

## **Annual Alliance Report**

**U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Dallas Area Office and Fort Worth Area Office  
And  
Consulate of El Salvador, Dallas Texas**

**Oct 27, 2015**

### **I. Alliance Background**

#### **A. Date Signed:**

Aug 26, 2013

#### **B. Evaluation Period**

Aug 26, 2014 to Aug 26, 2015

#### **C. Overview**

Alliance with the Consulate of El Salvador -Dallas and the Dallas Area Office and directed towards reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the Construction and the General industries. The Consulate of El Salvador offers general civil information to Salvadoran Nationals waiting for their passports and ID Cards at the lobby of the Consulate.

#### **D. Implementation Team Members**

##### OSHA

Stephen Boyd, Area Director (AD), Dallas Area Office

Jack Rector, Area Director (AD), Fort Worth Area Office

Elias Vela, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), Dallas Area Office

##### Consulado de El Salvador in Dallas

Jose Mario Mejia Barrera, Consul General de El Salvador

Erika Pineda, Assistant at the Consulate of El Salvador

## **II. Implementation Team Meetings**

Worker Rights week was held on the last week of August, 2014. CAS Elias Vela was invited and provided verbal and Power-point presentations in the lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador where an audience of approximately 50 to 100 Salvadoran Nationals were attentive and participated in Question and Answer periods.

CAS Elias Vela returned monthly to the lobby of waiting Salvadoran Nationals and the OSHA Labor Rights presentations were repeated, and OSHA outreach literature was distributed in Spanish. Elias Vela met with Consul General Jose Mario Mejia Barrera and Erika Pineda on a routine basis to discuss updates.

In addition to these formal meetings, the Alliance coordinators from both groups maintained regular email contact throughout the reporting period to monitor the Alliance's progress and results.

### III. Results

The following table summarizes the Alliance’s activities in support of the goals in the Alliance agreement.

*Participation in the alliance has helped maintain and improve the knowledge and sharing of best practices. In addition to the meetings covering National Safety Stand-Down for Falls in Construction, heat stress, distracted driving policies, and other topics, meetings on workplace fatality trends, and best practices, OSHA outreach publications in Spanish were provided and distributed.*

<b>Outreach and Communication: Develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and ways of communication such information to Salvadoran Nationals working in North Texas. To speak, exhibit, or appear at the Participants’ conferences, local meetings, or other events.</b>			
<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Activity Name/Summary</b>	<b>OSHA Areas of Emphasis Supported</b>	<b>Number Reached</b>
Outreach in Spanish	Consulate of El Salvador Labor Rights week Aug 26 to 29, 2014	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	150
Sep 22, 2014	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	40
Oct 27, 2014	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	50
Nov 24, 2014	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	50
Dec 22, 2014	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	50
Jan 26, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	60
Mar 23, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	60
Apr 27, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	60
May 26, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers’ rights under the OSH Act.	120

June 29, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers' rights under the OSH Act.	30
July 15, 2015	Lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador	Falls in Construction, struck-by, Heat stress. Workers' rights under the OSH Act.	50
<b>TOTAL</b>			720

#### **IV. Evaluations**

Previous evaluation was conducted on or about Oct 3, 2014.

#### **V. Upcoming Milestones**

Last Monday of each month, the CAS will address the lobby of Salvadoran Nationals and address worker's rights to safe and healthful work environments and employer responsibilities.

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