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Thanks to everyone who attended the 2008 ILCA conference in Columbus Ohio. Your questions and participation really helped to capitalize on a great group of speakers.

An overview of speakers and key points are listed below:

1. Bob Trieber from National Fire Sprinkler Association spoke on Sprinkler System Testing and Maintenance. Key points were the intent of the standard and necessary checks and tests to be completed.
2. David Hoover from Forklift Training Systems spoke about Forklift Safety. His "commonly violated rules" included excessive speed, hurried operation, failure to look when backing, failure to wear required safety equipment (seatbelts) and failure to complete pre shift checklists. He also addressed the 1998 update of the OSHA standard pertaining to training and certification of operators. This includes a combination of instruction, practical training, and practical exercises by the trainee and requires and evaluation at least every 3 years.
3. Steve Nolan, Director of Loss Control, for State Farm Insurance spoke about the "Future of Loss Control". His reasons for optimism included added value provided by the loss control function, new risks that create new opportunities, new technologies and enterprise risk management.
4. Patricia Murphy of Workers Choice Health Services spoke about Transitional Work Programs. An attention getting statistic provided was, employees off longer than 60 days only have a 50% chance of returning to work. Transitional work can help reduce lost time days, reduce number of restricted duty days and prevent claim reserve cost drivers.
5. Bob Titter from Ashland Inc presented on Combustible Dusts. His keys to preventing combustible dust exposures are to 1) Identify any combustible dust exposures 2) Install and properly maintain engineering controls to manage any dust exposures, including dust collectors and ventilation systems and 3) Develop and maintain proper housekeeping controls to manage any fugitive dust accumulations, including hidden areas above ceilings and on overhead building structural elements.
6. Michael P. Bell, the Ohio State Fire Marshall, opened the second day with a presentation about 3 overarching goals of the Division of State Fire Marshal. 1) Everyone goes home 2) Accountability and 3) Outreach. We finished with a discussion about how our job ties in with the fire service and how we may be able to help each other out with information sharing in the future.
7. Dr. Deborah Kearney from Job Smart System used relevant statistics and every day examples to illustrate how our aging workforce can be a benefit and how to protect them from occupational injuries. As of 2008, the average age of workers in the United States is 45 years old.

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## Feature Articles:

1. **Exposure to Extreme Temperatures**
2. **15 Passenger Van Safety**
3. **Winter Driving**

8. Gary G. Miller from the Cincinnati Red Cross Spoke about Disaster Preparedness.
9. Michael Mills of Liberty Mutual Insurance talked about Tower Cranes. Different types of cranes, hazards and necessary inspections were covered.
10. Paeder Lynch of Mid City Electrical Construction spoke about Electrical Safety and focused on Arch Flash and Arc blast, where they are normally encountered and some techniques and PPE to help avoid injury.
11. Philip Hastings of Motorists Group/ Nationwide presented on Industrial Accident Investigation and Reconstruction. This session covered the key elements of the accident investigation process from the preparation for, and then response to an accident. He covered collection tools, equipment and materials needed to conduct the investigation, fact finding techniques to use in the interview process, preservation of evidence, all to identify the primary cause and document the details.
12. Paul Farrell, CEO of Safety First, talked about Fleet Safety and focused on the ANSI Z15.1 standard. This voluntary standard applies to any business regardless of size or classification and can be used to create or audit fleet safety programs.
13. John Puskar from Combustion Safety Inc talked about Boilers. Many items were covered including equipment safety, necessary inspections and checks, frequency of inspections and some case studies on boiler explosions.
14. Brett Gillilan from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation gave an enthusiastic presentation on behavior based safety. This topic not only reaches to the core of why unsafe acts and conditions exist, but also how to relate the skill of behavior based safety to your personal lives and win bets with your spouse.

The business cards below were submitted for publication at the conference by vendors.



We would like to extend another thank you to the sponsors and vendors who helped to make the conference a success.

We would also like to thank Steve Edmonds and Betty Ayrton for spearheading the planning of the conference, as well as everyone else that participated in putting the conference together.

**ARTICLES:**

Exposure to freezing and cold temperatures for extended periods of time may cause serious health problems such as trench foot, frostbite and hypothermia. In extreme cases, including cold water submersion, exposure can lead to death. Danger signs include uncontrolled shivering, slurred speech, clumsy movements, fatigue and confused behavior. If these signs are observed, call immediately for emergency help. (See the below link for full article)  
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Almost all of us have clients who use 15 passenger vans to transport a variety of people, including churches, schools, municipalities and many others. Because more and more of these vehicles are being used in lieu of school busses to transport children, the information in the following link is even more important.  
[http://www.nts.gov/alerts/SA\\_001.pdf](http://www.nts.gov/alerts/SA_001.pdf)

This article covers something that is near and dear to all of our hearts as loss control representatives, winter driving. We often serve as an outside set of eyes and remind people when they are overlooking common sense because of the frequency in which they do an operation. The tips for winter driving should be useful for our clients as well as ourselves. Unfortunately, we can't apply the last tip for driving in snow all that often.  
<http://www.aapublicaffairs.com/Main/Default.asp?CategoryID=3&SubCategoryID=55>

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