

SafetyConnections

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Director's Corner

by **Dave Koeneke**
OSC Executive Director

I hope that many of you were able to attend our annual Oklahoma Safety and Health conference this last June co-hosted by the OKDOL and the ASSE OKC Chapter. We appreciate your attendance as well as the many exhibitors and sponsors who helped fund the event. I have to give a big shout out to our speakers who stepped up to volunteer and talk on various safety subjects. I think we had some really good ones this year. And a big dose of kudos to our volunteer conference committee and co-chairs, Bill Young and Stephanie Schroeder, who gave months of their time to helping put it all together. The awards show actors pictured at right did a great job making it a fun atmosphere yet making educational points about the great things award winning companies were doing in safety. We hope that you enjoy our theme based conferences as we sure enjoy putting them together.

Please mark your calendars for next year's conference to be held in Tulsa June 15-17 at the Cox Business Center. We are expanding to a bigger location and expecting greater things!

I have written a few times about our investment into streaming video to replace our physical DVD library. August 1 is when fees go into effect for renting the DVDs going forward. Call Robin Macon with Safety Source at 1-800-224-8784 to register and to begin streaming your free safety videos.

The new Oklahoma texting-while-driving ban goes into effect November 1. If you have not yet stopped this dangerous activity please consider doing it even before the law goes into effect and make the roads and your life safer.

I am really proud of Lester Claravall, Child Labor Program Administrator with the OKDOL Lester and others successfully helped to pass SB262 recently that requires all Oklahoma students in grades 7-12 to have workplace safety training. Read more about this on page 7 of this issue. Oklahoma is the first state to mandate this type of training!

Keep it Safe in Oklahoma and save a life...that could be yours!



Betsy Kulakowski and Dan Regouby - Award Emcees

2015 Conference Makes Safety Mission Possible

Mission Possible: Finding the Fire Within was the theme of the 2015 Oklahoma Safety and Health Conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Safety Council, Oklahoma Department of Labor and the American Society of Safety Engineers (OKC Chapter). The event took place at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center in Norman on June 24-26 and was host to over 75 vendors and 500 attendees.

Over the course of three days, more than 500 participants enjoyed the opportunity to hear speakers on a variety of safety and health related topics, pursue ongoing educational accreditation, and participate in courses designed for OSHA compliance as well as network with peer professionals.

The Oklahoma Safety Council encourages workers and employers to attend this event to help improve safety and health performance.

"This year we were excited to see so many Oklahoma businesses take part in this 3-day conference with real concern for their workforce" stated Commissioner Mark Costello, who was a speaker at the Awards Luncheon along with David Bates, Area Director for OSHA.

During the annual awards luncheon, GEFCO, McElroy Mfg., Okeene Hospital, Ennovation Controls and OG&E all received awards for their creative and winning videos. These participants have made safety and health a priority in their companies.

Dave Koeneke, OSC Executive Director said, "This year it was exciting to see so many companies participate in the 2015 Health and Safety Video contest. Sharing best practices with one another is essential to improving safety and health in the workplace."

Save the Date for the 2016 Conference

June 15-17 • Cox Business Center Tulsa

Thanks to All who Made Conference a Success!

On behalf of the Oklahoma Safety Council, Oklahoma Department of Labor and the American Society of Safety Engineers (OKC Chapter) we would like to say thank you to everyone that attended, presented, exhibited and volunteered at the 2015 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference last week. We appreciate all our conference sponsors and we look forward to

working with you soon for the 2016 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference being held on June 15-17 at the Cox Business Center Tulsa.

[Click here](#) to download speaker presentations.

[Click here](#) to view the 2015 winning safety videos.

[Click here](#) to view 2015 conference photos.

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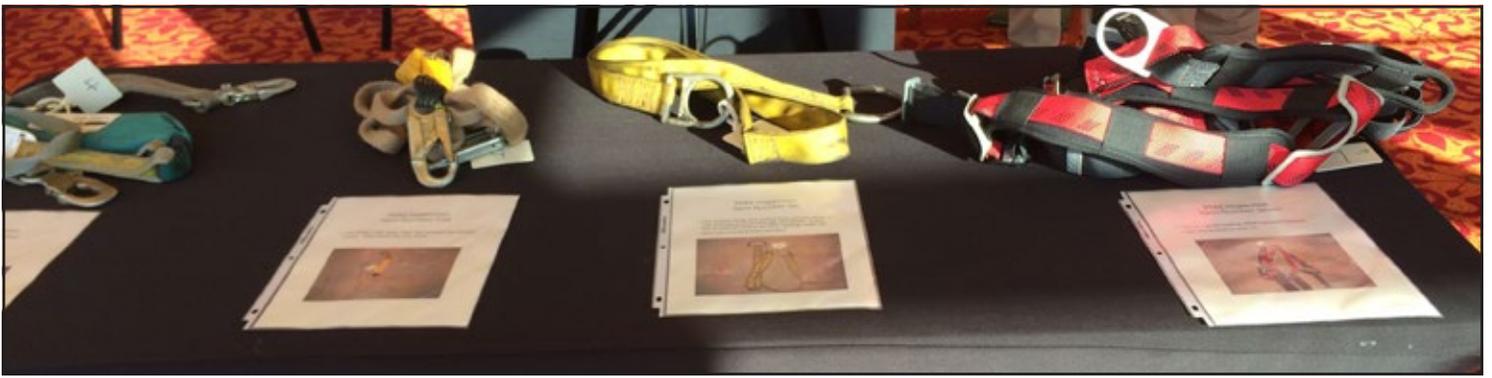




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Possible!**
Finding the "Fire" Within...

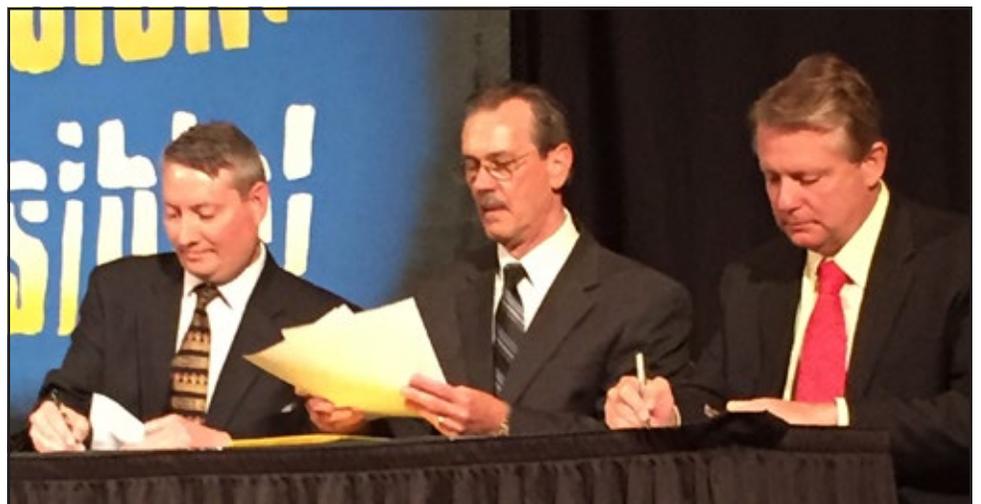
Award Winners





MISSION: Possible!

Scenes from the 2015 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference



Law Makes Texting While Driving a Primary Offense in Oklahoma

On May 5, Gov. Mary Fallin signed into law the Trooper Nicholas Dees and Trooper Keith Burch Act of 2015, making it illegal to text and drive in Oklahoma. Ours is the 46th state to enact this type of legislation.



The law makes texting while driving a primary offense, meaning law enforcement officers will be able to pull over anyone who is texting while operating a vehicle. The penalty will be \$100, and the law takes effect Nov. 1.

Inattentive driving has long been against the law in Oklahoma, but highway safety advocates support a law that specifically bans text messaging. The law defines “text messaging” to include text-based messages, instant messages, electronic messages, photos, videos or electronic mail.

“Common sense tells us that driving is a task that requires your full attention,” said Director Garry Thomas of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, “but we also know how common it is

to see drivers who are texting when they’re behind the wheel. The new law allows officers to stop people for this dangerous behavior, and we hope it raises awareness of the deadly dangers of any type of distraction.”

The law is named for two Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers who were struck by a vehicle earlier this year while investigating an accident on Interstate 40 in Seminole County. Dees died at the scene and Burch was hospitalized. The driver of the vehicle was said to be using a smart phone at the time of the crash.

The law provides exceptions for certain emergency situations, and drivers will still be allowed to use hands-free devices which operate in a voice-activated mode.

“This law will definitely help to improve the safety of everyone traveling on Oklahoma roads,” Thomas said. “We encourage people to put the phone down, starting now, every time they operate a vehicle. No text is worth putting your life and the lives of others at risk.”

Alice Collinsworth
Communications Manager,
Oklahoma Highway Safety Office

Be Smart... Be Safe... Be **“Alive At 25!”**

Sign up for a **FREE** Alive at 25 course at the Oklahoma Safety Council

What is Alive at 25?

Alive at 25 is a survival course developed by the National Safety Council. Its main objective is to prevent the number of automobile accidents that claim the lives of our teens. Alive at 25 is taught exclusively by trained police officers or driver’s education instructors. The course is taught in one 4 hour session which focuses on the behaviors young drivers and passengers display behind the wheel. Students learn about the devastating consequences of practicing risky driving behaviors. Watching interactive videos, sharing driving experiences, and role-playing various driving situations are just some of the ways these valuable lessons are taught.

- People in their age group are more likely to be hurt or killed in a vehicle crash.
- Inexperience, distractions, and peer pressure cause unique driving hazards.
- Speeding, alcohol, and “party drugs” greatly increase their risk of injury or death.
- As a driver or passenger, they can greatly reduce their risk by taking control.
- Committing to changing their driving behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.



Who can take the course?

Anyone between the ages of 15-24 is welcome to attend the course. You don’t need to have a learner’s permit or a driver’s license prior to taking the course. Alive at 25 is designed to be an early intervention program to help prevent traffic violations, collisions, and/or fatalities for young drivers ages 15-24.

Grant Funds Available

On September 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Safety Council (OSC) was awarded a \$20,000 grant for the sixth year in a row from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) for the Alive at 25 program. This grant allows the OSC to offer this program for **FREE** to young adults in the 15-24 age group.



2015 Course Schedule & Registration Info

August 15 and September 12.

All courses are held from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 2400 S. Vermont Ave in Oklahoma City. To sign up for an upcoming course contact Kellie Warrior at 405-848-8626 or by email at kelliw@oksafety.org

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New State Law Provides for Workplace Education in Schools

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin signed SB 262 into state law on April 1 making this landmark legislation a national first. This marked the first time ever that a law would direct labor and education to collaborate and provide workplace safety education in the schools.

“Oklahoma set a national standard and became an innovative leader in the youth employment world,” stated Lester Claravall, Child Labor Program Administrator with the Oklahoma Department of Labor.

The Oklahoma Department of Labor and the Oklahoma State Department of Education will now be working together to educate students in grades 7 thru 12 about workplace safety. Both departments will be providing curriculum, produced by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) entitled NIOSH Youth@Work: Talking Safety. NIOSH is a federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injuries and illness.

“Many teens will be entering their first jobs this summer in restaurants, grocery stores, and offices,” continued Claravall. “But what most don’t know is that these young workers are twice as likely as their adult counterparts to get hurt on the job.”

According to federal studies, an average of 200,000 teens under 18 are injured at work with 70 cases ending up being fatal. The studies indicate that a lot of the teen worker injuries will happen within the first few months of their employment

YOUTH @ WORK

Talking Safety

The new Youth@Work–Talking Safety is a fun, free and engaging curriculum that helps teachers and school/community-based job placement staff educate young people about the basics of job safety and health.

[Click here](#) to view the curriculum for Oklahoma schools.

due to a lack of safety training provided.

“These high number of injuries are now going to change, thanks to SB 262. We especially appreciate the wisdom and leadership of Senators Susan Paddock and Anastasia Pittman, Representative Todd Thomsen, and Latta High School teacher Stacy Oakley,” he concluded.

Claravall said that protecting the youngest workforce begins in the classroom. Teaching teens how to recognize and identify hazards will lead to injury prevention and safer working environments. Developing safer workers at an early age leads to economic development in the long run.

FYI: Young Worker Safety

In 2013, there were approximately 18.1 million workers less than 24 years of age, and these workers represented 13% of the workforce. Young workers have high occupational injury rates which are in part explained by a high frequency of injury hazards in workplaces where they typically work (e.g. hazards in restaurant settings associated with slippery floors and use of knives and cooking equipment).

Inexperience and lack of safety training may also increase injury risks for young workers. And, for the youngest workers, those in middle and high schools, there may be biologic and psychosocial contributors to increased injury rates, such as inadequate fit, strength, and cognitive abilities to operate farm equipment such as tractors.

In 2012, 375 workers less than 24 years of age died from work-related

injuries, including 29 deaths of youth less than 18 years of age. For the 10 year period 1998 to 2007, there was an annual average of 795,000 non-fatal injuries to young workers treated in U.S. hospital injury departments. The rate for emergency department-treated occupational injuries of young workers was approximately two times higher than among workers 25 years and older.



Lunch & Learn

OSC welcomes safety professionals from across the state, such as those pictured at left, to join monthly network luncheons in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. For more information on this month's event, please [click here](#).

DOT updates drug, alcohol testing guidelines

Washington – The Department of Transportation has issued updated **employer guidelines** on drug and alcohol testing. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

Government to require electronic stability control in commercial trucks and buses

Washington – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently finalized a rule that would require commercial motor vehicles to include **electronic stability control systems**. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

Roofing contractor indicted for fatal fall, accused of lying to investigators

Philadelphia – In a rare criminal prosecution for a workplace fatality, the Department of Justice has charged a roofing company owner with attempting to cover up his failure to provide fall protection for a worker who fell 45 feet to his death. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

NTSB: Collision avoidance systems should be standard on all passenger, commercial vehicles

Washington – The National Transportation Safety Board is calling for collision avoidance systems to be standard in all new passenger and commercial vehicles. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

Safe Kids to parents: Laundry detergent pods continue to injure children

Washington – Liquid laundry detergent packets are an “emerging risk for children,” according to Safe Kids Worldwide, and the organization is **calling on parents** to keep their kids safe from the products. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

OSHA delays full enforcement of new rule on confined spaces in construction

Washington – In response to requests from the construction industry, OSHA is **delaying full enforcement** of its recently promulgated **Confined Spaces in Construction Standard** to allow employers additional time to comply with the rule. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

OSHA's rule on walking/working surfaces under OMB review

Washington – After more than two decades in development, OSHA's **final rule** on walking/working surfaces to address slips, trips and falls is under White House review. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

Continuing silicosis deaths are cause for concern, NIOSH says

Washington – Although the number of silicosis deaths has declined in the past decade, the occupational lung disease still kills about 100 people every year, according to a new **study** from NIOSH. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

New OSHA video focuses on young workers' rights

Washington – OSHA has released a **video** emphasizing that young workers have the right to a safe workplace. [Click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.

NSC Launches Free Cell Phone Policy Assessment Tool

The National Safety Council has released a free **Cell Phone Policy Assessment Tool** to help employers keep workers safe from motor vehicle crashes, which are the leading cause of workplace death. The tool provides employers with instant feedback on their company's policy on cell phone use while driving. Employers complete a short survey, and a report is generated showing how the policy matches up with best practices. Feedback is given on crash and liability risks, and tips on how to strengthen the employer's current policy are shared. For more information, [click here](#) to read the entire article on the S+H magazine website.



Scaffolding Safety

The OSC recently conducted a hands-on scaffolding class, demonstrating the use of scaffolding and personal fall arrest systems, and more. The OSC training center is specially designed for group training and is located near SW 29 & Meridian.

July 1-31

National Fireworks Safety Month
Prevent Blindness America
www.preventblindness.org

July 1-31

UV Safety Month
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
www.healthfinder.gov

Aug. 1-31

National Immunization Awareness Month
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
www.cdc.gov

Aug. 2-8

National Stop on Red Week
National Coalition for Safer Roads
ncrsafety.org

Aug. 15 - Sept. 15

Back to School Month
National Safety Council
www.nsc.org

Aug. 19 - Sept. 7

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.gov

New Members

ACG Materials

Eastern Oklahoma County
Technology Center

Enviro-Log Operating, LLC

International Safety, LLC

Red Devil, Inc.

Seminole Nation Transportation Dept.

SK Plymouth

Southwestern Power Administration

StanTech

TriState Industrial Group

Turnaround Welding Services

Recall Corner



Apple Recalls Beats Pill XL Portable Wireless Speakers Due to Fire Hazard

Name of product: Beats Pill XL speaker

Hazard: The battery can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Remedy: Refund

Consumer Contact: Apple Inc. online at www.apple.com or www.beatsbydre.com or www.apple.com/support/beats-pillxl-recall or contact Apple Support toll-free at (800) 275-2273 anytime for more information.

Units: About 222,000 in the U.S. (and about 11,000 in Canada)

Recall Info

Description: This recall involves all Beats Pill XL portable, wireless speakers. The recalled products are plastic, capsule-shaped speakers about 4 inches tall by 13 inches wide by 4 inches deep with a plastic mesh grille on the front and a built-in carrying handle to the rear. The small “b” Beats logo is on the grille and “beatspillXL” is on the handle. The speakers come in five colors black, white, pink, metallic sky and titanium.

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Incidents/Injuries: Apple has received eight reports of incidents of the speakers overheating, including one with a burn to a consumer’s finger and one with damage to a consumer’s desk.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled product and contact Apple for a \$325 Apple Store credit or electronic payment. Apple will provide a postage paid box for consumers to send their Pill XL speaker to Apple.

Sold at: Apple Retail Stores and major retail stores nationwide and online at Apple.com and Beatsbydre.com from January 2014 through June 2015 for about \$300.

Importer(s): Beats Electronics LLC, of Culver City, Calif. and Apple Inc., of Cupertino, Calif.

Manufactured in: China

July-Aug. Training Opps

Click for Info

Additional courses and updates on OSC's website.

Date	Loc.	Course	Mem/No	Time
July 27-31	OKC	Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (COSS)	\$1699/\$2199	8am-5pm
July 29	Tulsa	Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans & Fire Prevention Plans ²	\$79/\$99	1pm-5pm
July 29	OKC	Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans & Fire Prevention Plans ²	\$79/\$99	1pm-5pm
July 29	Tulsa	Recordkeeping / Workshop ²	\$79/\$99	8am-Noon
July 29	OKC	Recordkeeping / Workshop ²	\$79/\$99	8am-Noon
Aug. 4-7	OKC	OSHA #5810 - Hazards Recognition and Standards for On-Shore Oil and Gas Exploration and Production	\$799/\$799	8am-5pm
Aug. 5	Tulsa	Electrical Safety / Electrical PPE ²	\$79/\$99	8am-Noon
Aug. 5	OKC	Electrical Safety / Electrical PPE ²	\$79/\$99	8am-Noon
Aug. 5	OKC	Lockout / Tagout ²	\$79/\$99	1pm-5pm
Aug. 5	Tulsa	Lockout / Tagout ²	\$79/\$99	1pm-5pm
Aug. 6	Tulsa	First Aid/CPR/AED ⁵	\$60/\$100	8am-5pm
Aug. 6-7	Tulsa	First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor ¹	\$425/\$525	8am-5pm
Aug. 6	OKC	Forklift Instructor ¹	\$595/\$795	8am-5pm
Aug. 6	OKC	Forklift Operator with Hands on Qualifying	\$50/\$65	8am-2pm
Aug. 12-14	Tulsa	OSHA 502 - Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers	\$515/\$515	8am-5pm
Aug. 15	OKC	Alive at 25 Student Course	\$0/\$0	9am-1pm
Aug. 17-20	Tulsa	OSHA 500 - Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for Construction	\$699/\$699	8am-5pm
Aug. 19	OKC	GHS / Hazard Communication / Workshop ²	\$79/\$99	8am-5pm
Aug. 19	Tulsa	GHS / Hazard Communication / Workshop ²	\$79/\$99	8am-5pm
Aug. 24-27	OKC	OSHA 511 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry	\$599/\$599	8am-5pm

Courses dates, time or cost are subject to change without notice. All courses listed include cost of materials/work books and/or instructor manuals. 1 This course includes ALL teaching materials including video(s) and/or DVD. 2 Compliance Series Course. 3 This course requires an additional video lease. 4 Qualifies for CSHO. 5 Cleet accredited. 6 Advanced Safety Certification.



Training Institute Education Centers

Mid-South OTI Education Center

Date	Loc.	Course	Time
Aug 4 - 7	OKC	OSHA #5810 - Hazards Recognition and Standards for On-Shore Oil and Gas Exploration and Production	8am-5pm
Aug. 12-14	Tulsa	OSHA 502 - Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers	8am-5pm
Aug. 17 - 20	OKC	OSHA 500 - Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for Construction	8am-5pm
Sep. 16-18	Tulsa	OSHA 503 - Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers	8am-5pm

Click here to register online. If you have any questions, contact Rocky Waller at 405-848-8626 or by email at rwaller@oksafety.org

OSC Provides Job Board to Members as Free Service

The Oklahoma Safety Council (OSC) would like to remind members that we offer a free service which offers you a new way to seek and attract quality candidates for safety positions, to help safety professionals find promising opportunities.

Members are encouraged to email us their job openings and/or internship opportunities which we will publish on our website (www.oksafety.org).

This is a FREE service for all OSC/NSC members and it's very easy to do. Just simply write up a short job description, provide company contact information and email the information to Kellie Warrior at kelliw@oksafety.org. We're confident that networking through the OSC will enable you to find quality candidates which in turn will assist us in achieving our goal of a safer Oklahoma. **Click here** to view the OSC Job Board.

OSC's Network Luncheons

Each month the Oklahoma Safety Council hosts network luncheons in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. These luncheons are designed to provide valuable education opportunities, with presentations by experts in various fields. They also provide time for safety professionals to network, which promotes collaboration, partnerships and further education that translates to a safer Oklahoma!

Severe Weather Planning

Speaker: Kenny Baker, Cactus Drilling Company

Session Info: The Cactus Story: The lives of 12 men were saved on May 24, 2011, due to the Weather Awareness Plan and the safety guidelines used during the severe weather season and throughout the year. This presentation will cover the day's events, including photos of May 24th, when an F5 Tornado destroyed Cactus Rig 117 in central Oklahoma.

Bio: Kenny Baker is a Drilling Superintendent for Cactus Drilling, L.L.C., and he has 21 years of experience working in the oil and gas industry. Following in his father's footsteps, Kenny joined Bonray Drilling Company in 1994 and worked as a floor hand, motor man and derrick hand. In 2000, Kenny was hired by Cactus Drilling as a derrick hand. Leading by example and learning from the best, he has worked his way through the ranks to Driller and Toolpusher. Through

the years, he has been engaged in every detail of each position he's held. In December of 2010, he was promoted to Drilling Superintendent of Cactus Drilling. Cactus operates rigs in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

OKC - Twin Hills Golf & Country Club
3401 NE 36th Street (OKC)
(Just East of I-35 on N.E. 36th Street)

July 22 • 11:30 a.m.

Lunch is \$15 per person which includes a buffet, salad, dessert and a beverage. We're required to submit a head-count 48 hours ahead so we highly urge everyone to pre-register online at least 48 hours prior to the luncheon date. No refunds will be issued but substitutions are welcomed. [Click here](#) to register online.

Distracted Driving Policy:

Creating and Implementing a Policy for Your Organization

Speaker: Eddy Tijerina, City of Tulsa

Session Info: Is your company or organization leaving itself and its employees open to a distracted driving disaster? Won't it affect productivity? We can use hands-free, won't that be safer? Find out answers to these often asked questions and more when approaching leadership with a distracted driving policy proposal. Listen and visit with Eddy Tijerina the Senior Safety Coordinator for the City of Tulsa discusses the steps and resources the City of Tulsa took to create and implement its Distracted Driving Policy. Find out what motivated Mr. Tijerina to help his organization put its policy in place.

Bio: Eddy Tijerina is the Senior Health and Safety Coordinator for the City of Tulsa. Eddy has been with the City of Tulsa for 28 years and has been in the Safety and Health field since 2001. He has been part of a team that has helped guide the City of Tulsa to reduce their OSHA recordable injury rates by almost 50% in just two years. He feels very fortunate to have a part in the safety culture change at the City of Tulsa. Eddy believes that a person's well-being is key to a happy and vital life. Promoting health and safety provides him a great opportunity to help employees improve their perspective on well-being and transform their lives into the best life possible.

Tulsa - Golden Corral
9711 E. 71st Street
(Northeast Corner of 71st & Mingo)

Aug. 6 • 11:30 a.m.

Our monthly luncheons will be held at Golden Corral located at 9711 E. 71st Street (Northeast corner of 71st & Mingo). Lunch is \$8.29 per person which includes the complete buffet. No need to pre-register for the monthly luncheons in Tulsa.

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Tulsa Network Luncheon 2015 Schedule
Sept. 10 and Oct. 8

OKC Network Luncheon 2015 Schedule
Sept. 23 and Oct. 28