

Stark County Safety Council Newsletter

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STARK COUNTY

SAFETY COUNCIL

A committee of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

AED INITIATIVE

FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

2012 is winding down.....and along with it the SCSC AED Initiative pricing.....

As we push towards the end of 2012, I want to remind everyone that the special pricing we have available for the Zoll AED Plus (Automatic External Defibrillators) is expiring on December 31st.

The \$1350 price is the lowest price you will find, and the Zoll unit has many features that make it the nest choice for use in the workplace, by non-professional first aid personnel.

So, I urge each of you to consider making your workplace and staff safer, by purchasing an AED and giving them the best possible chance to survive, in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest incident.

Timing is critical now.....maybe you have a little funding left for FY 2012....or maybe it is the time to get it approved for an early 2013 purchase.....either way, you have but a couple of weeks to get in on this fantastic price and opportunity. Also, remember that units sold also help enable us to put free units out to non-profit and high traffic venues to make them safer as well.

We are working with our distributor (U.S. Safety Gear), and the manufacturer to continue the AED initiative program into 2013, but at this time, we cannot guarantee that the price will not increase in January. **Note: this pricing is available for SCSC members and non-members alike.**

Please have a Merry, Safe, and Joyous Holiday Season.

Dave Dennison, AED Initiative Committee Chairman
 – Stark County Safety Council

December 13, 2012

The Power of Attitude

Come Join the SCSC as We Get "Marvinized" with motivational speaker Marvin Montgomery



Also

SCSC Chair, Colleen Maurer will give a brief overview of 2012 and focus on plans and issues for 2013.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the hat & mitten drive and our toy drive!



New Year- New Sign-In Procedure For Safety Council Luncheons & Seminars

Beginning in January, Company Sign-In Sheets will only be available at the **conclusion** of each luncheon or seminar. Please plan to send a company representative that can stay for the entirety. If you leave a meeting early, you will not receive attendance credit for that meeting. Watch for complete details soon!

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Safety Council Mission Statement: To provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in Stark County, through leadership, innovation, facilitation, program, and support, in partnership with other public and private organizations.

Message from the Chairman

It has been an incredibly busy year for the Stark County Safety Council. We sponsored twelve monthly meetings including a Health and Safety fair. Along with 2 other safety councils, we co-sponsored a CEO Breakfast with speaker Steven Buehler, CEO and Administrator of the BWC. We co-sponsored the Shelter-In-Place pamphlet along with the Local Emergency Planning Committee. We recognized Stark County Employers at the Safety Awards Banquet. We participated in the Toys for Tots program as well as the Hat and Mitten Drive. We brought in 10 spotlight companies to address safety needs for businesses. We awarded safety grants to local companies. We had a surprise visitor Abe Tarawneh, Administrator for the BWC. We co-sponsored the Fire Prevention Breakfast to recognize such hard working individuals. We played Jeopardy with over 250 individuals at a monthly meeting. We were responsible for making 16 businesses safer for their employees by their purchase of AED machines.

Who is the "We" that made this all possible – SCSC Steering committee members include:

Jackie Bollas Caldwell – Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths and Dougherty Co., L.P.A.
Gust Callas – Black, McCuskey, Souers and Arbaugh
Dave Dennison – RG Smith
Barb Friedman – Union Metal Corp.
Stephen Gronow – Stark County Engineer
Steve Hanna – Bureau of Workers Compensation
Kristina Harless – Day Ketterer LTD
Gary Hootman – Koch Knight Inc.
Steve Katz – Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tod Morrow – Morrow & Meyer
Bob Nicoli – CareWorks Inc.
Richard Regula – Mercy Medical Center
Deb Schlabach – Aultcomp
Curtis Speck – Safety Resource Company of Ohio
Robin Watson – Bureau of Workers Compensation
Curtis Werren – American Red Cross, Stark County
Chris Zabel – US Safety Gear

Most importantly, Connie Cerny - she is the glue that keeps all of us on track and pushing our buttons of creativity to meet the demands of the SCSC and our more than 300 members that continue to support us each year.

THANK YOU for your continued support of the Council and your dedication to safety in the workplace.

Colleen Maurer, Paarlo Plastics

Upcoming January 10, 2013

OSHA—Everything We Need to Know and More....from Recordkeeping Requirements & Updates to the Top 10 Violations

Speaker: Julie Weis, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Cleveland OSHA Office

Spotlight Company:



Upcoming

January 25—Oil and Gas Safety Training by SafeLand USA, PEC Basic Certification—8-5 p.m. at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce—Fee. For registration or more information contact Brad Hunt at bhunt@riskcontrol360.com/330-301-3262. Registration deadline is 1/11/13.

ROBIN'S CORNER

Q: Can my employees use personal listening devices, iphones, ipods, etc. in place of hearing protection if my company has a hearing conservation program?

A: Per the OSHA standard:

1910.95(j)(1) The employer shall evaluate hearing protector attenuation for the specific noise environments in which the protector will be used. The employer shall use one of the evaluation methods described in Appendix B: "Methods for Estimating the Adequacy of Hearing Protection Attenuation."

1910.95(j)(2) Hearing protectors must attenuate employee exposure at least to an 8-hour time-weighted average of 90 decibels as required by paragraph (b) of this section.

1910.95(j)(3) For employees who have experienced a standard threshold shift, hearing protectors must attenuate employee exposure to an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels or below.

Therefore, iphones, ipods, etc are not rated for reducing the employees exposure to noise in the work environment. These devices will in fact increase the amount of noise exposure as well as create a safety hazard by reducing the employee's ability to hear normal work sound and/or warning sounds in the workplace.

Please note OSHA also has issued a letter of interpretation pertaining to these devices. See following attached link.

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=19542

1. **Semi-Annual Reports** are required to maintain your membership with the SCSC. Reports are due July 15th and January 15th each year.
2. **Don't forget to sign-in.** If you do not sign the "sign-in sheet" your company will not receive credit for attending. This could hurt your company's chances of receiving the BWC's discount.
3. **NOTE: July 1, 2012 begins a new 12 month period** for the BWC's rebate program. If your company is eligible, you must attend a minimum of 10 events, with your company's CEO or a senior level manager attending one of these 10, and submit two semi-annual reports. See BWC website for complete rebate details.