

Compliance Corner

NATIONAL

According to State Farm Insurance Company, the end of the year is the most dangerous time for driver crashes. Students have returned to school, homecomings, busier schedules and holiday time call for more drive time. Stop and explain the role of physics in car crashes to your teens or go:

www.sfprojectignition.com.

STATE

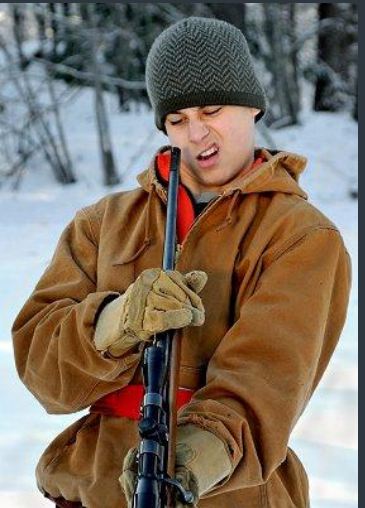
Log on to <http://tims.ncdot.gov/tims> to get update on driving conditions to make your travel safe and enjoyable this season.

LOCAL

Driving through distractions continues to challenge Brunswick residents. Construction, cell phones, texting, eating and drinking are the primary cause of major accidents on our roadways. Some recent statistics show over 2000 wrecks in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties combined this year to date.

SAFETY ZONE

Plan & Practice a Fire Escape Plan

It's hunting season, remember the choice is yours
Stupid or Safe?



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For Safety's Sake...A Diamond in the Rough

As part of a larger workforce, all employees have an opportunity to positively impact the lives of others each day. Spanning decades of history together that includes the Vietnam War, Watergate, the Iron Curtain, 9-11 and much more, there is a seasoning to employees that creates a value to the organization far beyond finances (no offense to our dedicated Finance Department).

If you don't know about one of these historic events just mentioned, ask a co-worker the question, "Where were you when..... ". That will make for good lunchtime conversation. Teaching lessons makes employees the guardians of that gem in history to enrich the generation. During this time in history when jobs are scarce, bills are vast and people are looking for value; safety is our diamond in the rough.

There are no nuggets of time or opportunity for corner cutters, no spin doctor hype, no visionary talk and no social awkwardness, just safety. It's the best value there is; it's free to share and goes a long way. Safety is our diamond in the rough.

Evacuation Planning

Recently, a fire alarm was pulled in the Administration Building. According to sources, the building occupants did really well exiting in a timely manner. It is imperative that a plan be in place in the event an evacuation is required. Each department head should create an evacuation plan that identifies the following, as recommended by Brunswick County Fire Marshal, Scott Garner:

1. A pre-appointed person(s) to immediately activate the building's alarm system and call 911.
2. All personnel and citizens must exit through stairs and doors, do not use elevators.
3. Assemble at a predetermined safe area (a minimum of 300 feet from the building). *Example: The recommended meeting place for Administration Building is in the parking lot in front of the building. At least 300 feet away, since it allows for an exit strategy.*
4. Designate a person to go to the intersection and direct firefighters.
5. Account for co-workers at the safe area and notify authorities of anyone missing.
6. Re-enter the building only after firefighters permit.



By discussing these events *before* they occur, we invest in each other and develop a successful evacuation plan. For help in making your department's evacuation plan successful, email the Safety Review Board at safetyreviewboard@brunco.net and ask for assistance!

Trivia Contest

Enter for a chance to win!

What can be implemented to reduce the risks involved with hazardous materials?

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

Trivia Answer from last edition

Question:
What is the Hazard Communication Standard commonly known as?

Answer:
HAZCOM.

Congratulations to Brenda Clemmons and Bryan Batton for correctly answering the trivia.



Brenda & Bryan show off their prizes!



FIT FOR DUTY



STAR Employee...Vern Thompson

This segment is dedicated to employees who **Stop, Think, Act and Respond** safely.



Some of you may know Vern Thompson. He works in our Information Technology department and part of his job function is to resolve technology problems as they arise.

For some time now, Vern has been concerned about the cords on the cafeteria TV; specifically that someone would trip over a cord and get hurt. So Vern took the initiative to make some changes for the better.

Vern states, "This could have been improved differently, but I believe I have made a functional difference in safety". These pictures show how it was and how it is now that modifications were made.

Using experience and expertise, that's what our safety culture looks like!



Before



After

CRANE OPERATORS — Operating a crane



requires a high degree of skill and compliance with very stringent safety regulations. Recently we had a crane operator here on site for completion of Building I.

The renovations and move went smoothly with lots of work and no accidents. Great job to all!



Left: Forensic Inspection

Below: Fit Testing at NWWTP



Most Frequent Types of Employee Injury 2011			
Injury	# Of Events	Total Cost	Average Cost
Strain	8	\$27,211	\$3,401
Sprain	8	\$6,253	\$782
Laceration	11	\$5,479	\$498

Off The Wall Training...

Post this on the wall for everyone to see



Take Away Tips...For Flammables and Combustibles

The common goals in education on flammables and combustibles are 1) to prevent fires from occurring and 2) to control fires that do occur. The first step is to have an understanding of the basic fire dynamics. Some common terms to be familiar with and discuss are:

Flammable is a material that can easily catch fire under normal circumstances with minimal ignition source. An ideal example of flammable substances is propane.

Combustible materials can include anything that will burn. Paper or wood can be ideal examples of combustible materials. All flammable substances are surely combustible, but all combustible substances are not flammable.

Workplace Safety: Control and elimination of recognizable workplace hazards to attain an acceptable level of risk

Upcoming training

- November—Electrical Safety and Lock Out Tag Out Training— to be held at Operation Services
- November 15— Driving thru Distractions—to be held in Commissioners Chambers
- December—Plant Safety Review—all departments

Email safetyreviewboard@brunsko.net to schedule your department's training!