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NOSHA News

December 2014

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 17 at the VFW, 312 DeMers Ave, East Grand Forks MN 56721

Our topic will be "Safety Jeopardy" presented by Christin Fine, UND EERC

NHTSA Winter Driving Tips

Stay Vigilant While Driving

- Keep your gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in a traffic jam or in snow, you might need more fuel than you anticipated to get home or to keep warm.
- If road conditions are hazardous, avoid driving if possible. Wait until road and weather conditions improve before venturing out in your vehicle.

Driving in Winter Conditions

- Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- If you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure. If you don't have antilock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This steering maneuver may require additional counter-steering before you can regain full control of the vehicle. Continue to stay off the pedals (gas and brake) until you are able to regain control of your vehicle.
- Remember to always wear your seat belt. Ensure that everyone else in your vehicle is buckled up in age- and size-appropriate restraints. Remember that children under age 13 should be properly restrained in the back seat.
- Do not text or engage in any other activities that may distract you while driving.

What To Do in a Winter Emergency

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, follow these safety rules:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light turned on.
- To avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning, don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space. If you must run your vehicle, clear the exhaust pipe of any snow and run it only sporadically — just long enough to stay warm.

Navigating Around Snow Plows

- Don't crowd a snow plow or travel beside it. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently.
- The road behind an active snow plow is safer to drive on. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, stay behind it or use caution when passing.
- When you are driving behind a snow plow, don't follow or stop too closely. A snow plow operator's field-of-vision is limited; if you can't see the mirrors, the driver can't see you. Also, materials used to de-ice the road could hit your vehicle.
- Snow plows can throw up a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. Never drive into a snow cloud – it can conceal vehicles or hazards.

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NOSHA Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again! Invoices for annual membership dues will be sent via e-mail to the primary NOSHA contact for your company.

If you have updated contact info to share with us, please send your updates to info@nosha.net



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BOARD MEETING

Board members meet the first Monday of the month - 6:00-8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING January 5

2014 BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Mankie (President)
Cirrus Aircraft

Eric Pearson (Vice-President)
CHS (Cenex Transportation)

Callie Wagner (Treasurer)
Minnkota Power Cooperative

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Development Homes

Joe Strang
Valley Dairy Car Wash

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Opp Construction

Tony Vigness
Black Gold Farms

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee / Newsletter

(Tony Vigness)

Visit us at www.nosha.net for the latest updates and announcements!

Education Committee

(Lyle Ross, Tony Vigness)

Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations

December: Christin Fine, UND EERC -

"Safety Jeopardy"

January: TBD

Membership Committee

(Dave Opp, Eric Pearson)

NOSHA is a non-profit organization formed to provide area safety professionals a direct way of sharing safety concerns, goals, and ideas to promote workplace safety.