



Union County Safety Council Newsletter

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Information - Cooperation - Motivation

November Recap *Defensive Driving 101*

A vast majority of people depend on an automobile to get them from Point A to Point B. But how did we get to that point? The first automobile was invented in 1885, had three wheels, and looked much like an elongated tricycle. The first cars did not have windshields, doors, turn signals, or even a steering wheel! (That did not come along until 1894.) Automobiles were viewed as an accessory for the rich and not as a necessity. Henry Ford wanted to create an affordable vehicle for the average American that was both reliable and easily built. Thus the creation of the assembly line and the ability of mass production was born. Once that happened, new features were slowly added to cars. Turn signals (1939), brake lights (1930), power steering (1951), cruise control (1957), three point seat belts (1959) just to name a few.

In the late 1980's to early 1990's, technology started developing and was slowly added as new features such as the check engine light, airbags, keyless entry systems, electric doors and windows, sunroofs, and CD players. As technology continued to advance, so did the features on automobiles such as GPS, anti-lock brakes, traction control, tire inflation sensors, lateral movement sensors, skid control, radar cruise control system (collision avoidance), and back-up cameras. With technology advancing, it led to drivers becoming less needful of paying attention to operating the vehicle and more free to do other things. In 2015, more than 13,000 drivers in Ohio were involved in a distracted driving crash, resulting in 43 deaths and 6,916 injuries.

However, even with all of the safety features now found on automobiles, injury/fatality statistics continue to rise.

Crash Statistics	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fatal Crashes	918	919	1,029	1,054	1,094
Traffic Fatalities	990	1,008	1,110	1,133	1,179
Motor Vehicle Fatalities	879	900	965	974	1,008
Unbelted Fatalities	431	450	473	431	471
Non-Motorist Fatalities	111	108	145	159	171
Pedestrians Killed	88	93	118	140	145
OVI Related Fatal Crashes	318	338	365	392	379
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And of course, with the advent of inventing the automobile, the first car theft happened in June of 1896 in France and the first vehicular homicide happened in August of 1896 in England when a man out joy riding ran over a pedestrian. The death was ruled accidental as the pedestrian was so frightened to move out of the way of the car that was hurtling toward them at 4 mph.



December 12 Lunch and Learn
11:15 a.m. – 940 London Ave
Speaker: Johnie Myers, Marysville Division of Fire
Our Lunch Sponsor: Stratosphere Quality



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Did You Know . . .



December UCSC Community Service Project

Our next collection month will be at our December 12 meeting. We will be collecting for the Hope Center. Please . . . bring any of the following items to that meeting.



Christmas wrapping paper
Tape
Gift tags
Christmas candy
Batteries (all sizes)
Family games
Boxed Stuffing Mix
Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
Chicken or Turkey Gravy
Instant Hot Chocolate
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Fresh Potatoes
Brownie Mix
Cake Mix
Cookie Mix



Those bringing in items will be eligible for a special raffle drawing for a \$25 gift card. We will also be accepting cash donations at the sign-in table. Those making a monetary donation will also be eligible for the special raffle drawing.



If you are feeling feverish, experiencing heavy cold or flu symptoms such as persistent coughing and sneezing, it is good cold/flu etiquette to stay home and recover. Your co-workers will also appreciate not becoming ill. Regularly sanitize your work surfaces. Wash your hands frequently. Sneeze into the crook of your arm rather than your hand which will then touch other surfaces.



OSHA's Top 10 Most-Cited Violations For Fiscal Year 2018 (www.nsc.org)

Most-Cited Violations

1. Fall Protection—General Requirements
2. Hazard Communication
3. Scaffolding
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Lockout/Tagout
6. Ladders
7. Powered Industrial Trucks
8. Fall Protection—Training Requirements
9. Machine Guarding
10. Personal Protective & Life Saving Equipment—Eye & Face Protection

The Top 10 represents the most frequently cited standards and they are a good place for the employer to start to identify hazards in their own workplace. But if you are really serious about finding the hazards in your workplace, you may want to take the extra step to find out what is the most hazardous in your industry and what you are seeing in terms of violations in your particular industry. OSHA offers compliance assistance at no cost for employers that are interested in correcting hazards before an inspection. Another free service, designed especially for small businesses, is the consultation program.

As to the addition of the Eye and Face Protection Standard appearing on the Top 10 list, whenever an employer takes on a new job or does a new task, they should do a hazard assessment of that workplace to see what hazards there are and how they can protect their employees from them.





'Tis The Season Of Safety (www.nsc.org)

With the holidays approaching, many employees participate in workplace festivities, travel to see relatives and enjoy decorating. Make sure your organization enjoys a safe holiday season. Take a few basic steps to help keep your employees injury-free.

Workplace Potlucks

While food brings people together, it also can make them sick. One in six Americans get food poisoning from harmful bacteria annually. Before your workplace implements a holiday potluck, review the following safety tips from the Food and Drug Administration.

- Wash your hands before and after handling food
- Use paper towels rather than cloths to clean surfaces and to avoid germs
- Separate raw meats from your other food
- Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to the correct temperature
- Keep hot food hot and cold foods cold and never let food sit out for more than two hours

Parking Lots

During the holiday season, people are out and about shopping. What this means for your employees is an added risk when driving with the increase of foot traffic. More than 50,000 crashes occur annually in parking lots and garage structures. One of the most common culprits is distracted driving. Most people feel comfortable making calls while driving in a parking lot. While this is problematic, you can be part of the solution by encouraging your organization to implement a cell phone policy.

Workplace Decorations

During the holiday season, employees begin to feel festive and some might even start decorating their work spaces. To prevent injuries while on the job, please remind your employees to celebrate safely. To avoid falling, make sure employees are not standing on chairs when hanging decorations. Instead, encourage them to use a small stepladder. But also be sure to read the instructions and labels on the ladder before using one. Hanging decorations on fire sprinklers should be avoided. Decorations have the potential to cause sprinklers to malfunction and not operate when needed. In the case of a tree, make sure it is at least 18 inches away from your fire sprinklers.





Bring Safety Home—Space Heater Safety (www.nsc.org)

Annually, 25,000 fires and 300 deaths are attributed to space heaters. While the cold weather is already here, make sure safety remains a priority when looking for secondary ways to heat your home.

If you are planning on purchasing a space heater, the US Department of Energy recommends purchasing a newer model with the UL label. The newer versions have safety features to protect your home. The US Department of Energy also recommends selecting a thermostatically controlled spaced heater to avoid overheating. People also should review the sizing table to make sure the heater is appropriate for the space. Follow these guidelines when using a space heater:

- Carefully read manufacturer's instructions and warning labels
- Keep heaters three feet away from anything flammable and never leave unattended
- Use wall outlets instead of extension cords. No other devices should be plugged into the outlet hooked up to your space heater
- Never put a space heater on top of furniture

Take time to protect you and your loved ones this holiday season.

School Safety and Security Grant Program

As part of its \$1.5 billion rebate, BWC announced it would set aside \$4 million over two years to help make schools safer for teachers, staff, and students. Licensed preschool through 12th grade educational facilities can receive a 3-to-1 matching grant, up to \$40,000. Schools may apply for incident response equipment, building/grounds/transportation security enhancements, and other safety interventions.



Assistance During Natural Disasters (www.osha.gov)

California Wildfires

OSHA is joining with other federal agencies to help those impacted by devastating wildfires in California. OSHA is partnering with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division to help protect worker safety and wages during cleanup and recovery operations.

Hurricane Michael

OSHA continues to provide technical assistance and outreach in areas impacted by Hurricane Michael. To date, OSHA has reached more than 2,400 workers, and helped remove more than 600 workers from serious hazards through on-site interventions. Normal enforcement operations have returned throughout most of Florida and Georgia.

Typhoon Yutu

In October, Typhoon Yutu struck the Northern Mariana Islands causing extensive damage. In the aftermath, OSHA has performed 50 interventions to ensure the safety of employers and workers involved with recovery efforts. One intervention involved overseeing workers who were dismantling a tower crane that had fallen against a hotel under construction.



Kids' Chance Ohio

BWC supports the efforts of Kids' Chance Ohio, a charitable organization that provides scholarships to eligible youth with a parent that has been killed or permanently and totally disabled from work-related injuries or occupational diseases. Kids between 16 and 25 are eligible for annual scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. The organization is not affiliated with BWC, and any awards are completely separate from BWC survivor benefits. However, for BWC, promoting the scholarship opportunity is simply the right thing to do.

To learn more about the scholarship, eligibility criteria, and the application process, please visit kidschanceohio.org.

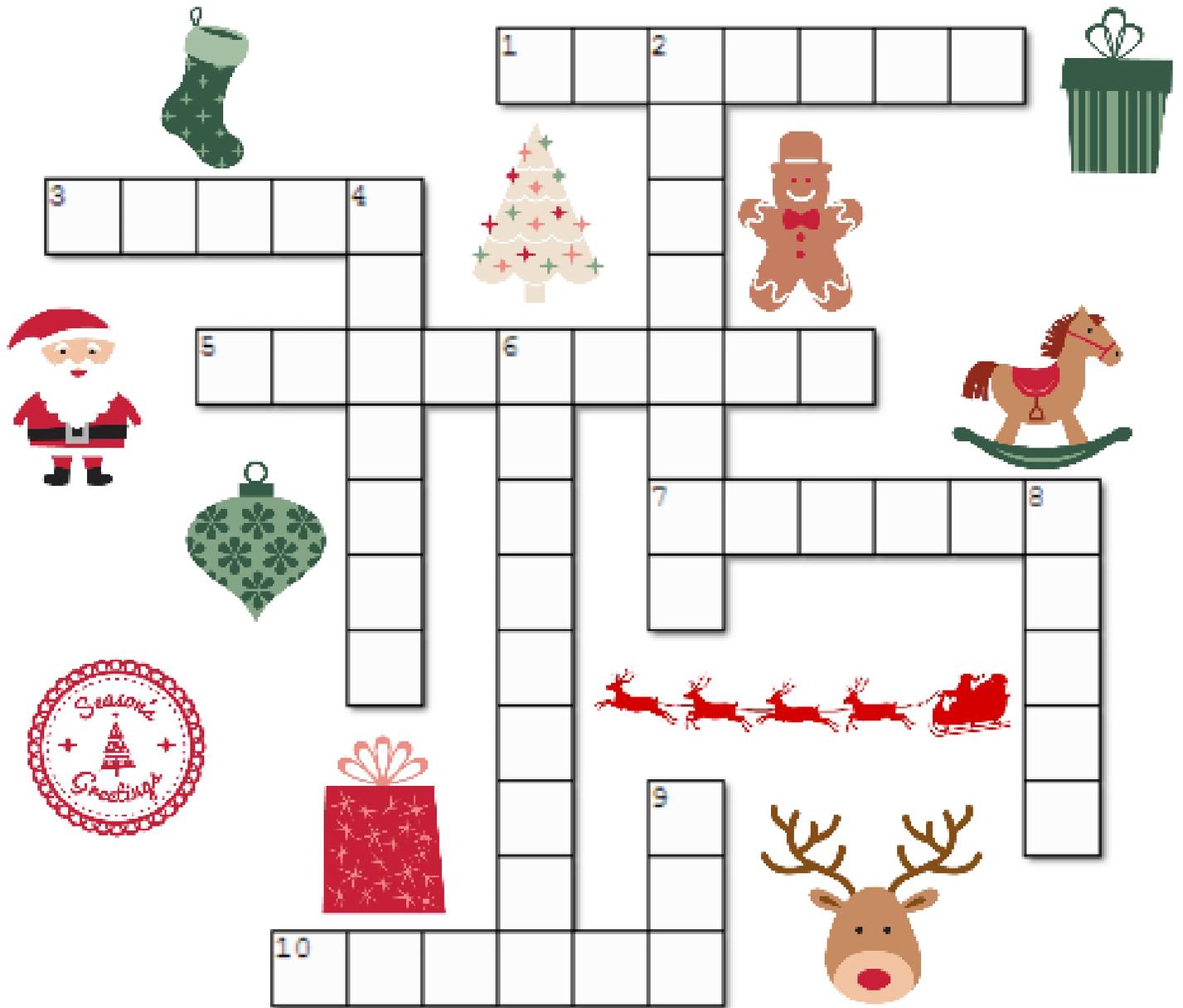
OSHA Promotes Young Worker Safety (www.osha.gov)



OSHA's Kansas City office participated in a high school safety event attended by more than 2,000 students. OSHA staff talked with students about workers' rights, safety and health in their workplaces, whistleblower rights, and how to use the agency's website. They also provided teachers with information about a regional emphasis program on fertilizer storage and handling, and OSHA training classes.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!

