

Safety Connections

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Director's Corner

by **Dave Koenke**
OSC Executive Director

The annual Oklahoma Safety and Health Conference for 2012 is in full organizational swing. The partnership announced previously between the Oklahoma Safety Council and the Oklahoma Department of Labor is a symbiotic one that is bringing great resources together. If you attended the 2011 conference in Norman you'll recall that it was well organized with good educational sessions and fun. And if you attended the 2010 conference in Tulsa you'll recall that the venue at the Hard Rock Hotel was outstanding. Well we're heading back there once again to top what we had done before. Be a part of this if you missed it last time! Watch for more news.

The Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council held its first educational conference this last month. The conference was primarily for internal education of selected tribal workers, but non-tribal as well as tribal vendors exhibited their products and services. It was deemed a great success and we'll insure to make this an annual from now on. See the article on this front page for more information.

We are in the final days of preparing to move our Tulsa offices. But as the caption notes at the bottom of the front page here, "it will be a short trip." We are moving one floor down and to a larger space towards the front of the building effective November 7th. No more stairs and no more long hallway walks...yippee! Come by and visit us soon to check it out and we'll also have an open house in the near future.

In keeping with continuing education on distracted driving please read the article on page 2 regarding NSC's support of the NTSB's recommendations of a total ban on cell phone use by commercial drivers. The Oklahoma Safety Council also supports this position as a very clear signal to stop cell phone use in this high potential area for vehicle destruction and loss of life.

Thanksgiving is this month...can you believe how another year is flying by....and roadways will begin to thicken as the holiday approaches. Please drive friendly and please don't use your cell phones while driving.

Keep it Safe in Oklahoma and save a life... that could be yours!

David J Koenke

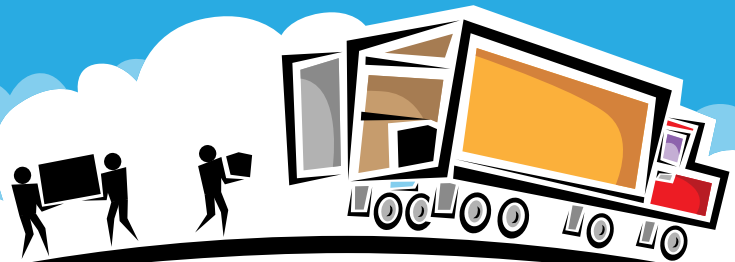


OITSC Celebrates First Conference

The Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council (OITSC) held its first annual safety and health conference on October 13, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Oklahoma City. OITSC Committee members were excited to see over 200 attendees along with 31 exhibitors for their first event. Several Native American Tribes were represented at the event such as Absentee Shawnee, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Citizen Potawatomi, Comanche, Creek, Eastern Shawnee, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, For Sill Apache, Iowa, Kaw Nation, Kickapoo, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Kiowa, Osage, Sac & Fox Nation, Shawnee and Wyandotte tribe. The OITSC Committee members will meet in November to discuss their 2nd Annual Safety & Health Conference to be held in 2012. We would like to thank our sponsors for the event, Flintco Construction, The Chickasaw Nation, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Kiowa Casino, EST and Think Healthy Systems.



We've Moving...



but it will be a short trip!

The Oklahoma Safety Council office in Tulsa will be moving to a new suite at TechRidge Office Park. We'll still be located in the same building in Suite 104. The OSC anticipates being moved by Nov 7, 2011.

House Committee Releases DOL Appropriations Draft

The House Appropriations Committee released a draft bill that would increase OSHA funding but bar the agency from working on several initiatives, including the proposed Injury and Illness Prevention Program Standard.

The draft bill (**PDF**), released Sept. 29, would provide OSHA with \$565.7 million for fiscal year 2012, which runs from Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2012. That total would be a more than \$7 million increase from the agency's FY 2011 budget.

Other initiatives that would be barred include:

- Development and enforcement of the proposed standard requiring employers to record musculoskeletal

disorders in a specific column on the OSHA 300 log

- Enforcement of a new directive prohibiting residential construction employers from bypassing fall protection requirements

The bill also would not provide funding for the **Susan Harwood Training Grant Program**. Additionally, the bill would bar the Mine Safety and Health Administration from developing and enforcing its proposed standard (**PDF**) to reduce black lung disease, and the Department of Labor would be prohibited from developing new training grant programs without an analysis showing such courses are not available for purchase in the marketplace.

NSC Supports Ban of Cell Phone Use by Commercial Drivers

The National Safety Council applauds the National Transportation Safety Board recommendation to ban all cell phone use, both handheld and hands-free, by commercial motor vehicle drivers (except in emergencies). This ban is one of 15 new safety recommendations issued by NTSB this week.

The call for a cell phone ban for commercial drivers follows the investigation of a March 2010 crash involving an 18-wheel semi truck. The truck driver was cited with distraction from cell phone use as the probable cause of the crash that killed 11 people. The investigation found the truck driver had used his cell phone 69 times in the 24 hours prior to the crash, and four calls were made in the minutes leading up to the collision.

The National Safety Council estimates 23 percent of crashes involve cell phone use each year. According to the NTSB, because cell phone conversations cognitively distract drivers, shifting their attention from the task of driving and altering their behavior, both handheld and hands-free devices impair driving. The report also made a connection between the driver's fatigue and the level of distraction provided by the cell phone.

"NSC strongly supports the NTSB recommendation for a total ban," said Janet Froetscher, NSC president and CEO. "The Council called for a national ban on all cell phone use among drivers in 2009, recognizing that research shows no

safety benefit from hands-free devices. The distraction to the brain from cell phone use can cause drivers to miss seeing up to 50 percent of their driving environment. The NTSB recommendation is a significant step in recognizing these dangers on a national scale."

Read a synopsis of the NTSB **report** and download a **white paper** on understanding the cognitive distraction to the brain.



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We hope that you'll utilize these products/services and find them useful. [Click here](#) for a list of vendor discounts that are available to you!

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Member Exclusive Recorded Webinars

As a member of the National Safety Council you are aligned with the world's leading safety and health resource. Member benefits have been designed to provide support, knowledge, resources, training, and expertise enabling you and your employees to work more efficiently. The NSC offers recordings of their past webinars and presentations – all available free of charge. These recordings are best viewed in Microsoft Internet Explorer. Enter your name and click "View Recording" to begin (no Recording Key required). Choose from the following safety topics:

Defensive & Distracted Driving Webinars

General Safety Information Webinars

Members Helping Member Webinars

Off-the-Job Safety Webinars

Workplace Safety Webinars

[Click here](#) to view a previously recorded webinar. You must create an account before you will have access to the Members Only area of the NSC website.

LuncheonIdeas

The OSC wants to know what topics you would like to hear at the monthly Network Luncheons in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. We would love to hear your ideas! Please contact Kellie Warrior, Marketing and Events Manager, at kelliw@oksafety.org.

Thank you for your input!

RecallCorner



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Choking Hazard Sparks Stroller Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: B.O.B.® single and double strollers

Units: About 411,700 in the United States and 27,000 in Canada (357,000 units were recalled in February 2011 due to strangulation hazard posed by canopy drawstring)

Importer: B.O.B. Trailers Inc., of Boise, Idaho

Hazard: The stroller canopy's embroidered logo's backing patch can detach, posing a choking hazard to babies and young children.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received six reports of children mouthing the detached patch. Gagging and choking were reported in two incidents. The backing was removed from the children's mouth without injury. In each of the reported incidents, the children were seated in an infant car seat attached to the stroller.

Description: This recall involves all B.O.B. strollers manufactured between November 1998 and November 2010. Strollers manufactured after October 2006 have a white label affixed to the back of the stroller's leg with the manufacturing date. Strollers with no manufacturing date listed were produced prior to October 2006 and are included in this recall. The strollers were sold in single seat and double-seat models. The B.O.B.®, Ironman® or Stroller Strides® brand name is embroidered on the canopy of the strollers.

Sold at: REI, Babies R' Us and other children's product and sporting goods stores nationwide and Amazon.com between November 1998 and October 2011 for between \$280 and \$600.

Manufactured in: Taiwan and China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers until they remove the embroidery backing patch from the interior of the canopy's logo. Consumers should contact B.O.B. Trailers for instructions on removing the backing.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact B.O.B. Trailers toll-free at (855) 242-2245 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.bobnotices.com.

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FAA Proposes Nearly \$2 Million Fine for Improper Safety Training

The Federal Aviation Administration on Sept. 15 proposed a \$1.9 million civil penalty against Colgan Air for allegedly not properly training flight attendants on the use of a plane's cabin fire extinguisher system. The agency alleges 84 newly hired attendants worked flights during a seven-day period in 2009 after FAA told the Memphis, TN-based airline that the attendants had not completed required training.

The penalty announcement comes days after the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General released a report ([PDF](#)) concluding FAA is doing a better job of

addressing fatigue issues among pilots, a move spurred in part by a 2009 Colgan Air crash where pilot fatigue was a contributing factor. However, the report warned that a notice of proposed rulemaking ([PDF](#)) meant to address the issue fails to factor in commuting, which contributes to fatigue, as many pilots reside hundreds of miles away from their assigned duty location. Additionally, OIG pointed out that the NPRM faces stiff opposition from the airline industry, making it difficult to implement proposed changes to fatigue rules.

NIOSH, OSHA Issue Nail Gun Guidance

NIOSH and OSHA have developed a new guidance document to help construction employers and their workers avoid the dangers of nail guns.

Released Sept. 21, Nail Gun Safety: A Guide for Construction Contractors ([PDF](#)) covers the following steps for nail gun safety:

- Using the full sequential trigger
- Providing training
- Establishing nail gun work procedures
- Encouraging reporting and discussion of injuries and close calls
- Providing first aid and medical treatment

According to OSHA, nail gun injuries occur during unintended nail discharge, nails bouncing off a hard surface or missing the target, or when the gun's safety features are disabled.

Tips to Help with Safe Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, Northbrook, IL-based Underwriters Laboratories is reminding families to keep safety on the menu.

To help prevent Thanksgiving fires and injuries, UL recommends:

- Do not overload the stovetop with too many pots and pans, and keep the area free of clutter.
- Never hold a child while cooking. If possible, keep children out of the kitchen while cooking.
- Never put a glass casserole dish on the stove or over a burner, as it could cause the container to explode.
- Consider avoiding the use of turkey fryers because they pose a number of safety hazards.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
- Remove lids from pots and pans by tilting them away from you to avoid hot steam.
- Ensure shirt sleeves are short, fitted or tightly rolled when cooking.
- If a small fire starts in a pan, grab a flame-resistant potholder and smother the fire with a lid. Do not remove the lid until the pan has cooled.

November Training Opps

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Additional courses and updates on OSC's website.

Date	Loc.	Course	Mem/Non	Time
Nov. 2	OKC	CPR Recertification ⁵	\$45/\$75	8:30am-noon
Nov. 2	OKC	First Aid & CPR ⁵	\$59/\$99	8:30am-4:30pm
Nov. 2 - Nov. 4	OKC	First Aid & CPR Instructor ¹	\$325/\$425	8:30am-4:30pm
Nov. 2	OKC	First Aid Recertification ⁵	\$45/\$75	1pm-4:30pm
Nov. 8	OKC	Ergonomics; Managing for Results ^{4&6}	\$145/\$195	8:30am-5pm
Nov. 9	Tulsa	Forklift Instructor ¹	\$550/\$655	8:30am-4:30pm
Nov. 9	Tulsa	Forklift Operator	\$50/\$95	8:30am-noon
Nov. 15	OKC	Bloodborne Pathogens ^{2&5}	\$95/\$135	8:30am-noon
Nov. 15	OKC	Walking/Working Surfaces ²	\$95/\$135	1pm-4:30pm
Nov. 16	Tulsa Tech Campus	Bloodborne Pathogens ^{2&5}	\$95/\$135	8:30am-noon
Nov. 16	Tulsa Tech Campus	Walking/Working Surfaces ²	\$95/\$135	1pm-4pm
Nov. 17 - Nov. 19	Tulsa	Defensive Driving Instructor ³	\$295/\$395	8:30am-4:30pm

Courses dates, time or cost are subject to change without notice. All courses listed include cost of materials/work books and/or instructor manuals. ¹ This course includes ALL teaching materials including video(s) and/or DVD. ² Compliance Series Course. ³ This course requires an additional video lease. ⁴ Qualifies for CSHO. ⁵ Cleet accredited.

OSC's Network Luncheons

Each month the Oklahoma Safety Council hosts network luncheons in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. These luncheons are designed to provide valuable education opportunities, with presentations by experts in various fields. They also provide time for safety professionals to network, which promotes collaboration, partnerships and further education that translates to a safer Oklahoma!

Stressed: When Does It Become A Problem

Speaker: Robert Delozier, M.S., LPC

Session Description: Join Mr. Delozier as he will discuss the following items related to stress:

- Statistics
- Physical Cost
- Emotional Cost
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Financial Cost
- Leadership
- Recognizing Stress Symptoms
- Physical & Emotional Symptoms
- How Employers Can Help Employees

Speaker's Bio: Bob has a Master of Science degree from Northeastern State University in counseling psychology. He has worked in the field for over 25 years in numerous settings including Freeman Hospital Care Unit, Joplin Missouri, Hillcrest Medical Center through Comprehensive Care Corporation Irvine California, and Parkside Medical Services, Chicago Illinois, CREOKS Community Mental Health Services, Tulsa Regional Medical Center, and DayBreak Dynamics. Bob is currently employed as Clinical Manager of Behavioral Health Services at St. John Medical Center. Bob is an adjunct professor for Tulsa Community College. He holds a CPI Certification through Crisis Prevention Institute as a Master trainer and is certified to provide crisis prevention training to all St. John Health System staff. He is also licensed through the Oklahoma State Department of Health as a Licensed Professional Counselor. Bob is a 28-year member of the American Counseling Association and current member of the International Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Counseling Association. Bob is the chairman of the Tulsa area PACT Council.

**Tulsa - Furr's - 6560 E. 51st Street
(Farm Shopping Center at 51st & Sheridan)
November 10, 2011 • 11:30 a.m.**

Consequences of Safety Shortcuts

Speakers: Paul Wingard

Session Description: Paul Wingard is a bi-lateral leg amputee and has also sustained injuries to his right arm and hand as a result of an accident that could have been avoided. Consequently, he wants to share his story by conveying how his disability has affected him, his wife and his children. Paul hopes that his presentation will motivate others to avoid making a similar mistake.

Speaker's Bio: Paul grew up on a farm, which has given him a broad-based, common-sense approach to life. Paul has been involved in agriculture most of his life and he's spent part of that time doing custom work; teaching in private schools; and was an independent trucker at the time of the accident. He's attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, graduating with Summa Cum Laude Honors in his Bachelors degree and he later acquired his Masters in Management.

**Oklahoma City - Golden Corral
5702 NW Expressway
(Between Meridian & MacArthur)
September 14, 2011 • 11:30 a.m.**

2012 Dates

Tulsa

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 10, May 8,
July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6

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