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January's Featured Program...

Speaker: Joseph Barney, CSP Compliance and Training Supervisor, Great Lakes Construction Co.

Topic: Managing Safety for the Construction Project

Date: January 24

Time: 7:30 AM

Site: MAPS Air Museum



Joseph M. Barney, CSP, has been employed by The Great Lakes Construction Company for the past 16 years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Akron. As the Compliance and Training Supervisor, he is responsible for the development and maintenance of technical documentation and training material required to support Great Lakes Construction's process, it's employees, and to ensure all are in full regulatory compliance. He ensures the implementation of Great Lakes Operating Standards System (GLOSS) in accordance with ISO 9001-2015 standards.

Joe manages and resolves General Liability and Workers Compensation claims and maintains compliance criteria in all State and Federal regulations. He has managed the training department responsible for new hires and continuing education of more than 600 employees and development of health and safety training materials. Some of Joe's certifications include: Certified Safety Professional, Associate Safety Professional, OSHA 500 Certified Trainer, Fall Protection Competent Person Trainer, Work Zone Traffic Supervisor Trainer, First Aid/CPR, & OSHA Record Keeping.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

February 28

Crisis Management, Communications and Social Media for your Organization

March 28

April 25

May 29

June 27

The North Canton Area Chamber, Aultcare and the CAK Safety Council sponsored the Dec 12 Quarterly Conversation Luncheon at the Embassy Suites. Attendees heard from Ohio BWC COO Kevin Abrams about the importance of investing in workplace safety and upcoming BWC programs. Abrams also noted the recent \$6375 grant awarded to the North Canton Fire Department to purchase equipment designed to reduce firefighters' exposure to toxic elements.



L-R: BWC's Michelle Francisco, NC Board Chair Steve Wilder, BWC's Deb Bailey, NCFD Chief John Bacon, BWC COO Kevin Abrams and BWC's Mark Clendenin

PERRP RECORDKEEPING REPORTING for all Public Employers is **due February 1st**. Information can be found at this link: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/forms/InjuryIllnessSummary/nlbwc/InjuryIllnessSummary.aspx>

DEB'S SAFETY CORNER



Question: So, you want to grow out your beard, but wear a tight-fitting respirator at work?

Answer: Ensuring the respirator seal is a vital part of respiratory protection practices. Facial hair that lies along the sealing area of a respirator, such as beards, sideburns, or some mustaches, will interfere with respirators that rely on a tight facepiece seal to achieve maximum protection. Facial hair is a common reason that someone cannot be fit tested.

The reason for this is simple – gases, vapors, and particles in the air will take the path of least resistance and bypass the part of the respirator that captures or filters hazards out. So then, why can't facial hair act as a crude filter to capture particles that pass between the respirator sealing area and the skin? While human hair appears to be very thin to the naked eye, hair is much larger in size than the particles inhaled. Facial hair is just not dense enough and the individual hairs are too large to capture particles like an air filter does; nor will a beard trap gases and vapors like the carbon bed in a respirator cartridge. Therefore, the vast majority of particles, gases, and vapors follow the air stream right through the facial hair and into respiratory tract of the wearer. In fact, some studies have shown that even a day or two of stubble can begin to reduce protection. Research tells us that the presence of facial hair under the sealing surface causes 20 to 1000 times more leakage compared to clean-shaven individuals.

The Respiratory Protection standard, paragraph 29 CFR 1910.134(g)(1)(i)(A), states that respirators shall not be worn when facial hair comes between the sealing surface of the facepiece and the face or that interferes with valve function. Facial hair is allowed as long as it does not protrude under the respirator seal, or extend far enough to interfere with the device's valve function. Short mustaches, sideburns, and small goatees that are neatly trimmed so that no hair compromises the seal of the respirator usually do not present a hazard and, therefore, do not violate paragraph 1910.134(g)(1)(i).

From last month....

The December meeting featured Capt. Doug Smith of the Summit County Sheriff's Office on what should be done when an active shooter is reported in or near the workplace, as well as recommendations on personal safety in and out of the workplace.



** Free BWC Classes ** North Canton office

Accident Analysis Workshop

Jan 30 8:30 AM – 12 PM

OSHA Recordkeeping Workshop

Jan 30 - 1 PM – 4:30 PM

Combustible Dust Hazards: Recognition, Evaluation and Control Recommendations

February 7 - 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Safety Series Workshop Module 4 (Emergency Preparedness, Flammables & Walking Working surfaces)

February 12 - 1 PM – 4:30 PM

Noise and Hearing Conservation Workshop

February 22 - 8:30 AM – 12 PM

Electrical Basics

February 22 - 1 PM – 4:30PM

Fall Hazards in Construction and Maintenance

February 26 - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Register at www.bwclearningcenter.com

Ohio Safety Congress is coming March 7th-9th! For detailed information, go to: www.ohiosafetycongress.com/.

CAK Safety Council is considering renting a bus to take members on either March 7th or 8th. Please email your interest in attending as a group to caksafety@northcantonchamber.org

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