

S.A.F.E.

"Safety Always For Employees"

FEDERAL OSHA - 300 LOGS REPORTING - Every year the U.S. Department of Labor requires employers to report any lost or restricted work days due to an injury or illness at work. The numbers for Brunswick County reveal an improvement over last year. The result is an employee benefit we can pro-actively secure such as; reduced injuries, lower medical costs, reduced absenteeism, lower turnover, higher productivity, and improved employee morale. According to the National Safety Council, the average direct and indirect cost for a recordable accident is \$7,000. The cost of our personal safety and health.....priceless!

Year	Lost Time Work Days	Restricted Days	Recordable Accidents
2009	299	25	15
2008	308	276	24



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DOGGIE PARK

"Great work" to all who worked on opening Brunswick County's first doggie park in Shallotte. Utilities, Parks & Recreation, Operations and Engineering departments all worked on preparing the site. Land excavation and grading, and installation of fence and water lines were just some of the jobs performed by skilled employees with no accidents during the process...

Now that's something to howwwwl about!

EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

It has been said that you only get one chance to make a first impression. New employee orientation is where new employees get their first impression of this organization. Key areas in safety such as; general safety rules, environmental concerns, driver training, personal protective equipment and hazard communications are covered in each session. However, the work doesn't stop there. Each department provides occupation specific training once the employee is assigned a permanent workplace to report to daily. Taking the time to train new employees on the proper tools is essential to worker safety. Since new employees have the least time on the job, they are likely to experience an accident. Safety is a learned behavior and one that Brunswick County wants to instill in all of its employees.



Remember, a safer you is a safer me!.

DRIVING THROUGH DISTRACTIONS



Give yourself enough time to arrive at your destination safely.

Too many vehicle accidents on Brunswick County roads are a result of speed!



TRIVIA—Enter for a chance to win!

What day of the week do most accidents occur for Brunswick County Employees?

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

LITTER SWEEP

It's that time of year again. County Employee Litter Sweep will be held on Saturday, March 6th from 9 am – 12 pm. Please come out and bring your family & friends to help make Brunswick County a more beautiful place to live and work. Use of reflective vests in high traffic areas, gloves, proper shoes and trash bags are all part of your safe outing. Check with your department head for further details .



If you see a S.A.F.E. practice, e-mail us at: safetyreviewboard@brunscoco.net

UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS



Flagger Training

Work Zone Traffic Control regulations changes go into effect July 1, 2010. These changes will affect those employees that work in the road and the right of way. All employees who direct traffic must be trained and have a certification of training along with a flagger card showing they have been trained. Contact the Utilities department for more information on where to get certification. Email questions to safetyreviewboard@brunswick.net.



Hazard Communications Training

Hazard Communications Training, provided by Fred Michael and Eileen Gardner, will be held in February. Email safetyreviewboard@brunswick.net to confirm your department training.



Competent Person Training

Competent Person Training will be hosted by the North Carolina Industrial Commission for all employees who require this training for their jobs. Email safetyreviewboard@brunswick.net for more information.

TRIVIA CONTEST

December Edition

Question: How many vehicle accidents involved animals?

Answer: 11

Look for the trivia question in this newsletter and enter for your chance to win!

JANUARY TRAINING FOCUS ON ACCIDENTS



Supervisor training designed for awareness of safety as it relates to Accident Reporting and Prevention was held last week. The one hour presentation given by Wells Fargo Executive Mike Thrower tuned supervisors into reporting, investigation and prevention. If you didn't have an opportunity to hear some of the information shared, look for Mike to come back again in the spring.



**Congratulations to Chief Deputy
Charlie Miller!**

**Winner of the Lowe's Gift Card
drawing.**



More training was held in Operation Services, Parks & Recreation, Engineering and Utilities for accident reporting. One focus point in this months' accident reporting was the S.T.A.R. technique for accidents.....STOP THINK ACT REVIEW.

2010 BRUNSWICK COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING CALENDER

	Level I	Level II	Contact Information	
	All Departments	Occupation Specific		
Jan	Accident Prevention / Reporting	Accident Prevention / Reporting	Eileen Gardner Melanie Turrise	253.2078 253.2033
Feb	Hazard Communication	Chemical Safety/SPCC	Fred Michael	253.2298
Mar	Office Safety	Material Handling	Debbie Isenhour	253.2644
		Working Walking Surfaces	Lee Curry	253.2120
Apr	Driver Training	Driver Training	Eileen Gardner	253. 2078
	Forklift Training	Forklift Training	Bryan Hollis	253. 2509
May	Evacuation & Fire Safety	Evacuation & Fire Safety	John Winders	253.2572
June	Bloodborne Pathogens	Bloodborne Pathogens	Fred Michael	253.2298
July	Personal Protective Equipment	Personal Protective Equipment	Ron Worthington	612.2079
	Ergonomics	Respiratory- SCBA Fit Test/Hearing	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
Aug	Equipment Safety	Hazard Communications/ Lab Safety	Fred Michael	253.2298
Sept	Hand Tool Safety	Confined Spaces	Ronald Moore	253.2680
		Machine Guarding	Bryan Hollis	253.2509
Oct	Flammables & Combustibles	Flammables and Combustibles	John Winders	253.2572
Nov	Electrical Safety	LOTO	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
Dec	Safety Review	Plant Safety Review	All Members	

Additional Monthly Topics

Fire Hydrant Operation	Heat /Cold Stressors	Fire Safety	
Topic Specific to occupation/workplace	Facility Inspections	Food Safety	

Schedule training for your department. A safer YOU is a safer ME!!