



Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
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*Federal Safety and Health Councils are a key component to ensuring a safe and healthful work environment in the federal workplace. Likewise, federal safety and health professionals play an integral role as leaders and role models for safety and health. As the 21<sup>st</sup> century brings with it emerging workplace challenges, Federal Safety and Health Councils and their members must rise up to meet these new challenges and exemplify that safety and health truly do add value.*

John L. Henshaw  
Assistant Secretary of Labor for  
Occupational Safety and Health

## 2003 FSHC AWARD WINNERS

### **Superior**

Connecticut/Western Massachusetts  
Southern New Jersey  
Greater St. Louis  
Western New York  
Puerto Rico  
Northeastern Pennsylvania  
New Hampshire/Vermont  
Billings  
Greater Des Moines  
Midlands

### **Meritorious**

Delaware Valley  
Chicago  
Minneapolis  
Detroit  
Atlanta  
Central Ohio  
South Texas  
Greater Kansas City  
Southeastern New England  
Hudson Valley  
Louisville

### **Notable**

Central Gulf Coast  
Denver  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Greater Omaha  
Richmond  
Mt. Rainier

# The 80th Annual FSHC Conference

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration



Hyatt Regency Chicago  
151 E. Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 565-1234  
September 9 - 12, 2003

*Federal Safety and Health Councils  
Add Value to the Federal Workplace.*

# AGENDA

*Congratulations to all Federal SH Councils - You Make a Difference!*

**Tuesday, September 9, 2003**

**Collateral Duty Training, Room Columbus EF  
10:30am - 2:00pm**

Geronimo Gomez  
Federal Agency Program Officer  
Region VI  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**Awards Ceremony, Room Grand EF  
3:30pm**

**Welcome**  
Thomas Marple, Director  
Office of Federal Agency Programs  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**Update on OSHA Issues**

Richard E. Fairfax, Director  
Directorate of Enforcement Programs  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**Keynote Address**

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**Presentation of FSHC Awards**

**FSHC Awards Reception, Room Grand CD  
5:30 – 7:30pm**

All Federal employees are invited

**Wednesday, September 10, 2003**

**Collateral Duty Training, Rm. Comiskey  
8:00am - 5:00pm**

Geronimo Gomez  
Federal Agency Program Officer

**OSHA FAPOs/FSHC Training & Meeting,  
Room Columbus IJ  
8:00am - 12:00pm**

Thomas Marple, Director  
Office of Federal Agency Programs  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**FSHC Best Practices Training, Room Columbus IJ  
1:30 – 5:00pm**

**Panel**  
Ken Atha, Area Office Director  
OSHA, Region IV

Thomas Diveley, Jr.  
Council Chair, Southern New Jersey

Maria Maldonado  
Council Chair, Puerto Rico

Tony DeSiervi, FAPO  
OSHA, Region II

**FSHC Best Practices Training, Room Columbus IJ  
1:30 – 5:00pm**

**Panel** cont'd Mike Minicky, Compliance Assistance  
Officer, OSHA Region VII

Robert Sander  
Council Chair, Greater St. Louis

**Thursday, September 11, 2003**

**Collateral Duty Training, Room Grand Suite 5  
8:00am - 5:00pm**

Geronimo Gomez  
Federal Agency Program Officer

**Recordkeeping, Room Grand Suite 3  
8:00am - 2:00pm**

Valerie Struve  
Office of Statistics  
US Department of Labor, OSHA

**Friday, September 12, 2003**

**Collateral Duty Training, Room Regency A  
8:00am - 12:00pm**

Geronimo Gomez  
Federal Agency Program Officer

Conference information may be found on:

<http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/federalsafetyhealthcouncil/index.html>

## FIELD FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCILS

### WHAT ARE THEY?

The Federal Safety and Health Council (FSHC) is a cooperative interagency organization chartered by the Secretary of Labor to “facilitate the exchange of ideas and information about occupational safety and health.” The FSHC is designed to be a dynamic forum for sharing knowledge, ideas, expertise, technology, and other occupational safety and health resources among participating agencies to help reduce the incidence, severity, and cost of injuries and illnesses at Federal facilities.

### HOW DO THEY WORK?

The Secretary may establish a council in any area where 10 or more federal establishments totaling 300 or more employees are located within a 50 mile radius. Each FSHC Chapter is composed of representatives officially designated by their local federal agency. These representatives often include Safety and Health Officers, Collateral Duty Officers, Union representatives, and other safety and health related professionals. Representatives will meet at least 4 times a year and contribute 2 to 4 hours per week of official time to FSHC activities. These activities include organizing and conducting council meetings or training programs that provide information on such topics as workplace violence, office safety, or ergonomics. See 29 CFR Part 1960, Subpart K, for more information.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

- FREE. There are no membership fees and FSHCs are easy to join. Just contact your local OSHA Federal Agency Program Officer. See listing on other side.
- As of August 2003, there are 51 FSHCs nationwide.
- FSHC information can be found on [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). In addition, Councils can link their website to OSHA.gov.

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