

ANNUAL AREA OFFICE ALLIANCE REPORT

The Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Fund

And

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 18

January 2014

I. Alliance Background

Date Signed

December 29, 2011

Alliance Overview

The Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Fund and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 18 Alliance provided Local 18 members, OSHA staff and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that helped them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing hazards associated with cranes, earth moving and other construction equipment, trenching and excavation hazards, health hazards, such as noise and heat stress, and understanding the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).

Implementation Team Members

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II. Implementation Team Meetings

Implementation meetings and calls have taken place at the local level between Area OSHA Offices and Regional Training Centers.

III. Activities and Products

Evaluation Period

December 29, 2012 – January 29, 2014

Alliance Activity

- Training and Education
 - The Columbus AO reported contact with the Operating Engineers Training Center located in Logan, Ohio to provide training presentations during in-house training in January 2013.
 - January 17, 2013 – The Toledo AO conducted a presentation during the 30-hour course at the Operating Engineers Training Center located in Cygnet, Ohio.
 - The Columbus Area Office (AO) reported utilizing the expertise of the Operating Engineers Training Center located in Logan, Ohio with assistance in investigating a fatality involving a side boom crane.
 - January 15, 2014 - The Toledo AO conducted a presentation during the 30-hour course at the Operating Engineers Training Center located in Cygnet, Ohio.
- Outreach and Communication
 - May 31, 2013 – The Cleveland AO had a staff meeting at the Operating Engineers Training Center located in Richland, Ohio. This included a two-hour session on crane operation, safety, inspections, discussion of accidents that had occurred and applicable OSHA regulations.
- Promoting the National Dialogue on Safety and Health
 - February 2013 – The Toledo AO emailed the most recent Construction Fatality Digest publication to the instructors at the Cygnet Training Center.

Alliance Products

None to report

IV. Results

- A. The Operating Engineers/OSHA Alliance has provided an opportunity to increase the safety and health knowledge of operators and OSHA staff across Ohio. OSHA personnel have been able to provide current occupational safety and health information to instructors and operating engineer journeymen and apprentices utilizing the training services at the Regional Training Centers. OSHA staff in turn has been able to contact instructors and business agents to get expert information in the operation, maintenance and training for equipment commonly used on construction sites.

B.

Type of Activity (Conference, Training, Print and Electronic Distribution, etc.)	Number of Individuals Reached or Trained
OSHA 30-hour courses	32
Cleveland AO Staff Meeting/Training	40
Electronic distribution of Construction Digest	15
Columbus AO Investigation Assistance	10
TOTAL	97

V. Upcoming Milestones

The Alliance expired on December 30, 2013 without renewal. All parties are encouraged to continue to promote the relationships built during this formal Alliance to further occupational safety and health for all involved stakeholders.

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