



**SUMMIT COUNTY
SAFETY COUNCIL**

SAFETY AND HEALTH NEWS

The Journey to Safety Excellence

The Journey to Safety Excellence is a roadmap for continuous safety improvement. We know that maintaining a safe workplace is a never-ending journey, not a destination. Learn about four key pillars to protect workers and enhance your organization's performance.

Leadership and Employee Engagement

Leaders create a safety culture when they engage all employees, communicate safety vision from the top down, model safe practices, and invest time and money in safety. Key benefits include:

- Improved moral
- Increased Productivity
- Reduced costs

Safety Management Systems

A strong safety management system (also known as an injury and illness prevention program) comprises a set of processes and tasks to ensure safety goals are met. Key benefits include:

- Management held accountable for safety vision
- Safety becomes part of everyday operations
- Reduced injuries and deaths

Risk Reduction

Risk will always be present in the workplace, but employers and employees can work together to reduce it by paying attention and establishing best practices. Those who work to continually reduce risk will outperform those who do not. The average cost of a minor incident is 16 times higher than the cost of the preventive measure. The average cost of a very serious or fatal incident is 48 times higher than the cost of the preventive measure. Research shows:

- Ergonomic interventions can provide a \$10 return for every \$1 invested.
- 24/7 safety promotion is vital; 15 times more employees are killed off the job.
- Promoting wellness can provide \$1.65 savings for every \$1 spent.

Performance Measurement

Knowing how a safety program performs today will help foster improvements in the future. Key benefits include:

- Starting point set to measure baseline
- Benchmarking allows comparisons to other companies
- Areas for improvement highlighted

Upcoming Regular Monthly Meetings



March 16, 2016

Regular Meeting—Tangier's
Trench & Excavation Safety
Dennis Hobart
Safety Controls Technology



April 20, 2016

Regular Meeting—Tangier's
**Taking the Stress Out Of
Stress Management**
Jep Hostetler



May 18, 2016

Regular Meeting—Tangier's
**Creating a Healthy
Workplace**
Jerry Lynch
Central Wellness



Mark Your Calendar March 16, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting —
Tangier's

Cost—\$17.00

Upcoming Seminars



NFPA 70E Electrical Safety in the Workplace and Arc Flash Training

March 29, 2016
8 hour class at Tangier's
Instructed by Jerry
Bennett of Hilscher-
Clarke Electric



First Aid, CPR, AED

May 3, 2016
6 hour class at Tangier's
Instructed by John Shull
Cost \$20 (includes lunch)

RSVP to Sally

March's Featured Program...

Dennis Hobart
Safety Controls Technology

Trench and Excavation Safety

Hazards associated with trench work and excavation are recognized and preventable, yet injuries and fatalities associated with these hazards continue to occur. Regulations and consensus standards describe engineering controls, protective equipment, and safe work practices to minimize hazards for workers during trench work and excavations. This presentation will include:

- Importance of Excavation Safety
- Role of the Competent Person
- Primary Requirements of 29 CFR 1926 Subpart P-Excavations
- Proper Protective System Use- and common mistakes made

With 18 years of experience in the field of trenching and excavating SCT safety and health professional Dennis Hobart has spent his career designing and maintaining safe trenches on job sites across Ohio. In addition to his work in the field, Hobart has trained thousands of construction, industrial and municipal workers as well as emergency professionals in excavation safety and trench rescue. Joining SCT in 2014, Hobart performs safety and health audits of trenching sites and is part of SCT's safety and health training team, where he teaches OSHA 10- and 30-hour courses as well as trenching and excavating safety.

Spring Forward with Safety

Time to Change the Clocks

Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday in March. Clocks are set forward one hour, except in Hawaii and most of Arizona.

This year, daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

When you change your clocks, be sure to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in smoke detectors should be replaced yearly.

It's also a good time to review your family emergency plan, take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box and update your first aid kit.



Cari's Safety Corner

Q: What does OSHA require in regards to violence in the workplace and active shooter programs and training?

A: OSHA does not have a specific standard on violence in the workplace or active shooter/ active killer situations. However, under the General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970, employers are required to provide their employees with a place of employment that "is free from recognizable hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious harm to employees." An employer that has experienced acts of workplace violence, or becomes aware of threats, intimidation, or other indicators showing that the potential for violence in the workplace exists, would be on notice of the risk of workplace violence and should implement a workplace violence prevention program combined with engineering controls, administrative controls, and training.

There are many options to start on this journey. The BWC has a half day violence in the workplace class and your BWC consultant or local law enforcement can help you create a policy. Training can be done in-house, online or with your local law enforcement. There are many companies that focus on security and violence in the workplace if you are interested in seeking other outside help. Two well known training programs dealing with active shooters are: The Department of Homeland Security's: Run, Hide, Fight and the ALiCE method offered by the ALiCE training institute.

NIOSH National Survey of Long-Haul Truck Drivers: Injury and Safety

NIOSH recently published a study of the results of a survey conducted in 2010 where it interviewed 1,265 long-haul truckers about their health, safety, health behaviors, work practices and involvement in truck crashes.

NIOSH reports these key findings:

- 68 percent of non-crash injuries involving days away from work among company drivers were not reported to employers;
- 73 percent of the drivers surveyed perceived their delivery deadlines as unrealistically tight, which could increase likelihood of unsafe actions such as speeding, violating driving-hour regulations, and driving despite fatigue, bad weather, or heavy traffic;
- 35 percent of the drivers reported at least one crash in their career; and
- 38 percent of the drivers reported receiving inadequate training at the beginning of their careers.

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Neal Nehrenz of Clinton Aluminum was the winner of \$91.00 in February's 50/50 raffle!

Thank you for supporting SCSC!

Mission Statement

To promote well being and injury prevention by offering informational and educational opportunities to both the private and public sectors within the community.

Co-sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)

National Safety Council Safety Videos on YouTube

The National Safety Council has a YouTube Channel with dozens of free safety videos. The videos are from hour-long webinars on a variety of topics, including HazCom, combustible dust, arc safety and many more.

Upcoming BWC Class Schedule (North Canton)

339 E. Maple St., Suite 200

North Canton, OH 44720

Register at bwclearningcenter.com

Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 4: Mar 14 1-4:30 PM
(Emerg Prep, Flammables, Walking Working)

Welding and Brazing Safety: Mar 15 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

OSHA Recordkeeping Half-day Workshop: Mar 17 8:30-12 noon

Accident Analysis Half-day Workshop: Mar 17 1-4:30 PM

Restaurant and Food Service Safety Workshop: Mar 21 8:30-12 noon

Combustible Dust Hazards: Recognition, Evaluation and Control

Recommendations: Mar 23 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs: Mar 31 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

FY16 BWC Safety Council Rebate Program Requirements

For those members who are eligible to participate in BWC's Safety Council Rebate Program this year, the following requirements must be met between **7/1/15 and 6/30/16**:

- **Enrollment with safety council by 7/31/15.**
- **Attendance at 10 Safety council meetings/events.** At least 8 thru the local safety council. You can get credit for up to two meetings at BWC's safety training courses or other offsite industry-specific training courses./seminars. Certificate must be submitted to safety council.
- **CEO attendance at one safety council sponsored meeting.**
- **Submit semi-annual reports for the 2015 calendar year.**