

Lake County Contractors Association

Safety News

December, 1998

1999 Training Schedule Ready – Enclosed is the 1999 Safety Training Schedule. The most significant change this year is in delivering the training. According to Safety Committee Chairman, Mike Barnhart, "It seems that in the past, no matter when we scheduled some courses, it was never the right time. This year we will be holding OSHA 10-Hour and First Aid classes every month throughout the year. And for members who need 10-Hour training for 10 or more employees, or the First Aid course for 8-10 people, LCCA will schedule the course anywhere you wish. We will provide instructor, materials, equipment -- everything except a place and students and we might be able to help with students."

In addition to OSHA 10-Hour and First Aid Courses, we will be offering training on Fall Protection, Scaffold Safety, Silica Hazard Awareness, Respiratory Protection and Power Line Safety.

This year all safety courses are listed on one "Registration Form." A copy of the form covering the first quarter is enclosed for your information. Please be sure to make copies of the form and submit a separate form for each course you are interested in.

"Spotlight on Safety" Seminar Planned – To get the 1999 construction season off to a safe start, the LCCA Safety Committee has put together a half day program for Safety Directors and other project and office managers. The program will highlight the ever-changing OSHA landscape and provide tips to avoid OSHA's "hot buttons."

The seminar will be held on Thursday, January 28, 1999 at the Ramada Inn Waukegan located at 200 N. Greenbay Road in Waukegan and begin at Noon with lunch. The tentative program includes:

Noon Lunch

12:30 p.m. Keynote speaker – Bob Woodward, SEE, Inc.,

1:00 p.m. OSHA Update – "Safety Mike" Barnhart, Michael Barnhart & Associates

1:30 p.m. Safety Training – Gary Dowty, Lake County Contractors Association

2:00 p.m. Respiratory Protection – John Dimos

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Wall Bracing – TBA

3:45 p.m. Fall Protection – Bob Woodward, SEE, Inc.

4:15 p.m. Questions & Answers

Safety Video's Available – As you get ready for your 1999 Employee Training, remember that LCCA has a wide selection of Safety Videos available for your use. We are also adding new titles all the time. Recent additions included:

"Construction Fall Protection: Get Arrested" – An 11-minute video reviewing use of fall protection systems. (Coastal Video)

"Construction Forklifts" – A 9 minute video covering lifting principles and safe work practices of construction forklifts. (Coastal Video)

A complete list of videos is available on the LCCA Web Page or by calling the LCCA Office.

Safety Award Applications Mailed – Applications for LCCA's 1998 Safety Awards were mailed to Contractor Members last week. If you have not received yours, just call the LCCA Office and we will get you a copy. Remember, you do not need to be "perfect" to apply or be recognized. We do expect no fatalities during the year. Since your results are measured against **national averages**, you are not competing with other members, but rather your results are judged against all contractors across the country.

Completed applications are due into the LCCA Office no later than the end of January. Awards will be presented at the February Membership Meeting.

Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program - White is next quarter's color for contractors following the assured equipment grounding conductor program. As of January 1, 1999, contractors should be using **white** tape when marking cords.

The assured 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.