



August 2017 EDITION

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July Recap
Bloodborne Pathogens & Trauma Response

Bloodborne Pathogens

HIV: this is what causes AIDS. A person can remain healthy with medication and they may or may not transmit the disease to another person. HIV is increasing due to the heroin epidemic.

Hep B: this is a serious liver disease. Some people do not have symptoms, but 20% carry the virus for life. And 25% develop cirrhosis or cancer and die. There is a vaccination available. First responders and health care workers are vaccinated automatically due to their job but it is a good idea for everyone else to also be vaccinated.

Hep C: similar to Hep B but there is no vaccination. About 75% of people that carry the virus were born between 1945 and 1965. Anyone born in that timeframe should be tested. This disease can lead to cirrhosis and cancer. This disease is also increasing due to the heroin epidemic.

Hep B & Hep C can survive on surfaces for days even weeks; however, HIV dies quickly. You should keep abrasions covered and wash promptly if exposed. Flush eyes and mouth as best you can. If you know there is a risk, wear gloves and gowns. Once you have removed the gloves, wash hands for 20 seconds with friction. If you are exposed at work, report the incident immediately. If you are at home, see your doctor or the ER immediately.

Life-Saving Equipment

CAT Tourniquet: this stands for Combat Application Tourniquet. This is a tourniquet that can be done one handed and quickly controls life-threatening extremity bleeding.

ICD Dressing: this stands for Israeli Combat Dressing. This is a compression bandage that has a chemical in the dressing that causes clotting.

QuikClot: this is a first aid product that stops moderate to severe bleeding until further medical help is available.

All of these items can be purchased via the Internet. Purchasing an IFAK (Individual First Aid Kit) will prepare your business for treating serious life threatening injuries prior to professional help arriving.



August 9 Lunch and Learn
11:15 a.m.– 15461 US Highway 36 (URE)
Speaker: Brian Basbagill, SafeX
Our Lunch Sponsor: Union Rural Electric



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Did You Know . . .

BWC has two new grants available!

Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant: available only to Ohio firefighter employers who wish to purchase diesel exhaust systems, extractors/washing machines for turn-out gear, hoods with barrier protection, or washable gloves.

Employers Working with Persons with Developmental Disabilities: available only to Ohio employers that work with the developmentally disabled population and wish to purchase training and/or equipment to substantially reduce or eliminate injuries or illnesses associated with that interaction.



Workplace Wellness Grant

Employers wanting to improve the health and wellness of their workers can benefit from this program. It provides funding to assist employers in establishing training and programs to reduce health risk factors specific to their employees.

There is still money left in this program!

OSHA has compliance assistance specialists around the country ready to help employers comply with OSHA requirements and improve their safety and health performance. These specialists support OSHA's key initiatives through outreach to small businesses, trade associations, and other groups. To find a specialists nearest you, check the directory www.osha.gov.



The August meeting is at URE!!



The *Union County Safety Council (UCSC)*, in partnership
with the *Marysville Division of Police (MPD)*, presents



Community Policing Night



August 23 (Wednesday); 6:00-8:30 p.m.

PD/Court Facility

1250 West Fifth Street, Marysville

Water/Coffee and light snacks provided!

6pm – Introduction to Community Service Bureau

6:20pm – D.A.R.E. Program

6:40pm – School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

7pm – Intro to A.L.I.C.E.

7:30 – Other Services (Block Watch, Women's
Defense, etc)

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Electronically Submit Your 300A Log (www.osha.gov)



On August 1, OSHA launched a web-based form (Injury Tracking Application (ITA)) that allows employers to electronically submit required injury and illness data from their completed 2016 OSHA Form 300A. The ITA webpage will offer three options for submitting data, and includes information on reporting requirements, a list of frequently asked questions, and a link to request assistance with completing the form.

OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking last month to extend the deadline for electronically submitting the data to December 1, 2017. The proposed extension gives those affected sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the electronic reporting system, and provides the new administration an opportunity to review the new electronic reporting requirements prior to their implementation.



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Safety Updates From BWC (www.bwc.ohio.gov)

- ◆ **Lack of Bloodborne Pathogen Programs in Dental Offices:** a NIOSH survey found a significant percentage of dental offices were not in compliance with OSHA bloodborne pathogen regulations and did not have an effective Exposure Control Plan. If your practice needs information on this topic, go to OSHA's webpage or the BWC Library.
- ◆ **Fentanyl Exposure Risks for Law Enforcement & Emergency Response Personnel:** Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic drug that is similar to morphine and heroin, but is 50 to 100 times more potent. This can pose a potential hazard to law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, and firefighters who could come into contact through the course of their work day. NIOSH suggests wearing appropriate PPE and having a Health Hazard Evaluation. The DEA also recommends wearing appropriate PPE, handling and processing crime scenes and materials that could be contaminated differently.
- ◆ **Positive Drug Tests Increased in 2016:** drug-testing company Quest Diagnostics reports that positive drug tests were at their highest rate in 12 years. The company reported increases across all of the most common illicit drugs.
- ◆ **Distracted Walking:** the same things that distract drivers also distract walkers. The National Safety Council discusses this topic and provides information on stats, studies, and steps you can take to reduce your risk of injury while walking.
- ◆ **Not In Our House:** this website teaches firefighters about cancer risks on the job from dirty gear. It encourages them to take a pledge to maintain their gear properly to reduce their risk of cancer and the risk of taking carcinogens into their firehouse and their home.

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