



**WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA SAFETY ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**NOTES from meeting held August 22, 2008**  
**@ Tampa Area Safety Council**  
**11am - 1pm**

1. **WEB HOSTING** - Ernie was asked to update the committee about saddle Creek hosting a webpage for our Alliance. While in the meeting Ernie e-mailed his I.S. department and received the okay to proceed with setting up a site through SCC's server. Ernie volunteered to build the first version of the page and he will update the committee at its next meeting.
2. **MEETING DATES** - The committee agreed to hold meetings on the third Friday of each month from 11am to Noon and members will take turns hosting meetings. The next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at Saddle Creek Corporation. Ernie Harben will provide a facility tour prior to the meeting. The Alliance members decided not to meet in December because of other business and personal commitments that month.
3. **SPI CONFERENCE AND EXPO** - Jody Ciccarello presented Safety Products Inc.'s "Occupational Safety Conference and Expo" information. In addition to several presentations, there will be 60 vendors. The Alliance agreed to have their October meeting at this conference and Jody will arrange for a meeting room. The meeting will be held at the Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime, Lakeland, FL 33815 at 11am. WCFSa members may attend presentations for free if they fax a request to Jody at 863-668-4604.
4. **ALLIANCE FOR CENTRAL FL SAFETY DAYS** - Bill Shooter announced his alliance will host its annual "Safety Days" conference and expo on March 4, 2009. Please reserve the date on your calendar. There will be free presentations, vendor displays and lunch.
5. **WORKER SAFETY TRAINING FOR HURRICANE RECONSTRUCTION** - Joan presented information about this ½ day training session presented by the Tampa Area Safety Council and the Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC through their OSHA Alliances and provided by OSHA in partnership with the University of Florida. The session is free but you must be pre-registered by Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Patty at 813-248-1567.
6. **SAFETY TOPICS:**
  - a. Sandi Potts: - Lightning Rods - Are these recommended and are they helpful. Members recommended them but cautioned her to be sure they were installed by an experienced firm.

Greg Thompson offered to share the names of some firms he knows which install these rods. It was also suggested to look into "ZapCap" through Tampa Electric which is an entire package for protection from electrical surges through the power lines.

- b. Joan Spencer: Safety Councils branching "out of safety" - Is there a way to expand our areas of influence by reaching out to other business disciplines besides safety (i.e. finance, accounting, HR, etc.)? The members did not see many direct links with the accounting/finance sector of business. Visit ASSE and BSE websites. Bill Shooter has some information regarding ROI he will share with Joan.
- c. Ernie Harben: General Contractor/Subcontractor Liabilities - The members advised Ernie to have his legal counsel review his business's procedures in regard to activities carried out on his firm's business by outside contractors. There could be some liability (torte) if the outside contractor is not advised of safety processes prior to the start of work. Also, see <http://www.querrey.com/news-newsletterarticles-61.html> "OSHA Changes the Game for General Contractor's".
- d. Bill Shooter: Certified Environmental Building Professional Seminar - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the United Safety Council in Orlando. Contact Bill for more information.
- e. Joan Spencer: Upcoming Activities - Joan invited members to share other safety related activities. Alan Pratt mentioned the upcoming Ammonia Transport seminar at the Port Authority. More information on Local Emergency Planning Center website. Anthony Rosa: Hispanic small business owners are organizing a course on safety. More info. to follow.

**Next Meeting**  
**September 26, 2008**  
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**Agenda for September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting**  
**10am - Facility Tour with Ernie Harben**  
**11am - Meeting Call to Order**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Old Business:**
  - A. Website update/Ernie Harben**
  - B. Resource Guide/Committee Report**
  - C. Warehouse Program/committee report/Joan & Ernie**
  - D. Fall Protection training for Kearney Construction**
- 3. New Business**
  - A. Discussion Safety Expo - October Meeting,training,participation - Jodie Ciccarello to update**
  - B. Open discussion on program suggestions**
- 4. Safety Topics - open discussion**
- 5. Meeting adjourned**

