“Got Safety?” 30th Annual Safety Seminar

By Tyler Nguyen

You are invited to attend, network, learn, promote and celebrate safety at work during the day-long safety seminar. Save the date, Thursday, October 8, 2015 as this event will unfold at City of Santa Clara Convention Center near the beautiful San Francisco 49ers football team stadium.

Bay Area hall of fame safety professional, Mr. David Keenan, will give a motivational address in the Elizabeth Hangs theater to kick off the day. Be sure to arrive early or on time to claim a seat in the large refined theater as seating capacity is limited to 607. After starting the program, Mr. Keenan is joined immediately by 10 high caliber breakout session speakers who will train and coach their audience in a variety of occupational safety and health topics in the 2nd floor theater and adjacent rooms. An estimate of nearly 40 breakout sessions divided into four concurrent time slots square out the seminar day. All attendees will receive 5 contact hours toward continuing education credits.

A sumptuous boxed lunch will be provided during the employee recognition portion to take place mid-day in Exhibit Hall A on the ground floor. County Executive Jeff Smith along with the executive team and invited and available members of the Board of Supervisors will recognize and give out safety awards to awardees from the following three groups: departmental safety coordinators, countywide safety committee members, and employee-sponsored kids who participated and were declared winners in the Kids Safety Poster Contest.

Registration details will be provided by OSEC via an electronic mail blast, through departmental safety coordinators, through the countywide safety committee and on our web page at https://www.sccgov.org/sites/osec/Pages/osec.aspx. You must have your immediate supervisor’s approval prior to registering and attending this event.

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2015 Kids Safety Poster Contest Now Underway!

OSEC’s Annual Kid’s Safety Poster Contest is now accepting children’s artwork. County employees are encouraged to enter their child (ren) or they can sponsor a child into this fun and educational contest. It’s never too soon to learn about safety. This contest hopes to teach children and get them excited at an early age about workplace safety and helps get the message of safety across in a unique perspective to our hard working County employees.

To participate, simply have your child draw and color on a standard 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of printer or copy paper and include a written safety message on it. The artwork and message should be related to workplace operations and practices at the County of Santa Clara. Please submit all original artwork to Jorinda Gallardo of OSEC, at 2310 North First Street, Suite 204, San Jose, CA. The deadline for nominations is August 19th, 2015, so don’t delay.

This year’s contest will have three age categories including 8 and under, 9 to 12, and 13 to 17 years old. Please include name and age of child as well as their sponsor’s name and department they work in on the back of the poster. There will be a winner for each age group and they will be invited to attend this year’s safety seminar on October 8, to enjoy all the fun celebration. They will also be provided lunch and receive an award and prize! Winning artwork will also be used make posters that will be distributed countywide! All drawings should be handmade by children. For more information contact OSEC at (408) 441-4280.

Posters will be evaluated and voted on by the Countywide Safety Committee for:

1. Relevance: drawings should demonstrate on-the-job-safety in a County job.
3. Artwork Execution: quality of handmade drawing and coloring.
4. Visual Impact: overall design, appeal and ability to draw attention.

2014 Kids Safety Poster Overall Winner
Nominate Your Safety Coordinator for an Award Now!

OSEC is seeking nominations from employees across the County to nominate their departmental Safety Coordinator for an award. A departmental Safety Coordinator is someone either designated by their Agency or Department Head to coordinate all safety, health and environmental related programs for their department or individuals who volunteer themselves to perform this role on behalf of their department.

OSEC views departmental Safety Coordinators as essential eyes and ears helping the Employee Services Agency and the County achieve both promotional and compliance activities to make the County a safer workplace for everyone, from employees to contractors to the public we serve.

A current listing of departmental Safety Coordinators is maintained on the OSEC web site, both internet and intranet at http://OSEC. Please take the time to nominate your Safety Coordinator so that s/he could be recognized for something that s/he does each day or for an act that contributed to prevention of a work-related injury or an idea that streamlined a work process to increase efficiency. Another example is something that s/he championed and saw through that resulted in safer conditions at a work location or department site. Any contribution made by these coordinators is worthy of consideration and merit additional exploration and confirmation. For more information, suggestion, or simply to nominate your departmental safety coordinator, please contact Tyler.Nguyen@esa.sccgov.org via an email. Remember to include the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How details when making your nomination. All nominations should be received by August 19, 2015.

2014 Safety Coordinator Award Winners
OSEC Mission Statement

OSEC’s mission is to develop policies and to oversee the environmental health and safety programs applicable to the operations of the County of Santa Clara. OSEC assists in the training of County employees, the development of programs, and the impartial investigation of issues. OSEC evaluates and responds to the diverse needs of all agencies/departments and monitors activities to protect County employees and the public we serve.

Seeking Employee Safety Award Nominations!

It's time to recognize our hard working County employees in the area of workplace safety! If you know of a County employee that has taken the extra effort to improve workplace safety for your area, department or the entire County, please take a moment to nominate that individual. To do so, simply complete the nomination form and email to Thom.Steinmetz@esa.sccgov.org. Nomination forms are available on the OSEC homepage at https://www.sccgov.org/sites/osec/Pages/osec.aspx.

Examples may include your ergo guru, the safety role model, or any employee that you believe should be recognized for an action or actions that have helped make working at the County safer. All nomination will be considered so don’t hesitate to send them in! Nominations should be sent by August 19th. Award winners will be invited and recognized at the County of Santa Clara’s 30th Annual Safety Seminar on October 8, 2015!

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