

Lake County Contractors Association

Safety News

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1999 Training Schedule Announced - LCCA Safety Committee Chairman Mike Barnhart, Michael Barnhart & Associates has announced the 1999 Safety Training Schedule. The most significant change this year is in delivering the training. According to 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 and First Aid Courses, we will be offering training on Fall Protection, Scaffold Safety, Silica Hazard Awareness, Respiratory Protection and Power Line Safety. And to start the season off, LCCA will be sponsoring a special Safety Seminar for Safety Professionals and others with management responsibility. This seminar is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 1999.

Together, this represents the most ambitious training schedule yet. And, thanks to our new Safety Fund, we will be offering the training at substantial savings from last year. This is your chance to get your employees trained properly. Take advantage of the opportunity.

A complete listing of courses, dates and instructors for the first six months will be available soon. Watch your mail!

CCSC Safety Conference Announced - The Construction Safety Council announced today that the upcoming annual construction safety conference, *Innovations '99*, will offer a greatly enhanced selection of sessions. The national conference will be held **February 10-12, 1999** at the Rosemont Convention Center near O'Hare International Airport in Rosemont, Illinois.

"This new facility will allow us to design an expanded format for the educational sessions." said Tom Broderick, executive director. "The first two days of the conference will offer more sessions in both 1 1/4 and 2 1/2 hours duration. Several popular sessions will be repeated to add flexibility to participants' schedules." The new facility offers larger rooms with state-of-the-art lighting and environmental controls to ensure optimal learning conditions.

Expo '99 will offer the latest in safety products and services. This vendor exhibition will also benefit from expanded facilities. The ceilings are nearly double the height of the former location, allowing for scaffold and ladder products, fall protection towers, rescue tripods and other equipment calling for roomier quarters.

This premier construction safety conference is sponsored by the Construction Safety Council and the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council. For additional information please call Gayla Bockrath, Conference Manager. At (800) 552-7744

OSHA Region V Fatality Report - The following fatalities occurred in the Chicago/Milwaukee area during July, August and September of this year:

1. **August 8, 1998** - A worker on a roof missed the chute while dumping a wheelbarrow load of debris and the material fell on a worker on the ground. Calumet City Area Office.
2. **August 13, 1998** - Two tuckpointers were working from a suspended scaffold, when the coping broke away causing the scaffold to tilt. The scaffold was not tied back nor were the workers tied off and they fell to their death. Calumet City Area Office
3. **August 26, 1998** - A truck driver raised a truck bed into a 7,200-volt power line. North Aurora Area Office
4. **September 21, 1998** - A piledriver was struck by a boom. North Aurora Area Office

Check Out LCCA Web Page - The new LCCA Web Page contains a wealth of information for the safety professional. In addition to past issues of the Safety News, you can find our training schedule, register for any LCCA event, and hotlinks to many safety sites such as OSHA, NIOSH and the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council.

Check it out at:

<http://www.lcca-il.org>

Contractor Sentenced to Jail - Roy G. Stoops, owner of C&S Erectors, Inc. of Noblesville, Ind., was sentenced to four months in prison after pleading guilty to willfully violating occupational safety and health standards which led the death of an employee.

The case stems from a May 1, 1996 incident in which Brian Smith, 32, an employee of C&S Erectors, fell to his death while laying steel decking on a roof approximately 35 feet above the ground at a site in Jonestown, Pa. After an investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the case was referred to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

According to OSHA records, C&S Erectors, engaged in several unsafe practices at the Jonestown worksite, and prior to Smith's accident the project's general contractor warned Stoops and the company several times about hazards, including the failure to provide fall protection. The company had a substantial history of OSHA violations.

OSHA's investigation resulted in citations being issued against the company in October 1996 for willful, egregious violations of safety and health standards, with proposed penalties totaling \$396,200. The citations were appealed to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, which has stayed this case pending the outcome of the criminal investigation.

"The sentence handed down in this case carries a strong and clear message that unsafe and unhealthy working conditions will not be tolerated in this country," said Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman. "An employee of C&S Erectors died because his employer willfully violated the law. No one should have to sacrifice his life to earn his livelihood."