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Hoosier Worker Deaths Reach Historic Low *IDOL Issues Workplace Fatality Annual Report*

INDIANAPOLIS (August 22, 2013) – Today the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) released its annual preliminary Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) report for 2012. The IDOL reported 113 worker deaths in 2012, the lowest experienced since the CFOI report was introduced in 1992.

The most significant improvement was in manufacturing, which saw a 28 percent decrease in fatalities in 2012. Decreases in fatalities were seen in eight of ten major Hoosier industries.

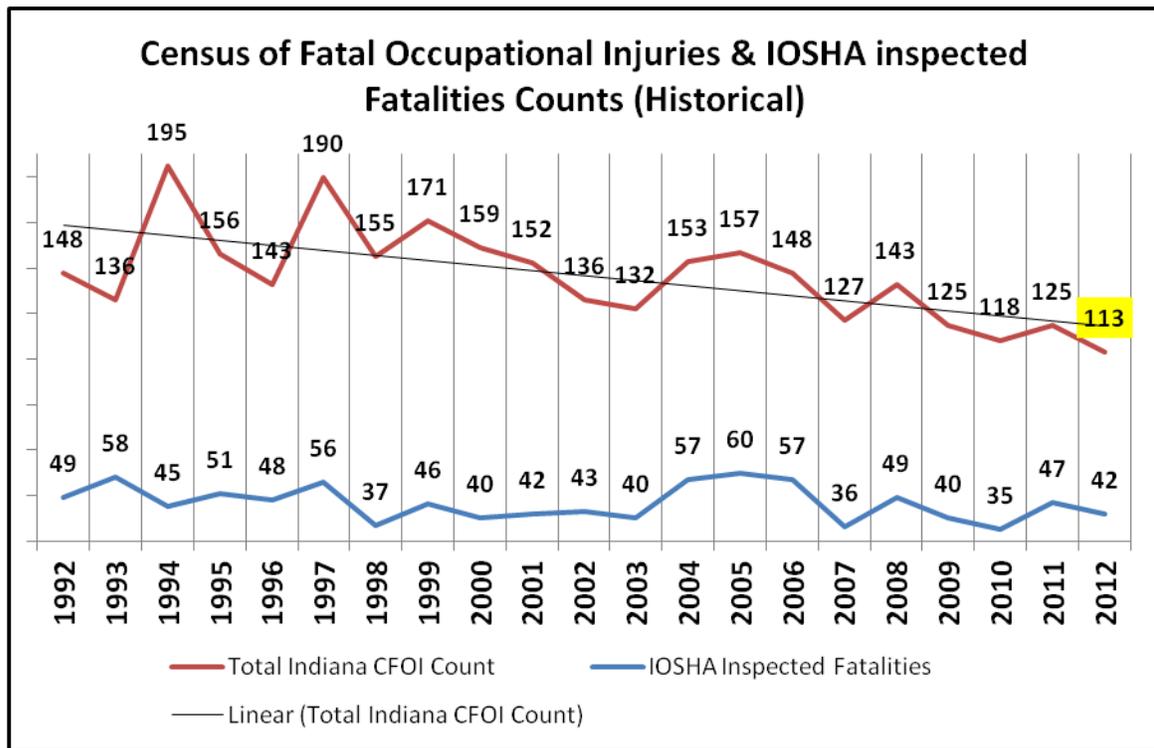
“While we celebrate this achievement, we are reminded that Hoosier workers deserve a safe and healthy workplace, and the Indiana Department of Labor continues to push to achieve that goal.” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Sean M. Keefer. “The record low number of workplace deaths means everyone, employers and employees alike, are doing a better job of protecting the Hoosier workforce. But we still have work to do to achieve a fully safe workplace environment statewide.

Some findings of the 2012 CFOI report include:

- Indiana experienced 113 worker deaths in 2012, the lowest reported fatalities since the CFOI report was introduced in 1992.
- Approximately half (56) of the occupational fatalities reported in 2012 were a result of a transportation-related incident. More than half (53 percent) of the workplace transportation-related deaths reported in 2012 were attributed to a roadway incident involving motorized land vehicles.
- Nearly all major Hoosier industry categories experienced a reduction in workplace fatalities in 2012.
- The Hoosier manufacturing industry experienced a major decrease (28 percent) in workplace deaths in 2012. Hoosier manufacturing experienced the highest one-year decline of any other major Indiana industry.

This review of workplace deaths demonstrates the number one cause of worker fatality in Indiana in 2012 was vehicle crashes. Early in 2013, the IDOL began executing strategies to help companies reduce transportation-related worker deaths.

For the 2012 preliminary CFOI report, visit www.in.gov/dol/2342.htm.



The final BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses data for 2012 is scheduled for release in October 2013.

About the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Data:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data for Indiana include work-related fatalities resulting from unintentional and intentional injuries. CFOI uses multiple data sources to identify, document, and verify work-related injury deaths. On an annual basis, thousands of documents including death certificates are reviewed by the Indiana Department of Labor's QMS Division staff to provide this data. CFOI began tracking the data in 1991.

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. www.in.gov/dol