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From the President's Desk

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan has enjoyed a very busy year to date and has been working on several new projects including support of Senate Bill 1066 (SB 1066). The Safety Council and the National Safety Council participated with Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy) and several other Michigan legislators with the introduction of new legislation that will help make the roads safer in Michigan. SB 1066 will allow drivers who have received a driving infraction the option to take a Basic Driver Safety Course. The driver's points will be waived upon successful completion of the course and payment of all fees and charges associated with the offense. This program has been successful in other states and will result in the highest risk drivers learning safer driving habits which will keep ALL of Michigan citizens safe on the roads. This legislation will improve overall traffic safety in our state, as well as create jobs. Please write your legislators and ask for their support.

The Safety Council is also organizing two special upcoming events. Please mark your calendars and join us at our upcoming golf outing at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon on July 16, 2008 and at our comprehensive Safety Conference at St. Johns' Inn in Plymouth on October 17, 2008.

The golf outing is a fun excuse to take a day away from the office and support the Safety Council's mission. Tanglewood is a beautiful golf course and each golfer will receive a goodie bag and opportunities to win great prizes. Last summer's event had nearly 100 golfers representing dozens of Michigan's reputable companies. The Safety Council kindly invites you to participate as a golfer or a sponsor if you are unable attend.

The Safety Council is returning to St. Johns' Inn for our Safety Conference this fall. This event will be a diverse conference with many different types of companies and guests in attendance. Training sessions are currently being developed and will include many pertinent safety-related topics. This Safety Conference will be a successful way to bring companies together to network and provide important safety information to the community. Please consider attending our conference as a guest, exhibitor, or even as a trainer.

We look forward to seeing you at these special events and we hope you enjoy a safe and fun summer!

Calendar of Events

Register today for these upcoming classes & seminars:

June 6, 2008 - DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

June 20, 2008 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

July 11, 2008 - DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

June 18, 2008 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

September 3, 2008 - S.B. Harwood General Industry focused program: Electrical, Safety Council Training Center - **Grant funded - no charge**

September 29, 2008 - S.B. Harwood focused program: Prevention Strategies for Construction Focus Four Hazards, Safety Council Training Center - **Grant funded - no charge**

Mark your calendars and register for these upcoming expos & special events:

July 16, 2008 - Safety Council Golf Outing, Tanglewood Golf Club, South Lyon

October 17, 2008 - Safety Council for Southeast Michigan Conference, Plymouth

Many of the Safety Council's scheduled training classes take place at the Safety Council Training Center in Bloomfield Hills. However, the Safety Council is able to take our training on the road. If you are interested in a special training opportunity for a group of colleagues, let us bring the training to your job site. The Safety Council's experienced trainers also customize classes to address the specific needs of the of the company or job functions that require the training. In addition, since the Safety Council is a non-profit organization, class prices are affordable to meet the most stringent budgets. Proper safety training is a simple way to improve the bottom line too. Safe employees and job sites equals less workman's compensation claims, days off work, and actually improves productivity. Any formula for success includes a safe workplace.

Don't wait until an accident costs you too much. Register for training today. Registration for all classes and seminars ends five (5) business days before listed start date. Payment must be made in advance to complete the registration process. Download our registration form from www.safetycouncilsemi.org under the Calendar page or Classes page.

For a description of class offerings or to register for any class, please contact the Safety Council by phone or email and keep checking the website! Call 248-858-8830 or email us at info@safetycouncilsemi.org.

Save Fuel – Save Lives

The Department of Energy reports that speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and 5 percent on local roads. DOE estimates that drivers waste about 20 cents per gallon of gas for every 5 mph they drive faster than 60 mph. That could add up quickly with the current gas prices.

The Governors Highway Safety Association released the results of a survey in a recent press release which revealed that Wisconsin reported a noticeable trend of reduced speeds as a result of rising gas prices. Wisconsin officials noted that traffic volume and speeds are down slightly which has directly impacted both the frequency and seriousness of crashes statewide.

Stay safe on the roads this summer, and save some cash, by driving posted speed limits and easing up on acceleration and braking.



Water Safety

According to information offered by the NSC, approximately 300 children age 4 and under drown in home swimming pools every year. In addition, drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people each year. As we approach summer and trips to the beach or a pool, water safety cannot be emphasized enough. The NSC has developed the following safety tips:



- Install barriers around your home swimming pool with a self-latching, self-closing gate that a child cannot reach to operate. Lock steps and ladders on above-ground pools or remove them when not in use.
- Door and pool alarms are required in several states and offer additional protection.
- No amount of barriers or alarms can replace adult supervision - ALWAYS supervise children in or near the water. It only takes seconds for tragedy to strike.
- NEVER leave your child alone near water: on the beach, at a pool, or in the bathtub. If you must leave the area, take your child with you.
- Children can also drown in bathtubs, buckets, toilets, and hot tubs.
- Have a cordless phone, emergency numbers, first aid kit and rescue equipment near the pool or with you at the beach, and LEARN CPR.
- Children should NEVER swim alone. Don't run or push others in the pool. Don't dive or jump on others in the water. Don't dive in shallow water. Don't swim if there are storm clouds or thunder; get out of the pool immediately to avoid electrocution.
- Lifeguards at public pools aren't babysitters. Follow posted safety precautions at public parks.
- Contaminated pool water can make swimmers sick. Don't swim if you are sick, don't change babies diapers near the pool, and use swim diapers on babies and toddlers. It is also a good idea to shower before and after swimming in a pool or at the beach.
- At the beach, never underestimate the power of water; even rivers and lakes can have strong undertows.
- Always use approved personal flotation devices (life jackets).

Swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors is a great way to learn proper safety rules and swimming techniques for the child and the adult. But always remember swimming lessons or being a "good swimmer" does not make your child "drown-proof".

Learning CPR/First Aid can also make a difference. The Safety Council can offer CPR/First Aid for your employees and their families at our Training Center or at your jobsite. Encourage your employees to take a CPR/First Aid class. Stay safe this summer and be sure to exercise extra precautions near the water.

Susan B. Harwood Grant Training

The Safety Council is pleased to offer two Susan B. Harwood training classes this September. Susan B. Harwood courses are developed by the National Safety Council, in cooperation with OSHA, and are grant-funded, which means there is no charge to attendees.

A new course has been developed in response to a common safety hazard called ***Prevention Strategies for Electrical Hazards*** on September 3, 2008. This program will give participants the knowledge and tools to recognize and prevent electrical hazards. The content will reflect the needs and characteristics of small business and their workers, as well as effective training, education, and awareness strategies. Participants will gain the knowledge and basic skills to:

- Recognize the importance of identifying, evaluating and controlling common electrical hazards as a means of preventing deaths, injuries and illnesses.
- Recognize and correctly use key terms and concepts relating to electrical safety.
- Identify the four main types of electrical injuries.
- Understand key elements of the OSHA Electrical Safety regulation.
- Recognize the NFPA 70e integration into OSHA Electrical Standards.
- Recognize the importance of electrical safety-related work practices.
- Differentiate between qualified and unqualified workers in order to identify appropriate training and protection requirements.
- Identify practices and procedures to protect employees who work on or near to electric conductors and equipment from the electrical hazards associated with this type of work.

Due to its success last year, the Safety Council will again offer ***Prevention Strategies for Construction's Focus Four Hazards*** on September 29, 2008. This course will provide attendees with the knowledge and basic skills to:

- Define commonly used terms relating to the focus four hazards.
- Recognize the importance of identifying, controlling, and eliminating common construction hazards as a means of preventing deaths, injuries, and illnesses.
- Recognize regulatory standards and requirements pertaining to the focus four hazards.
- Identify the specific hazards, relating to falls, electrocutions, caught-in and struck by, that cause the most injuries and fatalities.
- Identify specific prevention strategies for falls, electrocution, and caught-in and struck by incidents.

Both courses include excellent class materials and will be co-taught by a representative of the NSC and the Safety Council for Southeast Michigan. Be sure to register soon to attend these courses. Your company is welcome to send as many representatives as is needed, however seating is limited. Please contact the Safety Council at 248-858-8830 to register TODAY.

June is National Safety Month

Have you made plans for National Safety Month in June? We would like to hear about any special training or celebrations that your company has offered this month. This is a perfect time to complete the extra training needed to keep employees safe. This is also an ideal time to recognize good safety policies and procedures and the employees that follow them.



There is still time to get special opportunities on the calendar and it's easier than you think. Just go to www.NSC.org and click on the National Safety Month Logo. You'll be taken to a page with links to special information, safety tips, posters, and materials that you can share with colleagues.

Our Mission

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan is a not-for-profit, public service organization. As the primary leader, our purpose is to provide the highest quality health and safety information, education, and training programs for our members and the community.

The Council's goal is to prevent injuries and illnesses, and property loss concerning every aspect of a person's life. This will be accomplished through open communication and networking by our organization with Council members and the community.

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