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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Safety Conference

MIOsha participated in another very successful **Michigan Safety Conference** (82nd year) held at the DeVos Center in Grand Rapids April 17th and 18th. Conference attendance was up this year and training sessions were full to overflowing. **MIOsha** is always a major contributor, both chairing and offering a series of training programs through the **CET and Construction Divisions**. MIOsha personnel also assisted in the inaugural appearance of the **Agriculture Division** this year.

The **CET Division** chaired by **Sheila Ide** and **Katie Benghauser**, presented eight sessions covering: Heat Stress, Ergonomics, Fall Protection, MIOsha Top 25 Safety & Health Violations, Focus Four in Construction, Confined Spaces, Recordkeeping and the annual MIOsha Update from MIOsha Director **Martha Yoder** and Deputy Director **Bart Pickelman**. These MIOsha CET Consultants provided training: **Harvey Johnson, Jason Griffin, Lee Jay Kueppers, Curtis Johnson, Pat Sullivan, Paul Griggs, Gregg Grubb, Brenda Cani** and **Jennifer Clark-Denson**. Other MIOsha presenters included: **Lynn Totsky**, Health Supervisor, General Industry Safety and Health Division (GISHD); and **Terrilyn Jones**, Supervisor, Management and Technical Services Division. Fifteen recent **MIOsha Training Institute (MTI)** graduates were honored during the MIOsha update session.

The **Construction Division**, chaired by **Paul Wrzesinski**, provided nine topics with Paul and Construction Enforcement Director **Patty Meyer** speaking at three of the sessions. GISHD Health Manager **Elaine Clapp** and CET Consultant **Val Chunko** spoke on *MIOsha Standards for the Agricultural Industry* in the first session of the new **Agriculture Division**.

Mark your calendar for next year's Safety Conference. It will be held again at Devos Place in Grand Rapids, on April 16th and 17th.

CET Grant Proposal Workshop

The Annual CET Grant Proposal Workshop to solicit grant proposals for Fiscal Year 2013 will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 2012**, in Conference Room B of the General Office Building. The workshop will outline the requirements for submitting a CET Grant Proposal. Attendance at this workshop is not a requirement for submitting a grant proposal but it is beneficial for any organization that desires to submit a grant application. For more detailed information on this workshop please see the attached [Workshop Announcement](#).

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Workers Memorial Day – April 28, 2012

Workers Memorial Day is an annual event to honor those who have lost their lives on the job and to encourage proactive efforts to create and maintain safe and healthful work environments. Each year, organizations hold ceremonies or events on this day or alternate days. The Michigan State AFL-CIO held a Workers Memorial Day observance on Thursday, April 26th at Wentworth Park in downtown Lansing. MIOSHA Director **Martha Yoder** and Deputy Director **Bart Pickelman** participated in the event. Speakers at the annual event were **Deb Chester**, MI-FACE; **Derrick Quinney**, AFL-CIO; **Norwood Jewell**, UAW; **Robert Cramer**, Michigan Association of United Ways; and **Martha Yoder**. In addition, several worker stories were shared and names of workers who lost their life on the job during 2011 were read.

Since Workers Memorial Day was established in 1989, there have been a number of memorials dedicated to workers around the state. One memorial is a bronze plaque that was dedicated during a Workers Memorial Day tribute on April 28, 2000, to workers killed in Michigan in 1999. The plaque is located on the Grand River Bridge at Michigan Avenue in downtown Lansing. The year 1999 was a very tragic year for workers in Michigan, with 87 MIOSHA program-related fatalities. Those fatalities included an explosion in the power plant at the Ford Rouge Complex in Dearborn that resulted in the death of six workers and an explosion at Independence Fireworks in Osseo, Michigan, which killed five workers. (A previous explosion in December 1998 killed seven workers at the same plant) A list of all worker memorials in Michigan is posted at: [Michigan Worker Memorials](#)

Construction Partnerships – Improve the Bottom Line

The MIOSHA **Construction Safety and Health Division (CSHD)** has entered into 13 partnerships projects over the past seven years. The contractors and workers who have been fortunate to work on a construction partnership project already know the benefits, i.e. less injuries, more collaboration among workers, and incentives for safe work practices.

MIOSHA's construction partnership companies have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to promoting worker safety and health on their projects. Below are MIOSHA's current construction partnerships:

- **Barton Malow** – St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Campus Regeneration Project – Pontiac – 2012;
- **The Christman Company**– Board of Water & Light REO Town Project – Lansing – 2011;
- **Pioneer Construction** – Grand Valley State University Mary Idema Pew Library Project – Allendale – 2011;
- **Barton Malow** – C.S. Mott Children's and Women's Hospital Project – Ann Arbor – 2010;
- **Barton Malow** – Stoney Corners Wind Farm Project – McBain – 2010;
- **Barton Malow** – Severstal Modernization Project – Dearborn – 2010;
- **Detroit Edison** – Monroe Power Plant Environmental Controls Construction Project – Monroe – 2007.

In the cover article in the **Spring 2012 MIOSHA News**, CSHD Director **Patty Meyer** shared a success story about the MIOSHA partnership at the **Accident Fund Headquarters (AFHQ) project** in downtown Lansing with **The Christman Company** as the Project Manager.

If you haven't had an opportunity to work on a partnership project, click [here](#) and you can read how a MIOSHA partnership can improve your bottom line.

MEDIA

April 12, 2012 – [Barton Malow Company, Building Trades, Contractors and MIOSHA Sign Partnership to Protect Workers on St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Campus Regeneration Project](#)

MEDIA - CONTINUED

April 19, 2012 – [State Recognizes MIOSHA Training Institute \(MTI\) Graduates at Michigan Safety Conference](#)

April 24, 2012 – MSU News Release – [On-the-job deaths hold steady; burn injuries underreported](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from our [website](#).

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

March 16, 2012 – CET-TRG-08-1R1 – [Consultation Education and Training \(CET\) Division Staff Training](#)

March 28, 2012 – MIOSHA-COM-08-1R1 – [Communication of Inspection Findings](#)

April 16, 2012 – GISHD-STD-08-1R2 – [Field Sanitation Standard Enforcement Procedures](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8, 2012 – **Secondary to None Toastmasters Club @ 12:00 p.m.** – LESS Conference Room, 7707 Rickle Street, Lansing

May 16, 2012 – **Construction Safety Standards Commission Meeting @ 9:30 am** – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

May 17, 2012 – **CET Grant Proposal Workshop @ 1:00 p.m.** – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

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