

John Meola's
Safety First!
Safety Meeting Topics
for WSA Members



April Safety Info

- Emphasizing Work Zone Safety Week
- Spring Creates Upswing in Incidents — Focus!
- Time to Prepare for Busy Season
- Stay Defensive in All You Do
- Hand & Finger Injury Prevention

WORK ZONE SAFETY WEEK *THE WEEK THAT LASTS ALL YEAR!*

- Drive Like You Work Here!
- See the Cone
- Respect the Zone



Education & Awareness are the best preventions.
Drive Defensively & Leave Room Ahead

SPRING FEVER

DON'T CATCH IT !!

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HOW TO ADDRESS
SHORT ATTENTION SPANS

- Annual bell curve of incidents starts trending upwards
- FOCUS!! Avoid distractions.
- Random multi-tasking = asking for error, fail, incident
- 99.99% preventable ; authorities will ask hard questions
- Longer daylight hours – we try to do more
- Fatigue; hydration; diet; exercise
- Get on board with your 'New Years Resolution'

PREPARE AHEAD & REPORT NEAR MISS INCIDENTS

Close Calls & Near Misses – every day, something is happening around us. Report these to management so we can discuss and train!

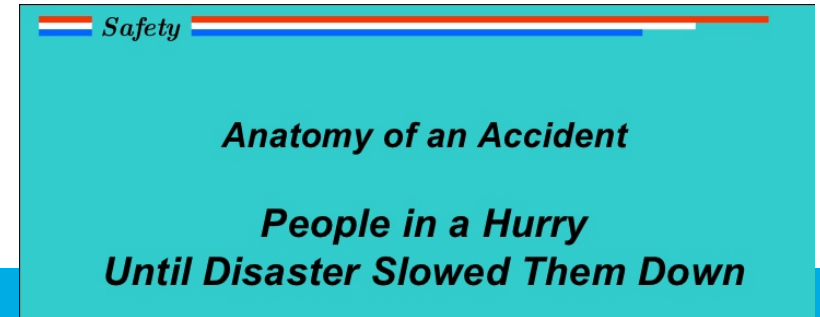
PPE – Now is the time start to looking at warm weather gear – make selections for upcoming nuclear summer.

Tools, Hardware... Check your gear and equipment for needs in upcoming busiest season.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

BACKING – PARKING – POSITIONING

5 KEYS OF DEFENSE



- Emphasize AWARENESS and defensive positioning in and around traffic
- Pedestrians – Watch out because many of them are now distracted as well with phones, kids, etc.
- There has been a statistical surge in losses — including highway workers.
- LOOK with central vision – do not rely on peripheral vision to detect oncoming vehicles.
- PROTECT with distance; allow time for reaction – look and plan well ahead

THE WEATHER... NOT JUST SMALL TALK OR A 'NUISANCE'



- Spring rains = possible monsoons
- Think of hydro-planing possibilities on highways
- Take high water and flash flood warnings to heart!
- Watch out for sinkholes and other geological failures
- Other climactic aberrations – nothing would be surprising at this point...
- Prepare and beware (“be aware”)



HAND & FINGER INJURY PREVENTION



- Best Practice- ALWAYS USE A TOOL; glove; rag; other interface
- Avoid direct skin contact – unless it's a computer keyboard
- Look where you place hand — finger — body
- Look for sharp edges and things that might pinch, snag, crush, tear, impale, etc.
- Mechanisms of injury – improper tool use; poor posture, strains, pressure points; slippage from a poor grip
- Decal, sign, mark, warn, protect, advise
- Glove selection; different types best for different applications
- No jewelry; no unbound long hair; no loose ends; THINK, accidents happen QUICKLY!
- Slip & fall – boot laces and eyelets – an untied shoestring is enough to bring you down