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**NEWS AND UPDATES FOR... ...July 2009**

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## Safety Council News

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## Upcoming Meetings

### **Where Does My Trash Go?**

Presented by Jonathon Kissell with Rumpke

Learn more about; landfills, recycling programs, EPA requirements, disposal of items such as batteries, light bulbs, tires and appliances and more.

**Topic: Where Does My Trash Go?**

Where: Lafayette Hotel

When: Wednesday, July 15

Time: Registration: 11:30 am Meeting: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$12 includes buffett lunch

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

Save the date!

Date: August 19, 2009

Location: Marietta Country Club

Topic: Working Caregivers ~ There is help out there.

*This session will include information on:*

- *Impact on employers*
- *What employers can do to accommodate working caregivers (how to on saving the employer money)*
- *Working caregiver assistance plan*

**2009 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.

**BWC / Member News****Semi-Annual Reports Due July 15th**

It is that time again! Follow the link below to the Semi-Annual Reports for the January 1st - June 30th, 2009 reporting period.

[For the semi-annual reports click here.](#)

Safety Council Members ~

Get a 2% rebate on your premium by becoming a active member of the safety council. And reduce either the severity or frequency of injuries by 10%, or keep both at zero, and you will earn an additional 2% bonus rebate.

Being a active member requires the following:

- Be a member of the Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council
- Attend 10 Safety Council meeting or BWC sponsored events. *At least eight through the MOVSC. You can get credit for up to two meetings through attendance at BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene safety training courses or industry-specific training.*
- Send your CEO to a safety council sponsored meeting.
- Submit semi-annual workplace accident reports for the 2009 calendar year.

**Ohio BWC Releases Program Compatibility Chart**

The Ohio BWC has implemented changes that affect an employer's ability to combine programs with discounts or incentives. Because of the diverse combination of programs offered and recent changes a matrix is available that outlines what programs are compatible

with others.

[Click here for a link to the chart.](#)

### Caution can Help Prevent Deer/Vehicle Crashes

*Submitted by: Jim Harris, Broughton Foods*

Deer are one of the major roadside hazards facing drivers and one of the most difficult to control.

Unfortunately more DTI/Transport drivers are on the road at the very times when deer are most active – dawn and dusk. An adult deer can weigh more than 200 pounds and a truck striking one can not only incur thousands of dollars in damage, but can cause the truck to veer off the road.

To avoid deer crashes, truck drivers must slow down when they see deer nearby. If you see one deer, there are probably more nearby that could dash in front of your truck. "If you can't avoid a deer, it's safer to hit the brakes and hit the deer than to swerve suddenly and try to miss it. If you swerve, you risk losing control of your truck and rolling over or hitting a car or a tree. (Some Deer are hard to see)

Deer/vehicle crashes are often unavoidable. However, a few precautions may minimize your chances of injury or property damage in a deer/vehicle crash. Please keep these ideas in mind:

1. Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts save lives and keep passengers safer in any crash.
2. Be vigilant, drive cautiously and slow down in early morning and evening hours – the most active time for deer.
3. Pay attention to "Deer Crossing" signs.
4. If you see a deer by the side of the road, slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.
5. When you see one deer, look for another one – deer seldom run alone.
6. If you see a deer looming in your headlights, don't expect the deer to move away – headlights can confuse a deer and cause the animal to freeze.
7. No published research supports the effectiveness of deer whistles on vehicles. Deer can't hear ultrasonic frequencies.
8. Caution is the best way to reduce your risk of a deer/vehicle crash. Be extra cautious around sunrise and sunset, especially during the spring and fall.
9. Report any accident promptly.

**Do you have member news to share? If so send it to [smith@mariettachamber.com](mailto:smith@mariettachamber.com).**



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