



Hazard Assessment the Key to Reducing DPW Workplace Injuries

Wednesday, September 30, 2015
9 :00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Reading Police Dept.
(Conference Room)
15 Union St, Reading, MA 01867
Registration/light continental
breakfast 8:45 a.m.



This workshop will introduce you to a new, innovative approach to health and safety that combines building highly effective health and safety committees and peer-to-peer safety and health education. The Municipal Health and Safety collaborative team approach builds on best practices from around the country, and offers a step-by-step program to reducing workplace injuries.

This workshop includes practical, hands-on activities including hazard mapping (required by the Department of Labor Standards during onsite visits) and an introductory gap-analysis exercise, and will provide participants with tools that they can bring back to their DPW.

Participants will gain practical knowledge and tools to conduct a hazard assessment of the workplace, conduct a gap analysis to determine what policies and procedures the DPW has in place that match with national standards, and develop a strong, effective health and safety committee.

Some of the topics addressed will include:

- Introduction to the Massachusetts Municipal Health & Safety Initiative
 - Effective health and safety committees
 - Gathering data - incidents/injuries/hazards; Hazard mapping activity
 - Conducting a gap analysis: evaluating current practices vs. national standards
 - Determining priorities for health and safety measures
 - Question and answer
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Trainers

Patricia Strizak is the Health & Safety Trainer at the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH) and the organization's lead trainer with The New England Consortium. She received her BSN from Dominican College and her MPH from Brooklyn College. Upon joining MassCOSH in 2014 she worked in the health care field for over 30 years. Her areas of expertise include, programs in public employee health and safety, health care, workplace violence, infection control, and emergency management. Some of her accomplishments include setting up an 911 emergency response program for the Metro North Fire Brigade at Grand Central Terminal in NY. She was also involved in teaching and placing Automated External Defibrillators in nursing homes, federal buildings, and apartment buildings for the American Heart Association. She was also one of many rescuers responding to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Richard Rabin is a Trainer and Technical Consultant with MassCOSH. He served for 24 years as an environmental engineer at the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards, conducting inspections of municipal and state workplaces including DPW sites, fire stations, building renovations and indoor air quality issues. He also developed and directed the occupational lead registry. Rick has written educational materials and conducted trainings for employees, physicians and employers on a wide range of occupational health issues, and is a certified OSHA 10 construction outreach trainer.

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