

Lake County Contractors Association

Safety News

March, 2001

Safety Training - Scheduled classes have begun again. Check the enclosed form for more information.

REMEMBER: If you have ten or more (or will pay for 10 students) **we will bring the training to your office**, or a site of your choice, or hold your class at the LCCA Office.

First Aid, CPR, OSHA 10-Hour, Excavation Competent Person, Power Line, Confined Space, Respiratory Safety/Silica, Scaffold User or Competent Person, and much more are available for you. Since the LCCA Safety & Education Fund subsidizes the cost, the price is hard to beat.

Training dates are subject to our instructors' schedules, so if you want a particular date, call Gloria at the LCCA Office as soon as possible.

Thank you to the following LCCA members who have scheduled classes recently:

Lake County Grading – 1st Aid/CPR
Landscape Concepts – 1st Aid/CPR; OSHA 10 Hour
Alliance Contractors – Excavating Competent Person, OSHA 10-hour
William A. Randolph – OSHA 10-Hour

Excavating Competent Person – Some members have asked for an Excavating Competent Person class but only have a couple employees to send. If you have some employees you would like trained, call Gloria at the LCCA Office and we will schedule one when we get enough people.

LCCA Safety Awards – Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Safety Awards. Companies listed in bold received a plaque for being the very best in their division. Others received a certificate recognizing a Lost Workday Incident ratio lower than the national average for their division.

Division I - Less than 20,000 hours

American Rigging Services, Inc.

Division II - 20,001 - 100,000 hours

American Acoustics, Inc.
Campanella & Sons, Inc.
DK Contractors, Inc.
D.L. Franzen Construction, Inc.
Greg Greenhill Construction Company, Inc.
Lenny Hoffman Excavating, Inc.
John Keno & Company, Inc.
Ernie Peterson Plumbing, Inc.
Roughneck Concrete Drilling & Sawing Co., Inc.
Stuckey Construction Co., Inc.
Thermodyne Mechanical Services, Inc.

Car-Min Construction Company, Inc.
Lakeland/Larsen Elevator Corp.
Grove Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Division III - 100,001 - 500,000 hours

Lake County Grading

Bane-Nelson, Inc.

Benson Electric, Inc.
Boller Construction Co., Inc.
Camosy, Inc.
Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.
International Piping Systems, Inc.
Midwest Masonry, Inc.
Rasch Construction & Engineering, Inc.
Riley Construction Company, Inc.
Thatcher Engineering Corporation

Division IV - Over - 500,000 hours
The Austin Company

Continental Electrical Construction Co.
Kelso-Burnett Company
Graycor Construction Company, Inc.
Meade Electric Company, Inc.

Click on for Safety - OSHA's Web site goes in many directions. Have you tried the *OSHA Advisor* on the OSHA Web site? There is a new OSHA Advisor button on the main home page, and on the primary topic index pages of the OSHA Web site at www.osha.gov.

There are two types of *Advisors*, Expert Advisors, and eCATs. Both offer the expertise of a variety of OSHA safety and health professionals. Here's a brief description of both.

eCATs Stands for OSHA's e-Compliance Assistance Tools. eCATs are illustrated expert-based tools designed to assist businesses in identifying workplace hazards and abatements. So far, there are eCATs that pertain to logging, respiratory, silica and lockout/tagout.

Expert Advisors will ask you a few questions about your workplace, and you will receive reliable answers on how OSHA regulations apply to your worksites.

Asphalt Hazard - There's new research available to help you protect your workers from hazards posed by exposure to asphalt. NIOSH has released a new report on the dangers of asphalt, along with recommendations to minimize worker exposure. The report suggests workers wear adequate skin protection and respirators, keep the temperature of heated asphalt as low as possible and use engineering controls to minimize exposure to asphalt fumes. Copies of the report are available from NIOSH, 800-356-4674; or on the Web at www.cdc.gov/niosh.

Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program - Green is this quarter's color for contractors following the assured equipment grounding conductor program. As of April 1, 2001, contractors should be using **Green** tape when marking cords.

The assured equipment grounding conductor program simply requires you to test new or repaired power tools and extension cords before first use, after any suspected damage, and all electrical tools and cords at the three-month intervals, marking the cords with colored tape to indicate the month tested. In addition, all cords and power tools must be visually inspected before each use, and a written description of the program and test records must be kept on file at each jobsite.

Safety Contacts - You can get help bringing your small business up to speed on safety from a new resource guide published by NIOSH. The Safety and Health Resource Guide for Small Businesses lists contact information for job safety and health services including government agencies, professional associations and other organizations. Contact NIOSH at 800-356-4674; or on the Web at www.cdc.gov/niosh.

OSHA's Four "Biggies" - Last year, there were over 300,000 commercial and industrial construction operations across the country. At those projects, nearly 1,000 workers lost their lives. In previous studies, OSHA has found the cause of 90 percent of construction-related fatalities investigated resulted from four specific types of construction accidents:

- **Falls From Elevations**
- **Caught in Between (or crushed)**
- **Struck by**
- **Electrical Shock**

Here's how these four categories break down statistically:

- 33%** Falls From Elevations
- 22%** Being "Stuck by" (hoisting equipment, vehicles or falling objects)
- 18%** Caught in or between (trenching, cave-ins, or being crushed by equipment or other means)
- 17%** Electrical Shock
- 10%** Other types of accidents

Total **100%**