

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING

According to the National Safety Council, more than 40,000 people lose their lives in motor vehicle accidents each year. Furthermore, 42% of all fatalities on the job involved transportation incidents. 20% of these were on the highway. The 1994 Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded 265 transportation related deaths in construction. These are staggering figures and they should open your eyes. Why? Because each one of us travels to and from work on a pretty regular basis all year long. This adds up to quite a significant number of hours that we spend 'on the road'. We need to be reminded of the dangers so that we can avoid becoming accident statistics.

Accident prevention through defensive driving is the best way to go. Your first line of defense is to make sure that you always wear your seat belt. Make it a habit to 'buckle up' before starting your motor vehicle. Some states also require that the front seat passenger wear a seat belt. As the driver, it is your responsibility to be sure that all your passengers are wearing their seat belts. The second line of defense is to make sure that you do not operate a motor vehicle if you have been drinking alcohol. Drunk drivers kill and/or injure thousands every year. Don't take a chance. If you partake of a few drinks with friends now and then, just be certain that a designated driver will get you home.

Here are several suggestions to help you improve your defensive driving skills. Use your turn signals and don't weave from lane to lane. Be alert for cars or trucks straddling the center line, stopping abruptly, or responding slowly to traffic signals. Use your rear-view mirrors, observe signals and don't tailgate. Observe posted speed limits, both maximum and minimum, as driving too fast, or too slow, increases the likelihood of collisions. Always be prepared for the unexpected when operating a motor vehicle. Recognize hazards before it's too late. Keep your eyes on the road and your mind on what you're doing.

Good defensive drivers follow all the rules of the road. They recognize that speed kills. They are the first to put their seat belts on. If you have developed poor driving habits there is no time like the present to change. Become a good defensive driver and not another highway accident statistic.

SAFETY REMINDERS

The use of a seat belt often means the difference between death and a minor injury. Buckle up!

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

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Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisors Signature _____