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The Vision of the Turning Point

This newsletter is to inform you of recent changes and trends regarding health and safety. The Turning Point is a monthly newsletter covering topics from various industries and sectors. The Turning Point will respond to your inquiries and inform you of current services and updates regarding Raising the Standard Consulting Inc. (RTSC).

WORKING HARD IN HAWAII

This is a recent testimonial from work done by one of our consultants during a recent project in Honolulu, Hawaii.

December 3, 2008 – On behalf of Honolulu builders, I would like to express gratitude for having the opportunity of working with Stanford Brown as our safety manager these last months on the Monsanto Kunia Foundation Expansion project.

Stanford's credentials which were submitted with his resume included his CSP certification and his seventeen years of experience were initially impressive. Accepting him as our safety manager for our project was an easy choice. However, what I had not expected was the high level of professionalism exhibited by Stanford.

On the Monsanto project Stanford initiated what we have come to call *On The Spot Safety Training (OSST)*. Rather than hold a daily safety huddle Stanford gives safety advise and training on site throughout the day that really is task specific rather than the broader topics usually covered in huddles or toolbox talks.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR UPDATES

HAMILTON, ON, Jan. 14 - L.P. Custom Machining Ltd., a Stoney Creek machine shop specializing in large custom parts for turbines, locomotives and steel and paper mills, was fined \$100,000 worker was injured. On August 13, 2007, at the company's shop, workers were moving 1134 kilogram turbine doors with a ceiling-mounted crane. After the crane operator lowered a door to its edge on the floor, the crane operator and young worker unhooked the rigging assembly from the shackles attached to the door. When the rigging system was lifted away from the door, the door tipped over and pinned the young worker to the floor, causing severe injuries, including several broken bones. A Ministry of Labour investigation found that there were no braces or supports in place to hold the doors in position. L.P. Custom Machining Ltd. pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that material being moved or stored was done so in such a way that it would not tip or fall. This violated section 45(b) of Ontario Regulation 851/90 for industrial establishments, which was contrary to section 25(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

LONDON, ON, Dec. 19 - Canada Steel Service Centre Inc. pleaded guilty and was fined \$92,500 in the Ontario Court of Justice after serious injuries were suffered by a young worker in their warehouse. On April 23, 2007, a young worker at the warehouse who had been on the job just under three months, was moving two bundles of steel round bars weighing approximately 3629 kg. (8,000 lbs.) with an overhead crane operated by a hand-held control from the ground. The rigging of the hoisting chains affixed by the worker to lift and move the bundles of steel was improper and unsafe and the steel consequently slipped out of the rigging and struck the worker below. The worker, who had not been formally trained in crane operation, was hampered and unable to move out of the way because of beams stored on the floor in this area. The worker sustained serious foot, lung, leg, arm and back injuries. One of the worker's feet was later amputated. Justice of the Peace R. P. Ponton fined Canada Steel Service Centre Inc. for failing to provide information, instruction and supervision to a worker about how to safely operate an overhead crane to lift bundles of round bars, and failing to provide information, instruction and supervision about safe rigging procedures for using an overhead crane before permitting the worker to lift bundles of round bars with the crane. This was contrary to section 25(2)(a) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

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This project has had as many as 60 tradesmen on site at any given time. I would say that Stanford's influence has had a positive effect on every single worker on site allowing them to be more safety conscious.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with many safety professionals on site as well as those consultants representing insurance companies who come to my projects. None of them have ever shown me the in depth knowledge of OSHA standards that Stanford has. Stanford has raised the bar for what I would consider a safety professional.

If you ever need a recommendation from our company for Stanford on any future projects, do not hesitate to have them call me directly at 808-306-0880.

Regards, Brad Espedal, Project Manager, Honolulu Builders

CRSP EXAMINATION PREPARATION WORKSHOP

April 11-12, 2009

The CRSP exam has a failure rate of 40%. This is because candidates are overwhelmed with the volume of information from which the exam questions are drawn. The objective of the RTS Consulting CRSP Examination Preparation Workshop is to help you prepare your personal study plan and focus on the competencies that you need to master before the exam. Please contact us for registration information.

WEB BASED TRAINING

We provide web-based training programs for the convenience of your organization. Please visit our web-site to register.

Hand Tools and Automotive Lifts

Identify the Hazards and Controls Regarding: Hand Tools, Hoists, Fixed, Power, Electrical and Pneumatic Tools, Guarding, Powered Lifting Equipment, Automotive Lifts.

Joint Health and Safety Committee

Participants will be able to: know the legislative requirements for establishing a JHSC, describe the powers, functions and duties of JHSCs and their members, describe the activities of an effective JHSC, etc.

Machine Safety and Lockout / Tagout Procedure

Learn about Workplace Responsibilities, Machine Guarding and the Law, Understanding Machine Related Hazards Lockout / Tagout, Applicable Legislation, Hazard Identification, Lockout Procedures.

Health, Safety and The Law

Provide participants with a working knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and related legislation and more.

Manager and Supervisor Safety Orientation

Learn about Management Responsibilities, Right to Refuse, JHSC, Hazard Recognition, Workplace Accidents, Emergency Procedures, New Employee Orientation, Transfer and Promotion, etc.

Material Handling

This course is designed to teach workers about proper material handling techniques. Upon completion of this course, workers should be able to: describe what factors contribute to back injuries, explain proper lifting techniques, etc.

Accident Investigation

The goal of this module is to ensure you will be able to: recognize the need for an investigation, investigate the scene of the accident, interview victims & witnesses, determine root causes, compile data and prepare reports, make recommendations, etc.

Health Hazards: Recognition, Assessment and Control

The goal of this module is to ensure you will be able to: understand the law pertaining to health and safety hazards, define occupational injury and illness, understand the four types of workplace health hazards, etc.

Workplace Inspection

Provide participants with an understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities with regard to workplace inspections and to prepare them for carrying out effective workplace inspections.

Slips, Trips and Falls

Objective of this training is to: understand the causes and effects of falls in the workplace, to understand legislation relating to slip, trip and fall hazards, to be able to identify potential slip, trip and fall hazards, etc.

WHMIS

Explain how WHMIS is implemented in law, explain how the law defines a controlled product, explain how the law defines hazardous ingredients, identify the exclusions, etc. Register to access the complete training material.

Worker Safety Orientation

Worker Responsibilities, Right to Refuse, Joint Health and Safety Committee, Hazard Recognition, First Aid, Workplace Accidents and more.

PUBLIC TRAINING COURSES

The following is an example of a few of the training courses we offer. For a full list, please contact us.

JHSC Certification Part 1 Training (2-day course)

\$349.00 +GST - 2-day Course

Feb. 3-4, Mar. 10-12, Apr. 7-8

JHSC Certification Part 2 Training (length depends on industry)

Service Sector (office, hotels/restaurants, retail, etc.)

\$245.00 +GST - 1 day:

Jan. 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 24, Apr. 21

Healthcare, Warehouse/Distribution, Manufacturing

\$350.00 +GST - 2 days:

Jan. 27-28, Feb. 17-18, Mar. 24-25, Apr. 21-22

Construction (including 1 day fall Protection)

\$475.00 +GST - 3 days:

Jan. 27-29, Feb. 17-19, Mar. 24-26, Apr. 21-23