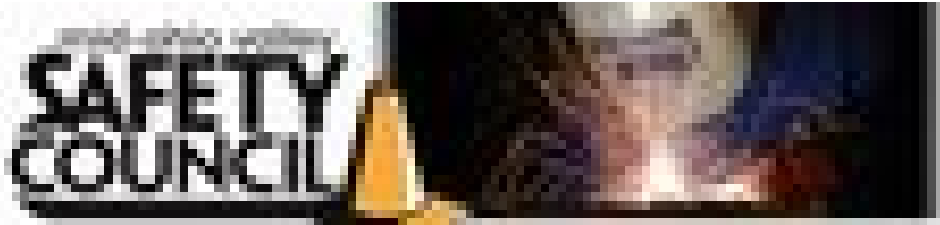


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Subject: MOVSC September E-newsletter



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR... ...SEPTEMBER 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

Investing in Our Future

The Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council and Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that for the 2nd year volunteers from around the MOV will be on hand to spend a day working with the junior class of the Washington County Career Center.

On September 23 over 50 volunteers will be offering 98 classes to the students! All with a safety and health message. Ear & Eye Protection, Smoking Cessation, Dangers of the Internet, Street Drugs, ATV Safety, Confined Spaces, Fire Extinguisher Training, Electrical Safety, Hands on PPE Training and much more.

If you see any of the following please thank them and the company they are representing for their time in ensuring this training could take place.

Steve Cunningham, AEP Muskingum River Plant
Doug Currey, Americas Styrenics
Brian Gray, AMP Ohio
Cindy Bennett, Retired Safety Professional
Machelle Hague, Green Valley Coop.
Dave Fleming, Greenleaf Landscapes, Inc.
Tracy Thompson, Ohio BWC
Barbara Medlin, Marietta Occupational Health Partners
Carmen Shafer, Shafer Safety Solutions
Susan Burkhart, Washington County Commissioners
Steve Porter, Washington County Career Center

Committee Chair

Jim Harris, Broughton Foods



Upcoming Meetings

An Accident Free Workplace is Possible / COVIO

Presented by Steve Cunningham, AEP Muskingum River Plant & Doug Curry, Americas Styrenics

Where: Marietta Country Club
When: Wednesday, September 16

Time: Registration: 11:30 am Meeting: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Cost: \$12 includes buffet lunch
[Click here to RSVP your attendance.](#)

Save the date ~ Upcoming Meetings

October 21, 2009
Noon - 1:00 pm
Location: Marietta Country Club

November 18, 2009
Noon - 1:00 pm
Location: Marietta Holiday Inn

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

Safety Council Members Eligible for a Rebate must be a "active" member ~

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. Return your training certificate to your Safety Council.*
 - Send your CEO to a safety council sponsored meeting.
 - Submit semi-annual workplace accident reports for the 2009 calendar year.
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BWC Payroll Reporting Deadline:

The payroll reporting deadline for the 01-01-2009 to 06-30-2009 period is fast approaching, 08-31-2009. In today's difficult economic environment it is more important than ever to ensure that employers maintain their eligibility for BWC programs by filing payroll reports and paying the required premium by the deadline. Please encourage employers to take advantage of the on-line reporting option of 50/50. Employers will need to file the payroll on-line and remit 50% of the calculated premium by the 8-31-2009 deadline. Recognizing that employers may need assistance in paying their premiums, BWC has once again extended the deadline for the second 50% payment an additional 30 days to 12-01-2009.

For additional information or assistance with payroll reporting or premium payment, please call 800.OHIOBWC or 800.644.6292.

Safety Intervention Grant\$ Phase VI starts July 1, 2009

The Safety Intervention Grant\$ Program is available to any Ohio state-fund or public employer who wishes to purchase equipment to substantially reduce or eliminate injuries and illnesses associated with a particular task or operation.

To participate in the program an employer must pay into the Ohio State Insurance Fund, maintain active coverage, be current on all monies owed BWC and demonstrate the need for a safety intervention. An employer also must allow BWC staff access to the work site prior to submitting the grant application to perform a comprehensive safety assessment of the organization. The purpose of the overall safety assessment is to provide BWC a more comprehensive look at the applicant's overall safety practices which could help assess the cost effectiveness of providing a safety grant.

The requirement involving a claim in the area of intervention has been REMOVED! Any employer meeting the above criteria is eligible for money!

With the safety intervention grant, private and public employers are eligible for a 2-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum of \$40,000, meaning a total of \$60,000 — \$20,000 from the employer and \$40,000 from BWC.

Because of the large number of requests we received for particular intervention items, and in keeping within the scope of the SafetyGRANT\$ research project, the following interventions will no longer be considered for SafetyGRANT\$ funding:

- Bathing systems, Ceiling lifts, Cranes: bridge and jib, Electric beds, Exercise equipment, Floor-based patient-lifting devices, Forklifts, Lift tables, Patient ambulation devices, Patient bathing and toileting chairs, Patient scales, Personal protective equipment, Powered dolly equipment, SawStops, Skid steerers, front-end loaders, bobcats, all earth-moving equipment, Stair chairs/cots, Standard guardrailing systems, Standard machine guarding, Stretchers, Transfer tables, Transplanters, taggers, Vehicles, including cars and trucks, Weaponry, including tasers

Contact your local BWC safety consultant to begin the grant process and to assist you in completing the paperwork and proper submission. The money is on a first come, first serve basis. More information can be obtained at

<http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/EmpGrants.asp>

Your local BWC Grant Representative is:

Sarah Ghezzi, CSP

Certified Safety Professional

Cell Phone: 614-562-6029

Fax: 614-621-3087

Email: Sarah.Ghezzi@bwc.state.oh.us

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation newly revised code states that any employer who has had a claim in the "green year" (year prior to the current policy year) or the previous year, will have to complete a required two hours of safety training by June 30, 2010.

For the 2009 policy period, this includes any claim occurring from January 1, 2007 through December 31,

2008. BWC's requirement applies to any claim an employer has had within the past two years, regardless of size or severity. Two hours is the minimum amount of safety training mandated. If an employer has experienced more than one claim within this period, they are still only obligated to attend two hours of safety training.

Don't be taken in and pay for training when the Ohio BWC offers this training at no charge. [Click this link for a list of upcoming training classes.](#)

Safe Medication Disposal

Dispose of expired or unwanted medications. Bottle, lid, medication and label can be crushed and disposed of safely.

Pill form only no liquid, gel, syringes, glass or metal containers or cancer medications.

Wednesday, September 16
From 9 am - 5 pm
O'Neill Senior Center ~ 333 Fourth Street, Marietta

Sponsored by the Washington County Council on Aging

MOVSHRM HR Conference

Speakers:
Recent update in OH & WV Legislation
HR Challenges & Strategies for Tough Times
Implementing a Reduction in Force (RIF) How to Handle Legally & Ethically
The Headaches of Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and Social Networking
Writing Bulletproof Documentation
Decreasing the Odds of Getting Sued
Ask an Attorney

Date: September 17
Time: 8:15 am - 5:00 pm
Where: Washington State Community College
Cost: \$100

Need more information? Contact Darla Miller at 376-4370 or Photoola Medley at 740-732-3092 or MaryAnn Mitchell at 374-6142.

National Assisted Living Week

In honor of National Assisted Living Week **The Inn at Marietta** invites you to celebrate "*Traditions of the Heart*". Please drop by The Inn for their Block Party on September 19 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

You Earned It. Now KEEP It!

The Area Agency on Aging presents **A Common Sense Guide** to Senior Planning.
Topics will include:
Estate Recovery, Homes & Farms, Medicaid Eligibility, Essential Documents, Medicare Compliance, 401ks & IRAs, Avoiding Probate, Trusts, VA Issues, Third Party Special Needs Trusts.

When: September 24
Time: 9:30 - Noon
Where: Marietta Comfort Inn

Seating is limited! Call your rsvp to 1-800-331-2644 or email info@buckeyehills.org

Construction Safety For Women (OSHA 10 Hour)

Carmen Shafer w/ Shafer Safety Solutions will be conducting Construction Safety For Women (OSHA 10

Hour Training) at Washington State Community College on Saturday, September 12th & 19th from 9:00 am . 3:00 pm. Cost is \$99 and includes lunch.

Contact WSCC at 740-568-1918 to register.

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

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