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NEWS AND UPDATES FOR... ..MARCH 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

Thank you for your participation in the Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council rated the #2 Safety Council in Ohio.

Safety Council News

Ohio BWC Changes Deadline

Due to recent decisions made by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors, you now have more time to request a group rating quote.

The new deadline to return AC-3s, or applications for Group Rating, to Compensation Consultants Inc. (CCI) is March 31, 2009. The new deadline for returning enrollment packets, or AC-26s, to accept a Group Rating offer is April 21, 2009.

Please call our representative with CCI, Colleen Culp, with any questions you have about this change. You may reach Colleen by phone at 1-800-837-3200 ext. 7228 or via email at <mailto:colleen.culp@ccitpa.com?subject=Marietta CCI Info Request>.

Why did BWC change the group rating deadline?

BWC wants more time to analyze and implement a new rating process that differentiates rate computations for group and non-group employers. Sponsors and TPAs (third party administrators) were unaware of BWC's intent to extend this deadline until the request was made at the BWC Board meeting on January 23, 2009. We will closely monitor and communicate to our customers any additional changes or updates.

What if I have already enrolled?

Employers already enrolled with CCI can rest assure that we are actively monitoring all BWC activity on this important issue. As Ohio's largest TPA, CCI is well-positioned to provide our customers with the best rating options, discount programs and rebate opportunities available for their business.

Are all group rating programs affected by these changes?

Yes, all group rating programs and their TPAs are equally affected by these recent changes. No program sponsor or TPA has a unique advantage over CCI since we are the largest TPA representing Ohio's group and non-group rated employers.

Are there any other changes being considered by BWC?

Yes, BWC is considering development of a number of new alternative discount programs to become effective July 1, 2009 and retooling current discount programs. We have been advised by BWC that these new programs will likely coincide with changes to the BWC rating program. Stay tuned.

Ohio Safety Congress & Expo - 2009

March 31 to April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Saving lives...Saving money, Focus on Safety in Today's Economy.

Join 5,000 safety-minded individuals at Ohio's largest and most established occupational safety and health event. Want to?

- Reduce training costs for you and your employees at 150 educational sessions.
- Earn free CEUs for accreditation and BWC discount programs.
- Solve problems with peers at roundtable discussions.
- Discover solutions to real-life safety scenarios.
- Save on registration fees and out-of-state travel expenses.
- Fewer injuries mean lower workers' compensation costs.

Register today at OhioBWC.com!



Upcoming Meetings

Safety RoundTable Discussion, Session II

Interactive Event

Date: Wednesday, March 18th
 Registration Begins: 11:30 am
 Meeting Time: Noon - 1:00 pm
 Meeting Cost: \$12 includes buffet lunch

The Safety RoundTable Discussion was a huge success. Ideas and lots of information was exchanged and now it is time to share the best-of-the-best from the meeting. Looking for money saving tips, how to get employees on board with safety, the newest safety equipment out there that really works and more. Then plan on attending the March 18th meeting. This will be an interactive discussion where ideas from the February meeting will be shared to the entire group.

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

2009 RSVP Guidelines

In an effort to ensure the proper amount of food, seating and handouts the MOVSC must have a RSVP from all attendees. Those who do not RSVP within 24 hours of the meeting will be charged an additional \$3. Those who RSVP and do not give a reasonable notice of cancellation will be charged for the meeting.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but want to ensure the best possible meetings for you our members.

BWC / Member News

Ohio BWC Offers Workplace Safety Web Courses

The BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene is dedicated to meeting customers' needs for occupational safety and health training. The division's training center offers many resources, including Web-based training classes. Employees can learn in their own work environment at their own pace, choosing a window of learning time when work is not adversely affected. This reduces travel time to zero, and saves travel expenses and time away from the job. Follow the link for further information and classes offered.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ohio Safety Congress Class Schedule (PDF) [Click here for a copy.](#)

Meetings? Is your company on track to meet the Ohio BWC Discount Requirements?

Follow the link to check # meetings attended, status of 1st & 2nd 2008 Reports and CEO meeting attendance.

<http://mariettachamber.com/148>

Are you participating in the MOVSC Pre-paid meeting program?

- No waiting in line
- Name badge is made up and waiting for you
- Sign-in sheet available for your signature prior to the meeting.

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Need safety consulting services?

If so contact:

James F. Bolinger
Senior Safety Specialist
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Find out about all the safety services offered at www.obriensafetyservices.com

Employee Free Choice Act (Card Check)

As congress prepares to introduce the Employee Free Choice Act (Card Check) legislation, the Chamber Alliance, a grass roots initiative of the Ohio Chamber and local chambers is spreading the word and getting employers and employees engaged so they can learn about its negative impact. One effort to do so is a web cast that will be conducted with an expert panel of labor lawyers, labor relations specialists and public relations professionals. They will discuss how this proposed legislation will impact business and employees.

The Webcast is March 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Est.

To register and participate, follow this link and sign up:
http://mcafeetaft.info/09/090224_EFCA_Invite/EFCA_Invite.html

Don't miss this opportunity to see exactly how devastating Card Check would be to employers and employees if passed.

Do you have member news to share? If so send it to smith@mariettachamber.com.



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