

# Iowa Division of Labor

## Iowa Workforce Development

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### *Message from Labor Commissioner David Neil.....*

On April 28, 2008, the Iowa Division of Labor in conjunction with the AFL-CIO, will celebrate Worker Memorial Day with a ceremony on the Iowa Workforce Development grounds. We will honor those Iowans who lost their lives while on the job. For the 2007 calendar year, seventeen Iowans lost their lives while working in OSHA covered worksites. Another eighteen workers died in Department of Transportation covered accidents and the lives of thirteen Iowans were taking while serving in the United States Armed Forces. This brings the total to 48 lives lost in the world of work, far to many.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we must re-dedicate ourselves to a culture of safety in the workplace and at home. Accidents not only cause the loss of lives but in many cases cause permanent impairment which alters a workers life forever.

### **Amusement Ride Update**

Jim Borwey, Bob Lilland, Marvin Whitlock, Jeff Talak and BJ Burriolla III attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MAARSO Safety Seminar in Orlando, Florida January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Borwey and Bob Lilland both received their certification as level 2 amusement ride inspectors and Jeff Talak and Marvin Whitlock are now certified and level 1 amusement ride inspectors. The amusement ride season is fast approaching and the Division is already inspecting rides for the year. As always, the Division of Labor would like to remind ride patrons to think safety and follow the instructions of the amusement ride operator.



### **Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Re-certifications**

Four work sites received their re-certifications during the first quarter of 2008:

Monsanto - Ankeny  
Monsanto - Williamsburg  
Horizons - Emmetsburg  
Rockwell Collins - Decorah

Congratulations to these Iowa employers who are dedicated to providing a healthy and safe working environment.

### **IOSH Consultations & Inspections**

Over the past quarter, 60 companies in 25 Iowa counties received voluntary consultation visits. Additionally, 214 Iowa companies received IOSH inspections this quarter. Inspections took place in the following towns:

Albia -1	Estherville -1	Morning Sun -1
Alburnett -1	Fayette -1	Mount Pleasant -1
Altoona -2	Fort Dodge -5	Muscatine -2
Ames -3	Fort Madison -2	Newton -2
Ankeny -12	Gladbrook -1	Oskaloosa -2
Audubon -1	Glenwood -1	Ottumwa -4
Aurelia -1	Grimes -1	Perry -1
Bettendorf -4	Grundy Center -2	Postville -3
Bondurant -1	Hartley -1	Red Oak -1
Burlington -1	Indianola -1	Rembrandt -1
Cedar Rapids -7	Iowa City -4	Riverdale -2
Clear Lake -1	Iowa Falls -3	Rock Valley -1
Clinton -4	Kellogg -1	Sargeant Bluff -1
Clive -3	Kensett -3	Sioux City -11
Coralville -2	Keokuk -1	St. Ansgar -2
Corydon -1	Knoxville -1	Sully -1
Council Bluffs -5	La Porte City -1	Thompson -1
Cresco -1	Lake Mills -1	Toledo -2
Dallas Center -1	Lake Park -1	Traer -1
Davenport -6	Laurens -2	Urbandale -1
Delhi -1	Le Mars -1	Waterloo -4
Denison -1	Maquoketa -1	Waukee -1
Des Moines -25	Marcus -3	Waverly -2
Dubuque -1	Marshalltown -6	Webster City -2
Durant -3	Mason City -1	West Burlington -6
Dyersville -6	Milford -1	West Des Moines -13
Eldridge -2	Monticello -1	

### **Division of Labor Staff Changes**

OSHA Enforcement recently expanded their staff. Please welcome Safety/Health Consultants, Mark Fielder and Ryan Headrick; and Sr. Industrial Hygienist, Brian Herbst to the team.

The elevator section has recently hired two new elevator/amusement ride inspectors, Robert Parker of Council Bluffs and Kris Glover of Mount Pleasant.



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### YouthRules!

Every year, millions of teens work in part-time or summer jobs. Early work experiences can be rewarding for young workers – providing great opportunities for teens to learn important work skills. Federal and State rules regarding young workers strike a balance between ensuring sufficient time for educational opportunities and allowing appropriate work experiences.

The **YouthRules!** web page is a gateway providing quick access to information about Federal and State labor laws that apply to young workers. The web page includes information designed to educate teens, parents, educators and employers about the hours youth can work, the jobs youth can do, and how to prevent workplace injuries.



Also as part of the **YouthRules!** initiative, the U.S. Department of Labor and its partners will develop and distribute informational materials, develop curricula for educators, provide training on the Federal and State rules governing young workers, increase awareness through public service announcements, and develop other tools designed to increase compliance.

Access the YouthRules! Web site at [www.youthrules.dol.gov](http://www.youthrules.dol.gov).

### Our condolences to the families of.....

- Charles J. Heitman, 54, was crushed while dismantling a lattice crane boom in Glennwood.
- Kenneth L. Sterling, 56, was pinned between an I-beam and lift controls while operating a self-propelled hydraulic lift in Ansgar.
- Robert by, Jr., 41, fell approximately 58 feet while servicing a bridge crane in Muscatine.

### Save the Date!

The Region VII, VPPPA Conference will be held May 19-21, at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Des Moines, IA.

The 37th Annual Governor's Safety Conference will take place November 5-6, 2008!

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