

Puget Sound Area Safety Summit Meeting

January 14th, 2009

Table Exercise:

Question – What are the major safety challenges facing the Seattle area in 2009?

<p>Group 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Economy will drive more risks. 2. Aging Work Force. Communication between Older and Younger worker's . 3. Weather Challenges 	<p>Group 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resources: A down economy may cause increased risk. 2. Multiple Languages and Environments. 3. Field Management or the lack there of. 	<p>Group 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy – Production @ any cost. 2. Reduction in Training. 3. Increased claims. 4. No Company Jackets!!!
<p>Group 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost Cutting in Bids. 2. Communication of Safety Importance: “Worker’s will have to look out for themselves”. 3. Changing work force. 	<p>Group 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aging Workforce. 2. Economy = potential for more/bigger claims. 3. Training budgets could be affected. 	<p>Group 6</p> <p>Tighter Budgets will affect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Man Hours 2. Time to complete. 3. Attitude of Managers.
<p>Group 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smaller Safety Staff's. 2. Reduced/Lost Safety Incentives. 3. Work Behaviors: Longer Commutes and Family Stresses. 	<p>Group 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy = Cut Backs on Everything including Safety. 2. Will I have a Job??? 3. Schedules, Budgets vs. Safety 	<p>Group 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aging Work Force. 2. Down Economy = Short Cuts. 3. Language Barriers, Immigrant Work Force.
<p>Group 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Production pressure will be UP. 2. Training budgets will be DOWN. 3. Leadership @ Foreman Level will be threatened. 		<p>Common Themes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic Issues 2. Workforce Demographic changes: Age/Language 3. Reductions in safety budgets 4. Production/Schedule pressures 5. Individual workers intention & behaviors