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**NEWS AND UPDATES FOR... ..JUNE 2009**

*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

### Working for our Future!

**The Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council is pleased to announce that the OSHA 10-Hour Training for the entire student body at the Washington County Career Center has been completed!!!**

**All students who were present both days of training have received their OSHA 10-Hour Card.**

The MOVSC & Chamber would like to thank the following members for volunteering their time to conduct the OSHA training.

Cheryl Kiggans - Pioneer Pipe  
Greg Hutchison - GJH & Associates  
Greg Adams - Lang Masonry  
Joe Kunze - Leasco Equipment Services  
Jim Bolinger - O'Brien's Safety Services  
Kathy Archer - Pioneer Pipe  
Carmen Shafer - Shafer Safety Solutions  
Jim Asbury - Solvay Advanced Polymers  
Sally Beckwith - Solvay Advanced Polymers  
Tracy Thompson - Ohio BWC  
Howie Ebert - OSHA  
Don Hodkinson  
Ralph Thorne - Safety Train  
Bob Yeager - Compliance Safety Training of WV

***Special thanks to Cheryl Kiggans with Pioneer Pipe for coordinating this training!***

**Thank you to the following for your sponsorship of the OSHA 10-Hour Training at the Washington County Career Center.**

***Riverview Industrial Supply ~ Wendy's ~ Trademark Solutions ~ Greenleaf Landscapes***

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# Are you on Target to Meet the Ohio BWC Meeting Attendance Credits for Safety Council in FY09

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[Click here to find out.](#)



## Upcoming Meetings

### Wealth of Health



*The greatest wealth is health. ~Virgil*

It's time to take care of you!

Join the MOVSC as we bring in a variety of speakers including; MMH 55+, Strecker Cancer Center, YMCA and others who will be sharing their stories of overcoming odds, obstacles and how they made changes to improve their quality of life.

#### **Topic: Wealth of Health**

Where: Miss Lilly - Valley Gem Barge

When: Wednesday, June 17th

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

Cost: \$12 includes buffett lunch

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

**This meeting is sponsored by Marietta Occupational Health Partners**

Note:

- The Washington Street Bridge is scheduled to be closed June 8 for 60 days. Due to the travel inconvenience this will cause to our members the June and July meetings have been moved to downtown Marietta. Members who normally travel across the Washington Street or Putnam Street Bridge are encouraged to park on the Harmar (West) side and walk the railroad bridge to the meeting via the bike path.
- The Valley Gem is docked directly behind the Armory on Front Street.

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### 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

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### Ohio BWC Announces Changes

The Ohio BWC has sought for some time to achieve what it has described as "greater premium equity" for group and non-group employers. On March 20, the BWC Board of Directors approved a comprehensive rate-reform plan to become effective with the July 1, 2009 policy year for private-sector employers.

- An average effective base rate reduction of 25.3 percent for the policy year beginning July 1, 2009 for non-group rated employers. BWC believes this rate reduction will make Ohio 's workers' compensation rates more competitive with other states and levels the playing field for economic development and job creation.
- The base rate reduction will also apply to group rated employers, but its impact will be offset by a 31 percent "assessment factor" implemented to bridge the equity gap as calculated by BWC.
- Group-rated employers will pay an average of 9.6 percent more in premium as a result of the credibility table change from 85 percent to 77 percent maximum credibility limit. Employers participating in group rating programs will continue to enjoy significant premium discounts; however, their premiums will increase on average by 9.6 percent according to BWC projections. While BWC has indicated 9.6 percent as the average increase, an employer's actual premium change may be different based on industry, specific claim experience and other factors.
- Group-rated employers will not be able to stack other discounts associated with other BWC programs except those associated with the deductible program;

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### Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce Invites You to the educational session:

#### "How To Use The Internet To Grow Your Business"

This special workshop co-sponsored by the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce, Washington State Community College, TechGROWTH Ohio, Ohio Third Frontier and Ohio Small Business Development Centers will focus on:

Understanding the basics to harness the power of the internet in your business and get up-to-date on techniques that really work.

- Gain access to simple, low to no cost internet marketing solutions to support and grow your business.
- Learn basic internet terminology to stay up on the latest trends.
- Harness the power of social networking to increase your reach.

Presented by Mary Kaufman, Muskingum College & Sharon Delay, President of BoldlyGO.

When: Wednesday, June 10

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Location: WSCC - Workforce Development Center for Business & Industry.

The cost is \$39 for chamber members and \$49 for non-members.

Call 373-5176 to reserve your attendance.

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