

ANNUAL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE REPORT

January 29, 2014

I. Alliance Background

Date Signed.

January 16, 2013

Alliance Overview.

The alliance was developed to provide Builders Association (BA) members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to safety and health hazards in construction, and understand the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).

Evaluation Period.

This report covers the time period of January 19, 2013 to January 19, 2014.

Implementation Team Members.

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II. Implementation Team Meetings

Besides the Safety Forums, additional meetings and planning for projects are conducted via email and conference call.

February 21, 2013; May 16, 2013; August 15, 2014; November 14, 2013.

III. Activities and Products

Activities:

Four *Safety Forums* were attended by OSHA personnel covering a variety of topics including OSHA jobsite inspection; current Local and National Emphasis Programs, OSHA campaigns and initiatives. Topics covered included falls including ladder safety, gut rehab, tree trimming, residential fall protection final rule, lead, silica, isocyanates, quarterly Region V fatality report, electrical hazards, silica proposed rule, updated hazard communication requirements, and falls & heat campaign.

Safety Stand Down: On June 12, 2013, several construction sites throughout the Chicagoland area joined in the inaugural Stand Down by voluntarily ceasing work for 30-60 minutes to provide focused training on how falls from ladders, scaffolds and roofs can be prevented by planning ahead and using the right safety equipment. Workers voluntarily stopped work at construction sites to participate in the focused training. The training material was reviewed to ensure accuracy and consistency at all sites. 70 construction worksites throughout the Chicago area participated in the June 12 Safety Stand Down. Almost 1500 workers attended the training/toolbox talks. OSHA construction team leaders and compliance officers attended Stand Downs at eight sites. OSHA representatives answered questions, distributed fall campaign materials and assisted in raising awareness of falls - the leading cause of fatalities in the construction industry.

Type of Activity (Training, Print and Electronic Distribution, etc.)	Number of Individuals Reached or Trained
Safety Forum- February 21	40
Safety Forum- May 16	25
Safety Forum- August 15	35
Safety Forum- November 14	36
Safety Stand Down- June 12	1482
TOTAL	1618

Products:

Tool box talks on falls utilized for the Safety Stand Down were provided to participating members of the association. In addition information on the updated hazard communication (GHS) and OSHA's heat awareness campaign were also created and disseminated.

IV. Results

We have been very successful in establishing a strong relationship with the Builders Association and maintaining open communication with their members. The Safety Forums are well-received and provide an opportunity for question/answer session(s) with the stakeholders and open dialogue about current issues and trends affecting their industry. They also provide an avenue to highlight fatality/injury trends in the industry within Region V as well as inform employers and employees of current OSHA enforcement initiatives/regulations.

V. Upcoming Milestones

Going forward there are several items on the agenda including:

- The 2014 Stand Down is scheduled for June 4, 2014. Initial Planning Meeting is scheduled for February 20.
- 2014 Safety Forum dates: 2/20; 5/15; 8/14; and 11/13.

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