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LAKE COUNTY TRAIN DERAILMENT...LOCAL RESPONSE & BUSINESS IMPACT AND PREPARATIONS

The Regular Monthly Program Features:

An update on the train derailment in Lake County on Wednesday, Oct. 10 presented by Larry Greene of the Lake Co. Emergency Management Agency and Painesville Fire Chief Mark Mlachak. Greene will discuss the off-site portion of the incident and Mlachak will discuss the on-site element. They will address:

- ⇒ Notification, evacuation and sheltering
- ⇒ Implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan
- ⇒ The interaction with state and federal governments
- ⇒ What issues/challenges were encountered on site
- ⇒ What basic precautions businesses can take

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., registration @ 11:15 a.m.

DATE: Friday, Dec. 14th

SITE: **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites LaMalfa**
@ Route 2 and Heisley Road

RSVP: Call 440-255-0877 by Friday, Dec. 7th
To make your reservations

COST: \$18 reporting members, \$20 non-members

Ohio's Group Rating Program

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors voted to reduce the group-rating discount from 90 percent to 85 percent effective July 1, 2008.

The BWC said the reduction will create greater equity between the premiums paid by group-sponsored employers and non-group employers, and reduce Ohio's overall workers' compensation base rates.

"The board of directors recognizes its role to ensure Ohio's workers' compensation system is fair and equitable to employers and injured workers," said chairman Bill Lhota. "We know that there is a great deal of work to be done, and we are committed to examining each piece of the puzzle to accomplish a strong and stable system."

In addition to gradually reducing the maximum group-rating discount, the board voted to require the BWC to provide it with a plan to address rules relating to the composition of groups and the continuity of groups, to make their rate discounts more actuarially sound.

The BWC must provide information to the board on its plan to adopt the National Council on Compensation (See, **Group Rating, Page 4**)

2007 Safety Council Dates/Topics

Friday, Dec. 14th	Train Derailment Update: Local Response Elements & Business Impacts/Preparations
Friday, Jan. 18th	Safety Council Roundtable (Award Winning Safety Programs)
Friday, Feb. 15th	Behavior Based Safety Programs & Procedures

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One of the many ways that you can advertise with the Lake County Safety Council is to become a meeting sponsor. The safety council currently is reserving sponsorship opportunities for 2008:

- ⇒ Awards Banquet Sponsor \$395 limited to five companies
- ⇒ Monthly Meeting Sponsor \$195 limited to one company per meeting

The benefits of being a sponsor are:

- ⇒ Sponsor is provided an exhibit table located at the registration area or inside the door of the meeting facility.
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- ⇒ Sponsor will be recognized at the podium and introduced by the steering committee director
- ⇒ Sponsor may deliver a “three-minute commercial” to the meeting attendees from the podium.
- ⇒ Sponsor will be featured in the *Council News* the month they are sponsoring

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Friday, Nov. 16th LCSC Meeting

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Lake County Plating
Lake County Dept. of Utilities

Nov. 16th Meeting (Continued)

Lake Hospital System
Lake Humane Society
Lake Metroparks
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Lew's Reliable Heat
Libra Industries
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Madison Township
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Mentor Public Schools
Mentor Television
Mentor Way Nursing & Rehab Center
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Modern International Graphics
Morley Library
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Outdoor Concepts
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Painesville Electric Plant
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Painesville Township
PCC Airfoils
Perfection Corp.
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Perry Township
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Ranpack Corp.
Regal Diamond Products
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Robert's Roofing Co.
Roll-Kraft
Royal Plastics
Salida Woods—Life Services
Sawyer Technical Materials
Servpro
SFI Electrical Contractors
Sheet Metal Products
Stamco Industries
Star Precision Products
STERIS Corp.
Stewart Lodge Healthcare
Sticker Corporation
Summerville of Mentor
The News-Herald
Team Wendy
Tom Schaefer Plumbing
Trailer Component Manufacturing
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Sponsor: **HZW Environmental Consultants**

Meeting Reminder, Friday Jan. 18, 2008

Program Topic: Safety Council Roundtable...”Best Practices” and Safety Suggestions
Speaker(s): Award-Winning Lake County Safety Council Members
Location: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites LaMalfa
Cost/Reservations: \$18 for members, \$20 for non-Members.....Reservation Line (440) 255-0877
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Sponsor: **Express Personnel Services & Lake Hospital System**

The Ohio BWC Board of Directors Votes to Reduce Group Rating Discount

(From, Group Rating, Page 1)

Insurance’s nationally tested experience-rating system. The BWC must present these materials to the directors on or before June 30, 2008. Additionally, the BWC is in the process of transitioning to a new reserving system that will provide greater accuracy in rate making and improved transparency for customers.

“Reducing the group discount is one of several important reforms the BWC is undertaking to establish greater fairness and stability for our customers and improved economic success for Ohio,” said BWC administrator Marsha Ryan. “(The) decision to reduce the group discount is an important step forward in creating a system based on equity and stability. This reduction in Ohio’s group discount is expected to close the gap on the subsidies paid by non group-rated employers by approximately \$50 million and will reduce Ohio’s premium base rate by approximately 2.5 percent.”

Please remember to make a reservation. We appreciate it. The caterer does too. Thanks!

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