

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2005, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)

"Safety Eyewear" - John Hammer, Essilor Laboratories

Motor Vehicle Safety

Workplace Vehicle Safety

Unlike other workplaces, the roadway is not a closed environment. Preventing work-related roadway crashes requires strategies that combine traffic safety principles and sound safety management practices. Although employers cannot control roadway conditions, they can promote safe driving behavior by providing safety information to workers and by setting and enforcing driver safety policies. Crashes are not an unavoidable part of doing business. Employers can take steps to protect their employees and their companies:

Policies

- Assign a key member of the management team responsibility and authority to set and enforce comprehensive driver safety policy.
- Enforce mandatory seat belt use.
- Do not require workers to drive irregular hours or far beyond their normal working hours.
- Do not require workers to conduct business on a cell phone while driving.
- Develop work schedules that allow employees to obey speed limits and to follow applicable hours-of-service regulations.

Fleet Management

- Adopt a structured vehicle maintenance program.
- Provide company vehicles that offer the highest possible levels of occupant protection.

Safety Programs

- Teach workers strategies for recognizing and managing driver fatigue and in-vehicle distractions.
- Provide training to workers operating specialized motor vehicles or equipment.
- Emphasize to workers the need to follow safe driving practices on and off the job.

Driver Performance

- Ensure that workers assigned to drive on the job have a valid driver's license and one that is appropriate for the type of vehicle to be driven.
- Check driving records of prospective employees, and perform periodic rechecks after hiring.
- Maintain complete and accurate records of workers' driving performance.

For more information on crash prevention and vehicle safety programs, see [Prevention Strategies for Employers](#) (NIOSH DHHS Publication No. 2004-136 (2004, March))

References

- [Traveling on Federal Business?](#) OSHA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (2004), 428 KB [PDF](#).

BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 - 8:00 PM. / SEASONS FAMILY RESTAURANT / 300 3RD AVE NE, EGF

NEXT MEETING → October 6th

- Thank you to everyone that turned in your "Gary Higbee" seminar evaluation forms - WE WERE VERY HAPPY TO SEE ALL THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK!

BOARD MEMBERS

*Rich Carl (President) • Al Maloney (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer) • Debbie Pierson (Secretary)
Patty Hajostek • Steve Harken • Mike Lorenson
Connie Mondry • Lyle Ross • Annette Shane • Joy Stanghelle*

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Rich Carl, Kathy Cvancara, Patty Hajostek, Al Maloney, Annette Shane)

MONTHLY MEETINGS: WEDNESDAY BEFORE BOARD MEETING / 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM / NORTHSTAR INSULATION / 1120 S 46TH ST

NEXT MEETING → October 5th

- Coming in the near future.....Linda and Kathy have been working long and hard building our *new* and *improved* website. They are hoping to have it up and running soon!

Education Committee

(Lyle Ross)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- October 19** - "Benefits of having Emergency Medical Response Teams." - Pat Balstad, Northland Community and Technical College

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson, Mike Lorenson)

NOSHA Trivia

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Gas Saving Tips - True or False? ! Email answers to ashane@gfparks.org by 9-20-05, or bring them to the next General Membership Meeting.

- Resting left foot on floorboard pedals while driving demands additional fuel usage. T or F
- Avoid rough roads whenever possible, because dirt or gravel can rob you of up to 30% of your gas mileage. T or F
- Stoplights are usually timed for your motoring advantage. By traveling 5 to 8 mph over the speed limit you boost your chances of having the "green light" all the way. T or F
- Park car so that you can later begin to travel in forward gear; avoid reverse gear maneuvers to save gas. T or F
- Snow tires do not suck up any more fuel than the regular radial designs do. T or F
- Remove vinyl tops - they cause air drag. Rough surfaces disturb otherwise smooth air flow around a car's body. T or F
- For best results, distribute passenger weight evenly throughout car. T or F
- During cold weather watch for icicles frozen to car frame, unremoved snow and ice cause tremendous wind resistance. T or F