

CONN-OSHA

Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8:15 am – 9:45 am

The safety and health of any company can sometimes be an overlooked priority. The Labor Department's CONN-OSHA division has taken steps to help your business keep up to date on the latest information and resources. On the third Tuesday of every month, CONN-OSHA offers *Breakfast Roundtable Meetings* that cover subjects ranging from evacuation plans and fire extinguishers to air quality and ergonomics. The intent of these free 90-minute workshops is to discuss safety and health issues in a supportive and informal environment.

The roundtable meetings are held from 8:15 am to 9:45 on the third Tuesday of the month at the Connecticut Department of Labor:

**Conference Room A
CT Dept. of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone (860) 263-6900**

Pre-registration is required. Those interested in attending should reply to this e-mail or send an email to john.able@ct.gov.

“Make OSHA’s Noise Standard Your Business”

Learn about OSHA’s NOISE Standard and how to develop a hearing conservation program that is unique as your business needs. What you need to know to reduce noise induced hearing loss. Did you know noise induced hearing loss is a growing health issue among young adults and older Americans? There are 48 million people nationwide with hearing loss. Yet noise induced hearing loss is 100% preventable! Did you know Connecticut has a hearing conservation team? Come hear what we’re doing to educate teens, teachers and employers or visit our website here:

<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/YoungWorkerSafety/hearingprevention.htm>

Presenters:

Deborah Pease, MPH, is an epidemiologist for the Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Team at the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. She is the chairperson of the Connecticut Hearing Conservation Team, which she founded in 2016. Deborah is a project leader for public health initiatives, and most recently organized a series of symposia on the opioid epidemic and its impact on the Connecticut workforce. The project culminated in a white paper for Connecticut employers on “The Opioid Crisis and Connecticut’s Workforce.” Deborah is also the chairperson for the Connecticut Young Worker Health and Safety Team, and has developed a national model for educating young workers about the importance of workplace health and safety.

Anne Bracker, MPH, CIH is an occupational hygienist with Connecticut OSHA’s private sector consultation program. In this capacity she helps smaller businesses identify and control workplace hazards and prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

Before joining Connecticut OSHA Ms. Bracker worked as an industrial hygienist for the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, CT and as a compliance officer for Federal OSHA in Hartford, CT.

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- **Welcome and Introductions**
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- **Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities**

- CONN-OSHA has scheduled a no-cost Work Zone Safety training class for Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 10 am – 12 noon. Pre-registration is required, send an e-mail to catherine.zinsser@ct.gov.

- The CT Chapter of the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) invites you to their April General Membership Meeting on April 4th at J. Timothy's in Plainville from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Stuart Manley, LEP, LSP, CHMM will discuss "Chlorinated Solvent Plume: A Case Study." Go here to Register:

[http://www.ctachmm.org/New%20Website%20\(Post%20March%202010\)/Events_rev.htm](http://www.ctachmm.org/New%20Website%20(Post%20March%202010)/Events_rev.htm)

Questions? John Murray, CTACHMM Membership Chair, 413-794-5494, john.murray@baystatehealth.org

- The CT Valley Chapter ASSP will host a "Talk & Tour" on Friday, April 5th from 12 noon – 2:30 pm at Boehringer Ingelheim, Ridgefield, CT. Dr. Jack Brown, PhD – Senior Research Fellow and Head of Process Safety will do a presentation on process safety and provide a tour of this new state of the art plant. You can Register here:

<https://ctvalley.assp.org/event/>

- Workers Memorial Day is April 28th, this is a special day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew the fight for safe jobs.

An event will be held in Hartford on Friday, April 26, 2019, 12 pm – 1 pm at the AFL-CIO Workers Memorial in Bushnell Park, 57 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06103.

Other events are scheduled all around the state on that weekend as well.

- CONN-OSHA has scheduled a no-cost Powered Industrial Truck Safety training class for Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 10 am – 12 noon. Pre-registration is required, send an e-mail to catherine.zinsser@ct.gov.
- Fall Prevention Stand-Down 2019. OSHA's sixth annual [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) will be May 6-10, 2019.
- CT Business & Industry Assoc. (CBIA) Safety & Health Conference, Friday, May 17, 2019, Red Lion Hotel Cromwell, 8 am – 4 pm. For all the details and to Register go here: [Register Now](#)

- The **2019 OSHA Summer Summit**, scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19th**, is fast approaching and the **early bird rate of \$45 ends on May 1st**. The conference is filling up quickly so if you haven't already done so, please register early at www.scwne.org to avoid missing out. The conference has sold out before the early bird rate ended in each of the last five years and we are confident it will happen again! If you are interested in having a vendor booth, we still have some openings but those spaces are filling up quickly as well. Registration for vendors can also be done at www.scwne.org. We hope to see you there and we thank you for supporting the OSHA Summer Summit!

OSHA Summer Summit, Wednesday June 19, 2019, UMASS Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst MA 01003.

- Join OSHA Safe + Sound during April to focus on **management leadership**, a core element of a safety and health program. Management leadership means there is a commitment from the top to implement a program and use it to drive continuous improvement in safety and health.

Safe + Sound is a year-round campaign to encourage every workplace to have a safety and health program. Sign up on the [Safe + Sound website](#).

Safe + Sound Week 2019. OSHA has announced that [Safe + Sound Week](#) will be August 12-18, 2019. The week is a nationwide event to raise awareness of the value of safety and health programs.

- **SAVE THE DATE:**

21st Annual New England Area (NEA) ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC), November 12 & 13, 2019, Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, Southbridge, MA.

Calling all Speakers, Exhibitors, Sponsors & Volunteers!

Submit your speaker application for the 21st Annual New England Area PDC. The April 1st deadline to submit your application is fast approaching. Applications this year can be submitted online. Don't delay, submit today!

Exhibitor/Sponsorship registration is also open. For more info on being a Speaker, Exhibitor or Sponsor, check out our website:

<https://region8.assp.org/neapdc/>

The Planning Committee is also looking for volunteers. Reach out to Co-Chairs, Jim Fraser, j51fraser@gmail.com, or Daren Canfield, daren.canfield@dell.com, if you're interested.

- **Ongoing Educational Opportunities**

- The OSHA Training Institute Education Center (OTIEC), Region 1 is authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to provide innovative and effective safety and health training to improve safety culture and performance in the workplace. Since 1994 Keene State College's OSHA Education Center provides premier educational and professional development opportunities within the New England region and beyond.

As the official provider of OSHA's safety and health training, OTI Education Centers have a course for every OSHA training requirement. You can even become an OSHA-authorized Outreach Trainer, and earn the authority to award official Department of Labor cards (10 & 30 hours). Keene's OTIEC offers regional "open enrollment" OSHA courses and customized on-site training to meet the needs of your work force. Learn more about Region 1 OTI Education Center here:

<http://oshaedne.com/>

- **New Business/News**

- In advance of the 20th annual spring [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#) (NWZAW), which will take place April 8- 12, 2019, we wanted to provide you with information about available outreach and compliance assistance materials. This event raises awareness across the country in an effort to encourage safe driving through highway work zones, and this year's theme is "Drive Like You Work Here." The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones.
 - **How to Participate:** NWZAW's kick-off event will be held on April 9, 2019 in Washington, D.C. and hosted by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The kickoff event will be held at the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge at 11:00 a.m. Any organization, publication or individual can participate by taking a break to host a toolbox talk, attend or host an event, or wear orange and promote via social media.

For tips and ideas for your Work Zone Awareness event, see the NWZAW [toolkit](#). [Additional Resources](#) are also available on OSHA's website, including a links to NIOSH's webpage [Highway Work Zones](#), and information on [Roadway Work Zone Training Program](#), which was developed through an OSHA Susan Hardwood Training Grant and is available in English, Spanish, and in Portuguese.

To find a NWZAW event in your area, see their calendar of [Events](#) page with events that are free and open to the public.

As part of NWZAW, all are also encouraged to participate in Go Orange Day on April 10, a day where individuals are encouraged to wear orange as a visual reminder to others of work zones, and post photos of their “Go Orange Day” activities to further spread awareness of work zone safety.

Posters: [Download](#) the digital poster file for use online or personal printing. Printed poster orders are now being accepted. Limited quantities available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Toolkit: The NWZAW toolkit is a comprehensive guide for all individuals and organizations planning to host NWZAW and Go Orange Day events in their community. The toolkit includes event setup guides, press release and invitation templates, and ideas for social media and is available for download [here](#).

Social Media: Be sure to participate by spreading the message of work zone safety with your friends, family, and community, and by liking, commenting, and sharing on social media using the hashtags #NWZAW and #GoOrange4Safety.

- In advance of the 6th annual OSHA [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#), which will take place May 6-10, 2019, we wanted to provide you with information about available outreach and compliance assistance materials. As you know, this event raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries.
 - **How to Participate:** Any workplace can participate in the Stand-Down by taking a break to host a toolbox talk or conduct another safety activity, such as conducting a safety equipment inspection, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards.

For tips and ideas for your Stand-Down, see [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful Stand-Down](#) and [Highlights from the Past Stand-Downs](#). [Educational Materials and Resources](#) are also available on OSHA’s website, including a [Fall Prevention Training Guide](#).

To find an event in your area: OSHA hosts an [Events](#) page with events that are free and open to the public. The Events page also includes a list of Regional Stand-Down Coordinators, if you have questions about events in your area or would like to post your event on OSHA’s webpage.

Don’t forget to get your Certificate of Participation from OSHA’s website following the event.

Posters: OSHA's 2019 Stand-Down poster is available in English [here](#) and Spanish [here](#). To obtain a version that can be customized with your organization's logo, please email oshastanddown@dol.gov. (Please note that the file size is approximately 20 megabytes.)

Hard Hat Stickers: Order hard hat stickers and Hazard Alert cards from CPWR [here](#).

Social Media: Tell us how you are participating by using the hashtag #StandDownforSafety. Looking for infographics to share? They are available from OSHA [here](#) and from NIOSH/CPWR [here](#).

- **Remember!** March 2, 2019 was the deadline for electronically reporting your OSHA Form 300A data for calendar year 2018.
 - 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. NOTE: these criteria apply at the establishment level, not to the firm as a whole.
 1. The establishment's peak employment during the previous calendar year was 19 or fewer, regardless of the establishment's industry.
 2. The establishment's industry is **on this** list:

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/ppt1/RK1exempttable.html>

regardless of the size of the establishment.
 3. 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:

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/NAICScodesforelectronicssubmission.html>
 - Beginning in 2019, covered establishments must submit Form 300A data by March 2.

If you are a public sector employer, all establishments regardless of size, must submit their Form 300A data by March 2, 2019.

Additional information about this requirement can be found here:

<https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/ita/>

- Access to OSHA's ITA application is available from this page:

<https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/index.html>.

- Did You Know?

OSHA has resources to keep [tree care](#) and [landscaping](#) workers safe from falls, electrocution, struck-by, caught-in, and other hazards.

- **Announcements from the floor**
- **Adjourn**