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Hoosier Entities Partner with State Workplace Safety and Health Agency for Fall Prevention Initiative

INDIANAPOLIS (April 27, 2017) – INSafe, the Indiana Department of Labor’s workplace safety and health consultation division, will partner with Hoosier entities statewide to offer fall prevention training, free of charge, in conjunction with the 2017 National Safety Stand-down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

Falls are the leading cause of death for construction workers. In 2015, fatal injury from falls accounted for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities recorded (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics). Falls are preventable, and that is the goal of the annual awareness and prevention campaign organized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Four Hoosier entities have partnered with INSafe to provide this opportunity to learn, discuss, and take action to prevent falls and protect Hoosier workers. **The City of Michigan City** has partnered with INSafe to host the event in their City Hall building on Tuesday, May 9th. Out of their Indianapolis location, **Garmong Construction Services** will house the central Indiana event on Thursday, May 11th. Meanwhile, **University of Southern Indiana** in Evansville will host attendees for the training event. **Vincennes University Construction Technology** is partnering with INSafe on Friday, May 12th to offer the fall prevention event.

“The Indiana Department of Labor is very grateful for these organizations that have stepped up to help positively impact the safety and health of working Hoosiers across the state,” said Commissioner of Labor Rick J. Ruble. “Together, we can remind our Hoosier workers that they’re valued and should go home safely every day.”

Save the Date (Please visit the website for event specifics.)

What: National Safety Stand-down to Prevent Falls
(Fall Prevention Training and Awareness)

When: May 8 – 12, 2017

Where: City of Michigan City, City Hall, Michigan City, IN
Garmong Construction Services, Indianapolis, IN
University of Southern Indiana Health Professionals, Evansville, IN
Vincennes University Construction Technology, Vincennes, IN

While the training opportunity is designed for construction companies and contractors, all are welcome to attend. Participants can register online and all attendees who complete the course will receive a certificate of participation following the event.

Register online at www.in.gov/dol/2876.htm. For questions about this free training and awareness campaign, please email insafe@dol.in.gov. Seating is limited; please register early.

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

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About INSafe:

INSafe, a division of the Indiana Department of Labor, works with Indiana's employers, employees, labor unions, professional groups, trade organizations and others to ensure workplace health and safety. Services include on-site consultations, educational publications and training materials, group training and seminars, and pro-active voluntary safety and health programs designed to bring employers and employees together to create and maintain health working environments. Learn more at www.in.gov/dol/insafe.htm.

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