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Safety Theme

A Service Organization of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

Monthly Theme Poster

Make copies, and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

Safety Theme Article

The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.

Participant Sign-In Sheet

Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting

- Assemble the participants.
- Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



Training Calendar

Health Promotion Champion

September 20	Tifton, Tift County
September 21	Statesboro, Bulloch County
September 26	Macon, Bibb County
September 27	Cartersville, Bartow County
September 28	Gainesville, Hall County

Personnel Liability Seminar

May 25	Macon, Bibb County
June 6	Tifton, Tift County
June 15	Statesboro, Bulloch County

Workers Compensation

September 7	Tifton, Tift County
September 12	Douglasville, Douglas County
September 14	Gainesville, Hall County
September 26	Dublin, Laurens County
September 28	Macon, Bibb County

Work Zone Safety

May 23	Statesboro, Bulloch County
June 8	Tifton, Tift County

Safety Bulletin

Where's The Hazard?



***Watch for Foreign
Objects; Prevent
Injury and Damage***

Foreign Object Debris and Prevention

Foreign object debris (FOD) is serious business at airports, and can cause damage that costs airlines, airports, and airport tenants millions of dollars every year. FOD is any object that does not belong in or near airplanes and, as a result, can injure airport or airline personnel and damage airplanes.

Local governments have their own FOD problems. If we do grounds maintenance or right-of-way mowing, we also have to be concerned with FOD. Any object in an inappropriate location which, as a result of being in that location, can damage equipment or injure our employees or citizens or their property is a hazard. Local governments can reduce the hazard by taking steps to prevent these type of incidents.

FOD includes a wide range of material, including loose hardware, broken pavement fragments, trash, hazardous materials, building materials, rocks, metal, road debris, and partially buried hazards as shown in our poster this month. All could potentially injure someone or cause damage to equipment or facilities.

Exercise

Discuss scenarios your crews may have encountered or use the scenarios below and discuss prevention. Discuss other incidents you or your crews may have experienced.

Mowing Right of Way

A tractor and mower cutting the right of way hits a piece of hidden road debris, throwing it from the mower and hitting a passing vehicle, causing damage to the windshield.

Mowing a Recreational Athletic Field

The mower blade hits the partially buried pipe, as in the poster, causing damage to the mower or throwing pieces out, with the potential for hitting and injuring a citizen or fellow employee.



Prevention

- Conduct a walk-through inspection for high grass areas prior to cutting.
- Never operate a mower in areas where you cannot see the ground without inspecting first.
- Ensure all guards (chains, flaps, etc.) are in place and serviceable.
- Stop mowing when pedestrians or motor vehicles pass nearby.
- Always be alert and wear personal protective equipment (eye, hearing, head, seatbelts).
- Ensure operators are trained.



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Mowing and Foreign Objects

A photograph of a grassy field with a red circle highlighting a foreign object. The object is a small, dark, cylindrical metal rod or pipe protruding from the grass. The background shows a fence and some trees under a hazy sky.

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