

Compliance Corner

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A recent spotlight on BP's history with OSHA has proven to be rocky at best. The company was cited for exposing workers to serious hazards as far back in 2005. More recently, in October 2009, BP was fined 87 million dollars and in March 2010, BP was fined 3 million dollars. Both incidents involved refineries in the United States, Texas and Ohio, respectively.

STATE

Summer brings fairs and amusement park rides. All rides including inflatable rides, go-karts, rock-climbing walls, etc. are subject to scheduled inspections by the Dept of Labor. Permanent parks, such as Carowinds, are inspected once annually. Traveling amusement companies are inspected every time they are set up for operation at fairs, festivals, carnivals and other amusement events. OSHA conducts operational inspections and has a Rider Safety Program with the theme of "Measure Up to Safety." When you are enjoying fairs during this summer, be sure you adhere to all the rules the ride operator posts to ensure the safe operation of each ride.

LOCAL

The local OSHA office is requesting public comments during a review of its Bloodborne Pathogens standard; intended to protect workers such as healthcare and emergency personnel who are regularly at risk of contracting diseases such as hepatitis B and C and human immunodeficiency viruses. The review will determine the standard's effectiveness and make necessary changes to enhance procedures or technology. Comments may be online to the Department of Labor by the Aug. 12 deadline. **Use this opportunity to review your own procedures as Bloodborne Pathogens training is a June training topic for County employees.**



Safety Review Board

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Welcome to our new look! We wanted a look that would incorporate all aspects of occupational safety. Along with the new look we've added a new logo for the Safety Review Board. We hope you like the changes, and will continue to submit articles, answer trivia and participate in your workplace safety!



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For Safety's Sake...



The National Safety Council has designated the month of June as National Safety Month. Each week carries a theme that brings attention to critical safety issues that are important to your safety at home and work!

Week 1 June 1-6 Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention

It's important to: • Know that this is the number one drug problem in Brunswick County • Use prescriptions only for their intended purpose • Store medications out of the reach of children • Consult a doctor or pharmacist before combining medications to ensure there are no harmful interactions

Week 2 June 7-13 Teen Driving Safety

It's important to: • Establish a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drug use while behind the wheel • Ban calling or texting while driving • Set a curfew • Give your teen experience behind the wheel • Make graduated driver licensing law in your home

Week 3 June 14-20 Preventing Overexertion at Work & at Home

It's important to: • Stretch and/or warm up before heavy lifting or strenuous activity • Know your limits and take a break if needed • Lighten your load with the help of a friend • Avoid bending, reaching and lifting • Lift with your legs bent and objects close to your body

Week 4 June 21-27 Dangers of Cell Phone Use While Driving

It's important to: • Silence your phone before you begin your drive • Set up a voice mail message that explains you're on the road (to protect yourself and fellow drivers) • Stop texting while driving. Research shows drivers who text are 8 to 23 times as likely to be involved in a collision • Pull over and park if a call is absolutely necessary • Encourage your friends and family to leave their phones out of reach while driving

Week 6 June 28-30 Summer Safety

It's important to: • Wear a wide-brimmed hat to keep your head and face cool and for added protection from damaging sun exposure. A hat should protect the neck, face and ears. • Carry a source of water with you and take drinks frequently - every 15 minutes. • Take frequent breaks in the shade or in a cool place during the hottest times of the day. • Adjust gradually to working in the heat over a period of 10-20 days. • Someone suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke should be moved to a cool environment, offered sips of water, if conscious, and provided with attention from emergency medical personnel. • Wear sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 15 and make sure children are also adequately protected.

For more information and safety tips, visit the National Safety Councils Website at www.nsc.org.

*National Safety Council Injury Facts, 2010 Edition.



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Trivia Contest

Enter for a chance to win!

How many different training opportunities for Brunswick County employees are mentioned in this newsletter?

To be eligible for the next drawing, email your answers to: safetyreviewboard@brunsko.net

Trivia Answer from the Jan/ Feb Edition

Question:

What Brunswick County occupation has experienced the highest number of accidents this year?

Answer:

Auxiliary Deputies
 Congratulations to Glenn Walker for correctly answering last edition's trivia.

The 3rd Annual Occupational Safety & Health Week, hosted by the Safety Review Board was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated in all four training opportunities.

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Slow down in construction zones. Warmer months are busy times for road construction.

A Safety Tip brought to you by your Safety Review Board.



CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Charlie Hewett & Scott Stout
 Demonstrate confined space gear



CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Mark Gore & Paul McCain review
 confined space techniques



FORKLIFT TRAINING

Adam Sellers, Leo Macon, Ashley Babson, Freddie Mintz, Scott Stout, Larry White, Dennis Roberts and Kendal Ward.



TRENCHING & SHORING TRAINING

WEST BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

RECENT TRAINING

Off The Wall Training...

Post this on the wall for everyone to see

Bloodborne Pathogens Training - email safetyreviewboard@brunsko.net to schedule your June training..

Take Away Tips..... Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

What is it? A rule set by OSHA with the purpose of protecting employees from occupational exposure to blood, body fluid or other potentially infectious material such as wastewater, needle sticks injuries, blood or vomit.

Who is involved? Employees with occupational exposure to blood, body fluid or other potentially infectious material. **Some occupations affected are:** nurses, EMT's, wastewater employees, chore providers, deputies, housekeepers, landfill operators.

How to protect employees? First, treat everything with universal precaution! In other words, treat it as if it is contaminated. Use the protective equipment you are given at work. Get your Hepatitis B shots (Health dept. administers for free to affected employees). Next, review your work process annually, have an exposure control plan to manage incidents before and after they occur. Damage control won't work!

For more information on Brunswick County's Bloodborne Pathogens Procedures, exposure control plan or a list of occupations required to receive bloodborne pathogens training, email safetyreviewboard@brunsko.net.

Emergency Evacuation Training - email safetyreviewboard@brunsko.net for more information.

Flagger Training classes will be held at the Government Complex (Bldg. G). Classes are 4 hours each and each person that attends the class will receive a card to carry with them that is good for 4 years. **REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST 15 SERVED BASIS!!**

- June 1 - Class Time - 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM 2 hours class room 2 hours hands-on
- June 2 - Class Time - 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM 2 hours class room 2 hours hands-on
- June 3 - Class Time - 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM 2 hours class room 2 hours hands-on

Please send a list of employees & date attending to rmoore@brunsko.net.