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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

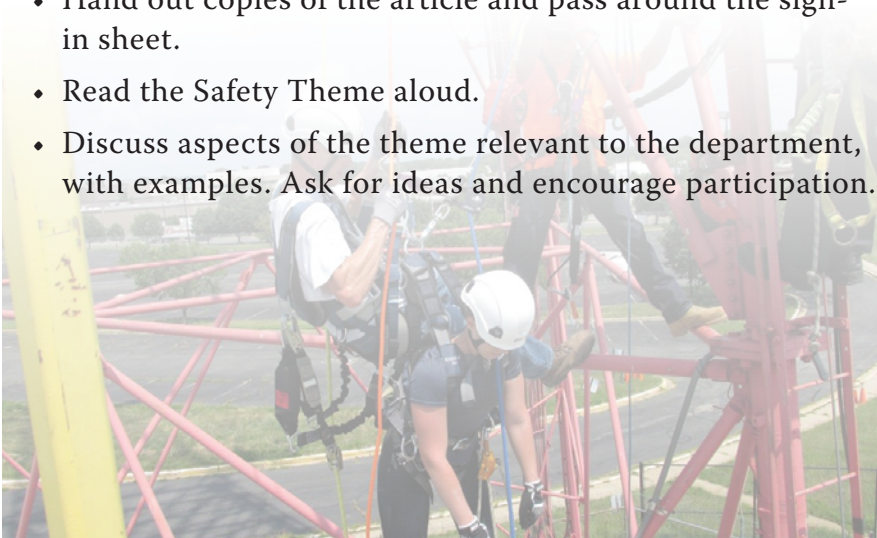
The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.

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

Local Government Safety Coordinator 1

January 10	Cornelia
January 12	Cartersville
January 17	Macon
January 24	Tifton

Local Government Safety Coordinator 2

February 7	Cornelia
February 9	Cartersville
February 14	Macon
February 23	Tifton

Local Government Safety Coordinator 3

February 28	Cornelia
March 2	Cartersville
March 7	Macon
March 14	Tifton

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Safety Bulletin

Workplace Safety



What Don't You Know?

Workplace Safety: Did You Know?

Did you know that the construction, storage, manufacturing, and transportation industries account for 50% of all fatal and serious accidents at work? Local governments fall in this category.

Did you know that over 141 million days are lost annually due to accidents at work? The average is thirty-five days per injury.

Did you know that, in a survey, 35% of workers feel their jobs put their health at risk?

Did you know that overexertion accounts for 25% of all workplace injuries? According to Liberty Mutual Safety Index, overexertion – injuries caused by lifting, pushing, pulling, holding and carrying – costs businesses \$12.75 billion in direct annual expenses and accounts for more than 25% of the national burden. Furthermore, “Fall on Same Level” ranks as the number two cause of disabling injury that drives direct costs of \$7.94 billion, or 15.8% of the total injury burden.

Did you know that 35% of workplace accidents involve hand and finger injuries? That 70% of those were not wearing protective gloves? And that 30% of those wearing gloves were wearing the wrong glove for the job?

Did you know the top five common contributing causes of hand injuries were carelessness, lack of awareness, boredom with the job, and disregarded safety procedures?

Did you know that good workplace safety programs decrease worker injuries by 50%? According to the American Society of Safety Engineers, a comprehensive workplace safety



program can decrease the likelihood of a workplace injury by up to fifty percent.

Nine Interesting Health and Safety Facts

- About 3.9 million employees are disabled at work in any given year.
- One work-related injury occurs every eight seconds.
- Accidental overdose of iron pills is the leading cause of poisoning deaths among children.
- Fire kills more Americans each year than ALL other natural disasters combined.
- Nature requires over five years to get rid of a cigarette butt.
- Of the 42,000 traffic fatalities in recent years, 41% were alcohol related.
- About eight out of every ten adults will have a back injury in their lives.
- On average about 400 people die from excess heat (heat stroke) each year.
- Occupational skin diseases costs \$1 billion annually in worker comp costs claims.



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