie Davis at 740-374-2229 or email sdavis@selbygeneral.org.

Jan. 5 or Jan. 12, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 or Feb. 11, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Mar. 1 or Mar. 8, 5 – 6 p.m.

All classes will be held in the Selby General Hospital Conference Room.

*Selby General Hospital's Washington County Tobacco Prevention Project
Funding provided by the Ohio Department of Health*

Want to spotlight your business?

The Safety Council is seeking sponsorship for the monthly e-newsletter, website & monthly meetings

Sponsorships help offset the cost of maintaining the Safety Council program and it shows your support and commitment to safety.

Sponsorship Includes

- **Monthly Safety Council meeting sponsor** you will be promoted in all communications as the sponsor of "one" monthly meeting in 2010. Includes having a banner at the meeting and being recognized during the meeting as the sponsor
- **Banner Ad in the e-newsletter** each quarter
- **Banner Ad on the Safety Council website** www.movsafetycouncil.com

Cost is a low \$250.

If you are interested or would like more details give Lori a call at 373-5176 or reply to this email.



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