



NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 11:45am - 1:00pm

WHAT: Fire Safety and Live Extinguisher Training

WHO: Lt. Keith Watson - Marysville Fire Department

WHERE: 940 London Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040

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PREVIOUS LUNCH AND LEARN MEETING:

SPEAKER: Steve Buehrer - Ohio BWC Administrator

The Union County Safety Council was honored to have Mr. Steve Buehrer speak at the Safety Awards Banquet. Mr. Buehrer discussed many important topics regarding Ohio's ability to restore and maintain it's economic vitality in order to retain businesses and continue the growth of jobs. As Mr. Buehrer explained, all businesses have an impact on the economic climate in Ohio, whether they are a small family-owned business or a large institution like the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Census figures have shown that Columbus and Central Ohio have experienced economic growth, but almost all other areas in Ohio have shrunk, including Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo. Almost 400,000 jobs have been lost in Ohio which translates into roughly 14 billion dollars of lost revenue for the state.

One of the missions Mr. Buehrer has is to ensure the BWC promotes job growth in Ohio by providing rating programs that are designed to meet different employers' needs, thus retaining businesses who might otherwise leave the state for areas with lower workers' comp rates. The BWC also seeks to ensure quality services by ensuring quicker turnaround of claims, ensuring claims costs are controlled and provide service, simplicity and savings to employers. One of the ways that the BWC will continue to support safety is through the Safety Council discounts (2% for performance and 2% for attendance), which will continue for the next policy year.

After speaking, Mr. Buehrer was joined by Ms. Michelle Francisco, Safety Council Program Manager with the Ohio BWC, to present the UCSC with an "Honorable Mention" award for Safety Council of the Year. This is the second year in a row that the UCSC has received Honorable Mention, a feat that has never occurred in the Safety Council's history. The UCSC thanks Mr. Buehrer for taking time to visit us.



Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed **Steve Buehrer** as Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in January 2011. He leads an agency of 2,200 employees that serves more than 225,000 employers and 1.3 million injured workers. Known for his focus on fiscal responsibility, creating jobs, and emphasizing technology, Steve has helped engineer significant improvements within various levels of government over the past 20 years. He also has extensive experience with workers' compensation, previously serving as BWC's Chief of Human Resources. As a senator, Steve also was appointed the chairman of the Insurance, Commerce and Labor committee which oversaw all workers' compensation legislation.

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ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES



Left: Bob Whitman has stepped down from his position as Safety Council Manager, which he has held since 1999. Bob was honored for his long-time service to the UCSC.

Right: Thomas & Marker Construction's Safety Manager, Kyle Koschalk, accepts the UCSC President's award, which was awarded to Thomas & Marker for their commitment to the UCSC's guiding principles.



Below: The recipients of the BWC Safety Council Awards, including the Achievement Award, the 100% Award, the Group Award, and the Special Award. A full description of these awards can be found at the Ohio BWC's website under Employers, Safety Services, Safety Councils. Congratulations to our winners!



LUNCH AND LEARN SCHEDULE 2011

Date	Topic	Speaker	Sponsor
1/12/11	BWC Discount Programs	David Patti - Ohio BWC Employer Services Supervisor (614) 466-8516	Thomas & Marker Construction Co. Kyle Koschalk; (644-2160)
2/09/11	What's New at OSHA and Log 300	Joe Cicero - HR and Safety Resources LLC (614) 905-7482.	Nestle' PTC Steve Salsbury (645-2115)
3/09/11	DFSP	Bryan Carpenter - CompManagement (614) 760-8144	Honda of Amer. Mfg Jose Banaag (642-5000 x67289)
4/13/11	Annual Awards Banquet	Ohio BWC Administrator, Steve Buehrer	UCSC
5/11/11	Fire Safety (With live extinguisher training)	Lt. Keith Watson - Marysville Fire Department (645-1070)	Union Rural Electric Bob McClintock (537-0400)
6/08/11	Heat Stress (Followed by Tour of Scotts)	Ahmad Nahvi - Ohio BWC	Scotts Miracle-Gro Joe Oiler (644-7201)
7/13/11	Wellness	Heather Bailey - McGohan & Brabender (937) 293-1600	New Day Farms Nikki Adkins; (358-2114-103)
8/10/11	Defensive Driver's Training	Jeff Eggleston - Ohio Attorney General / OPOTA 740-845-6305	To Be Determined
9/14/11	Ergonomics	Kim Schaeffer (578-2333)	To Be Determined
10/12/11	CEO Lunch Event Topic: <i>The Aging Workforce</i>	Dr. Robert Kessler, Comp Management	Union County Safety Council
11/9/11	PPE	Christina Whitehead - PSARA 513-791-4418)	U-Co Industries Glenna M. Reed; (937-645-6767)
12/14/11	Accident Investigation	Brian Dostanko - City of Marysville (645-1033)	Milcrest Nursing Home (Heather Mudgett; 642-1026)