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CONN-OSHA Roundtable Discussion Group Offers Awareness and Preparedness Training

May 16 session focused on active shooter situations

WETHERSFIELD, May 3, 2017 – At its May 16 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group, the Labor Department’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) will host an *Active Shooter Awareness and Preparedness Training* session from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

Melanie Kerr, program manager with the Superior Court Operations Emergency Preparedness Unit of the Connecticut Judicial Branch, and Jeffrey Getz, a retired police officer and former Chief Police Officer for the Connecticut Judicial Branch Supreme Court Police Department, will discuss survival techniques and options employees need to consider if they are ever exposed to an active shooter situation, whether in the workplace or a public place.

Kerr, who is responsible for emergency management for the Judicial Branch, formerly served as project manager with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and worked in the areas of criminal justice and social services planning while at the Office of Policy and Management. Getz, with over 34 years of experience in law enforcement, currently works in the Superior Court Operations Division, Emergency Preparedness Unit for the Judicial Branch.

“The program is geared to be informative rather than frightening or graphic, and Melanie and Jeffrey are well qualified to address this topic in a setting that encourages questions and open discussion,” notes John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and roundtable project coordinator. There is no admission cost to attend the breakfast, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at john.able@ct.gov to register or for additional information.

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