

#### Next Meeting:

**Active Attacker** 

# **Presenter: Officer Hank Jacobsen w/Davenport PD**

When: Jan 22nd @ 12:00 - 1:30

### Where: BITCO Insurance Company

3700 Market Square Circle Davenport, IA 52804

# **Holiday Social**

Jan 24, 2020 5pm at River House in Moline for refreshments 6pm Storm Game at TaxSlayer Center \$15/person (1 guest per person) includes ticket & food

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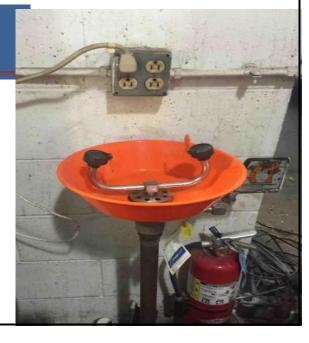
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Contact Diana Gilbert @ <u>dlg1127@aol.com</u> to up-date your e-mail address to receive the newsletter by e-mail, and emails from ASSE if you are not currently doing so.

We are always looking for input into the newsletter to better serve our members. Please send newsletter contributions to Diana Gilbert.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?



### **BLS: On-The-Job Deaths at Highest Level Since 2007**

Washington — A total of 5,250 workers died as a result of on-the-job injuries in 2018 – a 2% increase from 2017 & the highest number of fatalities since 5,657 were recorded in 2007, according to <u>Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data</u> released Dec. 17 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data also shows that the overall rate of fatal workplace injuries remained unchanged from 2017, steadying at 3.5 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, after falling from 3.6 in 2016. Other highlights:

- Transportation-related fatalities which rose slightly to 2,080 from 2,077 in 2017 accounted for 40% of all fatal work-related injuries.
- The 615 deaths among African American workers are the most since 1999, while the 961 deaths among Hispanic or Latino workers marks a 6.4% increase from 2017.
- Fatalities involving independent workers rose slightly to 621 from 613 the year before, & accounted for 11.8% of all fatal work-related injuries.
- Deaths resulting from contact with objects & equipment increased 13.1% to 786. This figure includes a notable increase in incidents involving caught-in hazards (39.5%) & struck-by falling objects (17.3%).
- Drivers/sales workers & truck drivers experienced 966 fatal injuries, the most of any occupation & a 15% increase from 2017. Industries with the highest recorded rate of fatal injuries were logging (97.6 per 100,000 FTE) & fishing (77.4).
- Deaths related to unintentional overdoses from nonmedical drug or alcohol use while at work climbed 12.1% to 305, marking the sixth straight year fatal injuries in this category have increased.

"OSHA will continue to use BLS for enforcement targeting within its jurisdiction to help prevent tragedies," acting OSHA administrator Loren Sweatt said in a Dec. 17 statement. "Inspections for OSHA were up, & we will work with State Plans so employers & workers can find compliance assistance tools in many forms or call the agency to report unsafe working conditions. Any fatality is one too many."

The data release is the second of two annual BLS reports, the first, released Nov. 7, highlighted nonfatal injuries & illnesses among private-sector employees.

#### **OSHA Conducted More Inspections & Trained More Workers in 2019**

Federal OSHA conducted 33,401 inspections in FY 2019, which ended on September 30—more inspections than in the previous 3 years. "OSHA's efforts—rulemaking, enforcement, compliance assistance & training—are tools to accomplish our mission of safety & health for every worker," Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety & Health Loren Sweatt said in an agency statement.

Other OSHA FY 2019 accomplishments included:

- Providing a record 1,392,611 workers with training on safety & health requirements through the Agency's education programs, including the OSHA Training Institute Education Centers, Outreach Training Program, & Susan Harwood Training Grant Program; &
- On-Site Consultation Program visits identifying 137,885 workplace hazards & protecting 3.2 million workers from potential harm.

#### **Six-Figure Penalties Continue**

OSHA's practice of handing out six-figure penalties has continued into FY 2020, which began October 1. This week the agency announced a half-million dollars in proposed penalties for an employer it placed on its Severe Violator Enforcement Program list.

OSHA cited Dana Railcare, based in Wilmington, Delaware, for six serious & seven willful safety & health violations following a worker fatality at a site in Pittston, Pennsylvania. An employee became asphyxiated in May 2019, while servicing a railcar containing crude oil sludge. The railcar service provider faces \$551,226 in proposed penalties.

"This tragedy could have been prevented if the employer had followed proper safety procedures for entering & cleaning railcars," Sweatt said in an agency statement. "Employers that fail to comply with the law will continue to see full & fair enforcement."

OSHA cited Dana Railcare for six serious & three willful violations of the permit-required confined space standard. The agency also cited the employer for three willful violations of the respiratory protection standard.

The agency cited Martin Davila of Davila Construction for exposing employees to fall hazards at three separate Missouri jobsites in May, June, & August. OSHA is seeking \$205,098 in proposed penalties. OSHA inspectors found safety violations at jobsites in Wentzville, Grover, & St. Louis & cited Davila Construction for failing to provide adequate fall protection for employees working at heights or ppe to employees using pneumatic nail guns; as well as, failing to train employees on fall safety hazards & procedures & the safe use of ladders. The agency also alleges the company violated electrical safety standards & allowed the operation of an internal combustion engine in close proximity to a 5-gallon gas can. OSHA also cited Davila for failing to develop & maintain a safety program, a violation the company was cited for in 2014.

The agency also has cited Chanell Roofing & Home Improvement LLC of Cleveland, Ohio, for exposing employees to fall hazards. OSHA inspectors found violations of its' fall protection standards at two separate jobsites in Avon, Ohio, & is seeking a total of \$200,451 in penalties. OSHA has cited the company four times for fall protection violations since 2015. Inspectors most recently cited the company for two willful violations for failing to install & require the use of a guardrail, safety net, or personal fall arrest system while employees worked on residential roofs. OSHA also cited Chanell Roofing & Home Improvement for failing to train employees on fall protection hazards & the proper use of ladders, for failing to develop a safety & health program, & for failing to require head protection.

By Guy Burdick Dec 13, 2019

## Do I need to submit my OSHA 300A information electronically to OSHA

Only a small fraction of establishments are required to electronically submit their Form 300A data to OSHA. Establishments that meet *any* of the following criteria **DO NOT** have to send their information to us. Remember, these criteria apply at the establishment level, not to the firm as a whole.

- The establishment's peak employment during the previous calendar year was 19 or fewer, regardless of the establishment's industry.
- The establishment's industry is on this list, regardless of the size of the establishment.
- The establishment had a peak employment between 20 and 249 employees during the previous calendar year AND the establishment's industry is not on this list.

If employers in State Plan states have questions about their obligation to submit injury and illness information, please contact your <u>State Plan office</u>. **March 2, 2020, is the deadline** for electronically reporting your OSHA Form 300A data for calendar year 2019. Collection began January 2, 2020. \*\*Don't forget to post 2019 OSHA 300A form by February 1, 2020.

### **Aerosol Cans: Puncturing and Draining Requirements**

On February 7, 2020, hazardous waste aerosol cans will officially enter the national universal waste program. In addition to simplifying compliance with the hazardous waste regulations for *handlers* of hazardous waste aerosol cans, the EPA believes the rule will result in the diversion of large portions of these cans from landfilling to metal recycling.

EPA regulations, 40 CFR 273.81, list 8 factors for determining if a hazardous waste qualifies for the streamlined universal waste requirements. While not necessary for a waste to meet all these factors to enter the program, the EPA determined aerosol cans do satisfy each factor. Handlers will need to adjust to new requirements; one such requirement addresses the manner in which hazardous waste aerosol cans are to be punctured & drained prior to recycling.

#### Large & Small Quantity Handlers

The final rule applies to both large & small quantity handlers of hazardous waste aerosol cans. Universal waste handlers are people who generate or produce universal waste as well as people who receive universal waste from other generators or handlers & consolidate it before sending it to another handler; recycler; or treatment, storage, & disposal facility. The universal waste regulations define "large quantity handlers" as those that handle more than 5,000 kilograms (kg) of *all* universal waste at one time & "small quantity handlers" as those that handle 5,000 kg or less of *all* universal waste at one time. There are some differences in the regulations that apply to large quantity handlers & small quantity handlers, but the new requirements for puncturing & draining aerosol cans are the same for both categories of handlers.

#### Management Requirements

Under the rule, both large & small quantity handlers that puncture & drain their aerosol cans must recycle the empty punctured cans & meet the following seven requirements:

- Conduct puncturing & draining using a device specifically designed to safely puncture aerosol cans & effectively contain the residual contents & any emissions.
- Establish & follow a written procedure detailing how to safely puncture & drain the universal waste aerosol can (including proper assembly, operation & maintenance of the unit, segregation of incompatible wastes, & proper waste management practices to prevent fires or releases); maintain a copy of the manufacturer's specification & instruction on-site; & ensure employees operating the device are trained in the proper procedures.
- Ensure that puncturing is done in a manner designed to prevent fires & release of any component of universal waste to the environment. This manner includes, but is not limited to, locating the equipment on a solid, flat surface in a well-ventilated area.
- Immediately transfer the contents from the waste aerosol can or puncturing device, if applicable, to a container or tank that meets the applicable requirements of 40 CFR 262.14, 262.15, 262.16, or 262.17. Essentially, this means that universal waste aerosol cans must be accumulated in containers that are structurally sound & compatible with the contents of the aerosol can & that show no evidence of leaks, spills, or damage that could cause leaks under reasonably foreseeable conditions.
- Conduct a hazardous waste determination on the contents of the emptied aerosol can per 40 CFR 262.11. Any hazardous waste generated as a result of
  puncturing & draining the aerosol can is subject to all applicable requirements of 40 CFR parts 260 through 272. The handler is considered the generator of the
  hazardous waste & is subject to 40 CFR part 262.
- If the contents are determined to be nonhazardous, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state, or local solid waste regulations.
- A written procedure must be in place in the event of a spill or leak, & a spill cleanup kit must be provided. All spills or leaks of the contents of the aerosol cans must be cleaned up promptly.

By William C. Schillaci

## **HELP WANTED**

To view the job listing please place cursor on the job title and then control + click.

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As we enter the New Year, resolve to connect with your colleagues and raise your profile in the occupational safety and health profession by volunteering with ASSP. There are a wide variety of ways you can get involved. Find your opportunity! Learn more

### **Registration Opens for Safety 2020 in Orlando**

Registration is open for the nation's largest conference for occupational safety and health professionals. ASSP expects to draw more than 5,000 attendees from 40 countries to its Safety 2020 Professional Development Conference and Exposition. The event takes place June 23-25 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. ASSP's signature event – in its 59th year – will offer more than 240 concurrent educational sessions categorized by experience level and taught by some of the greatest minds in safety. More than 600 exhibitors will showcase the latest products, technologies and techniques in the field. Attendees will experience a spirited plenary town hall and a mix of engaging general sessions.

All paid attendees will receive free access to more than 150 concurrent session recordings, enabling them to catch sessions they missed. Safety and health professionals can <u>register online</u> for Safety 2020 and get the early bird rate through March 13. Groups from the same company can save on the entire conference by contacting group coordinator Nancy O'Toole at 847.768.3466 or <u>notoole@assp.org</u>.

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Managed Fall Protection Course 2/23/2020 - 3/29/2020 2.10 CEU Risk Assessment Course 2/23/2020 - 3/29/2020 2.10 CEU Prevention through Design 3/1/2020 - 3/29/2020 1.40 CEU Implementing ISO 45001 Course 3/1/2020 - 3/29/2020 2.10 CEU Essential Risk Assessment Tools for Safety Professionals 3/1/2020 - 3/29/2020 1.40 CEU

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