ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A WORKPLACE EMERGENCY?

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OSHA has a broad description for first aid compliance in the workplace but it does stipulate that the program be specific to the workplace. Due to the vast differences in occupational injuries and hazards the responsibility for defining the various components of first aid response and preparedness lies with the employer. This means that decisions regarding levels of first aid training, first aid supplies, policies and procedures must be made by the employer based on their workplace conditions.

In order to make these decisions each employer should consider conducting a hazard and risk analysis. The contents of prior injury reports can also be used to determine what types of medical emergencies and injuries are most likely to occur in the workplace. This in turn will help to define how many responders should be trained and what type of training they will need – basic first aid skills such as controlling bleeding, burns and basic life support or EMT type skills. All workplace first aid training should be provided by certified instructors.

This information can also assist with determining the type and amount of first aid supplies to have on hand and where to place them in the facility in order for responders to be able to assist in the least amount of time possible.

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“Likely Projections for Marijuana Legalization in Ohio”

Guest Speaker: Arthur Ritchie
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The Health Plan

Stark County Safety Council Mission Statement: To provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in Stark County, through leadership, innovation, facilitation, program, and support, in partnership with other public and private organizations.
Q. Emergency Action Plans – Why do we need one and what is required?

A: Employers must protect their employees from different types of emergencies. Employers also want to be prepared on how to respond to a fire, severe weather, workplace violence and medical emergencies. OSHA requires that employers have an emergency preparedness plan. 29 CFR 1910.38(b) and 1910.39(b)] requiring an employee emergency or fire prevention plan to be in written form. A written program is required if there are 11 or more employees at any given facility. Facility is defined as a building and/or group of buildings where the employees may go back and forth within a working day.

What is required in the Emergency Preparedness Plan?

1) Reporting procedures for fire and other emergencies
2) Procedures for emergency evacuation, including type of evacuation and exit route assignments
3) Procedures to be followed by employees who remain to operate critical plant operations before they evacuate
4) Procedures to account for all employees after evacuation
5) Procedures to be followed by employees performing rescue or medical duties
6) The name or job title of every employee who may be contacted by employees who need more information about the plan or an explanation of their duties under the plan

What if I don’t have a written plan? OSHA has an app for that! You can go www.osha.gov and under the A-Z index select E and go to the e tool link. Under the Expert Advisor column select Evacuation – Create your Own Emergency Action Plan. The link will prompt you to enter minimum information about your facility. At the end you can print your “NEW” Emergency Action Plan.

Now all you need to do is train your employees on the plan! Happy Training!

ROBIN’S CORNER
By Robin Watson, Ohio BWC Representative

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Following any workplace emergency a debriefing should be held with the responders to determine whether the plan in place was adequate or if additional training, equipment or procedures should be added to your plan. Your plan should be reviewed periodically to ensure that changes in the workplace are addressed and that responders remain confident in their abilities.

Upcoming Events

May 20—Lake County Safety Expo Register at www.councilnews.org by May 17th—Fee
June 14—Crisis Communications—CRCC—fee, details coming soon

Coming Next Month

June 9, 2016

“OSHA UPDATES”

Guest Speaker: Howie Ebets,
Area Director
OSHA Cleveland Area Office

Upcoming Events
2016 Safety Awards Banquet

The Stark County Safety Council (SCSC) hosted another successful Annual Awards Banquet. The event, held on April 19th, featured Dennis Saunier, President & CEO of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce as the speaker and Michelle Francisco, Robin Watson and Deb Bailey from the Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene presenting SCSC members with safety awards from the BWC. Over 200 were in attendance to receive awards or support those members getting awards. Overall 290 awards were presented to the Stark County Safety Council members. Congratulations to all! This is a tribute to your dedication to workplace safety.
More than 5 million workers from tens of thousands of businesses are estimated to be taking part in the Occupational Health and Safety Administration's (OSHA) National Fall Prevention Safety Stand-Down May 2 – 6, 2016. Last year's Stand-Down was a tremendous success, reaching more than 2.5 million workers. This year OSHA’s goal is to reach more than half of the construction workers in the country.

What is a safety stand-down? A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. This Stand-Down focuses on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

Throughout this week-long Stand-Down, employers will pause during their workday to focus on the hazards of falls and preventing them. Industry and business leaders, including universities, labor organizations and community and faith-based groups, have scheduled stand-downs in all 50 states and across the world.

Falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry, with hundreds of workers dying each year and thousands more facing serious injuries, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Lack of fall protection is also the most frequently cited OSHA violation, which really boils down to the fact that these deaths are preventable when employers provide the right safety equipment and properly train employees. Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the week of May 2-6, 2016.

OSHA will supply a certificate of participation upon completion, Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation signed by Secretary of Labor following the Stand-Down. The Certificate Page will be active on May 2, 2016 on OSHA's website (www.osha.gov).
Thank You SCSC Members for Your Donations to Harvest For Hunger!

Stark County Safety Council members really “stuffed the truck” and collected 1,654 pounds of food and $1,085 at April’s meeting. This will provide 5,718 meals for those in our community who struggle with hunger. Congratulations on this successful donation! Thank you, Stark County Safety Council members for your continued support of the Foodbank as we work to end hunger in our communities!
Safety for the Non-safety Professional—May 5—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Trenching and Excavation—May 10-11—8:30 a.m.-4:30 pm. both days
First Aid in the Workplace - May 17—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Thermal Stress—May 18—8:30 a.m.-noon
Hazard Communication—May 24—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Personal Protective Equipment Selection Criteria—June 1—8:30 a.m.-noon
Respirators: Do We Need Them? - June 2—1-4:30 p.m.
Violence in the Workplace Workshop—June 6—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 6—1-4:30 p.m.
Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Refresher—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Effective Safety Teams—June 15—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Emergency Preparedness Planning—June 23—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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