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**PUGET SOUND
AREA
SAFETY SUMMIT**

Wednesday
June 10th, 2009
9AM – Noon

Aerospace
Machinists' Hall
9125 15th PI S.
Seattle, WA 98108

Topic:
Underground
Construction

PSASS
Steering Committee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW RISK MANAGEMENT CENTER

The SMART Association, in partnership with Approach Management Services (AMS), recently announced a new Risk Management Center (RMC), a web-based service made available to all SMART members to assist with safety and loss control needs.

This innovative tool includes extensive resources including a bilingual library of policies, training materials and more. Another feature of the new RMC is the ability for each employer to build out and customize its own “My Content” section which can include all of the tracking programs now provided by the RMC. Employers will now be able to track a variety of company data such as when a Certificate of Insurance (COI) comes due for a subcontractor, employee training and verification of completion, and incident tracking with an online OSHA 300 Log. In addition to these features, the new RMC provides daily webinars and weekly training shorts that can be used for safety meetings or tool box talks.

You will soon receive your username and password in order to access the RMC. In the meantime, please [click here](#) for the introductory video provided by AMS or contact Mark Henderson with questions. Email mhenderson@approachms.com or call 206.812.3825.

Eye on L&I **OSHA Focus on Electricity**

Last month, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recognized Electrical Safety Month (May) by reminding employers and workers about the importance of staying safe when working with electricity on the job. According to OSHA, approximately 3 million workers service equipment and are at risk if they fail to follow Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) procedures.

Wed, June 10th, 2009
6:30am
Emerald Green
Restaurant
13100 48th Ave South
Tukwila, WA 98168

Training Calendar

June

Wed 06/03
CPR/First Aid
Certification: Lacey

Tue 06/09
OSHA 10-Hour

Wed 06/10
Fall Protection

Thu 06/11
Crane Rigging

Fri 06/12
Crane Site Supervisor / Lift
Director

Tue, 06/16
Personal Protective
Equipment - Train the
Trainer

Tue 06/16
Drug & Alcohol
Awareness for Supervisors

Wed 06/17
Heat-Related Illness Rule
"Train the Trainer"

Thu 06/18
Accident Response and
Investigation

Tue 06/23
CPR/First Aid Certification

Wed 06/24

The Administration published a webpage with a focus on electrical standards, hazards, and possible solutions to those hazards. The [Control of Hazardous Energy \(Lockout/Tagout\)](#) page describes why this practice is critical to protecting workers from the unexpected startup of machinery, or the release of hazardous energy during service or maintenance activities. For additional resources on electrical safety, please [click here](#).

OSHA Region X Highlights

The latest OSHA Region X Compliance Assistance Newsletter highlights several key topics and announcements relating to safety at the workplace. The Administration notes that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which will improve infrastructure and create new jobs also brings with it enhanced and targeted enforcement measures.

“OSHA will ensure that ARRA’s stimulus-funded projects are done safely and will use methods such as enhanced and targeted enforcement; technical assistance, guidance, training and outreach, and; construction data collection,” the Administration explains.

It further states that in Region X areas of federal OSHA jurisdiction (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska), projects that are funded by ARRA stimulus money will be targeted for inspection as part of the various OSHA Local Emphasis Programs operating in the region. OSHA will be unveiling a new web site with information in various languages to assist with compliance and enforcement. Stimulus fund recipients will also benefit from new materials provided by the Administration to address specific exposures and health risks. These materials include new QuickCards, guidelines, bulletins and materials with Spanish translations.

SMART Updates

Last Call! Safety Geeks Golfers!

The 2009 Safety Geeks Golf Tournament is just around the corner! Sponsorships are almost gone and golf slots are soon to be full so please contact us immediately if you plan to participate. Please join us in supporting Kids’ Chance of Washington’s scholarship program by sponsoring a hole or providing a gift donation (company T-shirts, ball caps, etc.). We hope you are up to the challenge this year – we have some excellent golfers registered so far. Who will take home the prize in 2009?

Contact [Claudia Green](#) or call 360.459.5057. [Click here](#) for quick

Back Care and Safe Lifting
Methods: LACEY

July

Thu, 07/09
CPR/First Aid
Certification: Lacey

Tue, 07/14
Violence in the Workplace

Wed, 07/15
Flagger's Certification:
Lacey

Thu, 07/16
Crane Rigging: Lacey

Thu, 07/16
Lead/Asbestos Awareness

Fri, 07/17
Crane Site Supervisor / Lift
Director: Lacey

Mon, 07/20
OSHA 30-Hour

Thu, 07/23
Safety Orientation for New
Hires

Tue, 07/28
CPR/First Aid Certification

Wed, 07/29
Excavation, Trenching, and
Confined Space: Lacey

online registration.

Dream Team, A Team Retro Members to receive Lowest Loss Ratio Awards

At the upcoming Dream Team and A Team Retro Group meetings, thirteen companies will receive Lowest Loss Ratio Awards. At the Dream Team quarterly meeting on June 24, the following employers will be recognized: TC Professional Services (0.003 Loss Ratio); RAFN Company (0.016 Loss Ratio); and Washington Group International (0.034 Loss Ratio). Companies receiving the award in the A Team Retro Group are in a ten-way tie for achieving a 0.000 Loss Ratio. This indicates that during the 2005 plan year, these employers had ZERO injuries. The following companies will receive the award at the semi-annual A Team meeting on June 17: American Mechanical Corporation; Arndt Company, Inc.; Delhur Industries, Inc.; Farrell McKenna Construction; Insulation Contractors, Inc.; Kassel Construction; Lloyd A. Lynch General Contractors; Port Orchard Sand & Gravel Company; Ram Construction General Contractors; Scholten Roofing, Inc. - Congratulations to the Dream Team and A Team companies on their commitment to workplace safety!

Vendor Fair 2009

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Annual Vendor Fair on Wednesday, September 9, from 9:00am to Noon, at the Aerospace Machinists Hall. The event showcases a wide variety of safety products and services valuable to all industries and is the best, free vendor fair of its kind in King County. Please [click here](#) for more information and for vendor fair applications. We hope to see you there!

What Lies Below: Underground Construction

On June 10th, the Puget Sound Area Safety Summit will focus on underground construction. Don Robertson, Safety Director of Gary Merlino Construction, will cover what happens when a water main breaks in addition to locating your responsibility and how to handle documentation. Ray Clouatre of Frank Coluccio Construction Company, Inc. will present the differences between boring, drilling, and tunneling. Summits are free of charge and require no registration. For full details please [click here](#).

Safety, Health & Welfare

Course Highlight: Accident Response and Investigation

For seven years, Jim Chapman has been teaching Accident

Response and Investigation to employers around Washington State. The course helps companies understand and implement procedures to handle workplace accidents and investigations. Jim covers a comprehensive list of actions employers take to help the family and co-workers of the victim, to respond to media inquiries, and to work with WISHA inspectors.

The number one goal will always be to prevent accidents and worksite injuries from occurring in the first place. This course provides detailed information about the procedures involved should a company ever face a serious incident. On June 18 at the SMART Education Center in Seattle, Jim will offer [Accident Response and Investigation](#). Space is limited so please register now.

SMART Forklift Safety

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), almost 100 workers are killed and another 20,000 are seriously injured in forklift-related incidents. The Institute notes that forklift overturns are the leading cause of fatalities representing about 25% of all forklift-related deaths in the United States.

L&I requires employers to document that employees have been trained and/or evaluated on both general and workplace-specific topics regarding forklift operation and safety. Employees operating a forklift must receive training that consists of three elements: formal (general, classroom-type) training; practical (site-specific, hands-on) training; and a visual evaluation of the operator's skill. [Click here](#) for L&I's Forklift Training Facts page.

The SMART Association will offer an 8-hour [Crane Site Supervisor / Lift Director](#) training on June 12 in Seattle and on July 17 in Lacey, led by Rob Scherbarth, Safety Trainer from Overton Safety Training, Inc. This training expands your site supervisor's knowledge on a multitude of critical safety and operational requirements including operator training, qualifications and certification; inspection requirements; and learning to read and interpret load charts and range diagrams. Please register for this course now. Space is limited.

In Our Safety Community

Worker safety top concern in construction: New, free bilingual training

When the SMART Association received a grant to produce bilingual safety training and materials for the construction industry

last fall, it was on to something big. The grant, funded by the Department of Labor and Industries' (L&I) Safety and Health Investment Projects program (SHIP), has attracted the attention of employers, labor organizations, and most importantly, the Hispanic workforce.

The grant, "Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), It's Personal," focuses on communicating the importance of wearing proper PPE to the Hispanic workforce in Washington State. It emphasizes the personal impact an injury can have on quality of life and that injuries affect not only the employee but also the employee's family, community, and employer. The project team received valuable input and direction from L&I, as well as tested the training with employers and workers.

"This training promotes personal responsibility among the Hispanic workforce," said Manolo Zaldivar, DOSH Hispanic Outreach Coordinator of L&I. "Many workers don't realize that state law requires employers to provide both PPE and Safety & Health training free of charge. If they think their paycheck is going to be docked in order to pay for PPE, they won't speak up."

Margie Weinberg, project manager, has many years of experience developing and managing grants which help to improve workforce safety in construction. She teamed up with Anne Laughlin, Administrator of the SMART Association, who is bilingual. Together, they conduct trainings around the state at SMART Education Centers and at employer work sites.

"The feedback from employers and other organizations about our training has been positive," stated Weinberg. "The training is effectively helping to break down language barriers and to help English speaking trainers communicate the necessity and use of PPE to the Hispanic workforce."

One of the goals of the grant is to increase compliance and to ensure proper use of PPE which reduces workplace accidents and injuries. The training covers the types of risks found on construction sites and health hazards which are avoided by wearing PPE. The team developed a photo-rich, bilingual presentation that is available on disk as a power point with or without bilingual voiceover and as large laminated color copies for tool box talks. Those who attend train the trainer courses also receive training manuals and PPE giveaways for the employees they will train at

their companies.

“The voiceover on the disk version is in Spanish and English,” noted Weinberg. “English-speaking trainers are telling us the presentation is helping them learn some Spanish. The Hispanic workforce can use the training to help them with English.”

The “Personal Protective Equipment, It’s Personal” training runs approximately one hour in its entirety, or can be offered in Tool Box talks as PPE modules. The training is provided free of charge to construction workers and employers in Washington State and provides visual reinforcements for the jobsite. For further details and to register for an upcoming training, please [click here.](#)

For more information about the Puget Sound Area Safety Summit or about the contents of this newsletter, please contact [Anne Laughlin](#), SMART Administrator, or call 206.812.3824.

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