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Bob Green of *SurvivetheDrive*® Will Address Oct. 19 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable

WETHERSFIELD, Oct. 7 – The statistics are staggering. Every 10 seconds someone in this country is treated for injuries related to the crash of a motor vehicle. Motor vehicle-related injuries are the leading cause of death for people ages 1 to 34, while nearly 5 million people annually sustain injuries that require an emergency room visit. Nationally, someone is treated in an emergency room for injuries related to motor vehicle crashes every 10 seconds, and nearly 40,000 people die from such injuries annually.

Bob Green, Director of *SurvivetheDrive*®, a nationally-known safe driving program aimed at high school students, will discuss the subject of operating a motor vehicle under less than full capacity -- or as he calls it “Driving While Oblivious” (while texting, reading, drinking, phoning and other similar activities that result in the loss of conscious understanding of ever-present road hazards,) during an Oct. 19 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health. Running from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., the session will be held in Conference Room A and B of the agency’s Central Office, located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

“We are pleased to welcome Mr. Green, a recognized authority on this subject, to this month’s session,” explains John Able, CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist, the breakfast roundtable program’s coordinator. “A master Instructor at the Skip Barber Racing School and a Pace car driver at Lime Rock Park, in Lakeville, Bob has also been involved in presenting high school programs titled ‘Crashing is a Bummer’ to high school students, with the message ‘stay alert behind the wheel.’ I think attendees will find this month’s breakfast quite informative.”

Time permitting, each person taking part will be asked to submit a question for discussion and audience members will be invited to share their opinions.

Admission to the roundtable is free, but pre-registration is required. To register for the breakfast roundtable or for additional information, please contact Able at (860) 263-6902, or via email at able.john@dol.gov.

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