



July 17 CONN-OSHA Roundtable Will Focus On Rail Crossing Safety, Accident Prevention

WETHERSFIELD, July 6, 2018 – The Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) is offering a July 17 breakfast roundtable discussion group on railroad crossing safety precautions and the Operation Lifesaver Program. The roundtable will be held 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the agency’s Wethersfield office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

Guest speakers Kevin Burns, state coordinator of the Operation Lifesaver Program; Teresa D’Amelio, senior risk control specialist with Glatfelter Public Practice of Pennsylvania; and Thomas Rodger, surface transportation security inspector with the Transportation Security Administration, will provide an overview of the accidents that can occur daily at railroad crossings and how Operation Lifesaver programs help to reduce or prevent tragedies.

“Hundreds of people in the United States are killed, and thousands are seriously injured each year at highway-rail grade crossing and other locations along railroad tracks,” explains John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and roundtable project coordinator. “On average, there is an incident at a crossing, or along a railroad right-of-way, every 90 minutes because people often make the mistake of choosing railroad tracks as shortcuts or as places to walk or run for recreation. They don’t realize that trains cannot stop quickly to avoid collisions. Operation Lifesaver programs are designed to educate the public by providing everyone with vital information so tragedies can be reduced or prevented.”

Admission to the breakfast is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at john.able@ct.gov to register or for additional information.

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