



WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA SAFETY ALLIANCE MEETING NOTES

February 17, 2012 at Noon

Our thanks to the Tampa Area Safety Council and
Patty Fernandez for hosting the meeting
and
Joan Spencer of OSHA's Tampa Office for lunch!

ATTENDEES:

Jodie Ciccarello, Facilitator
Mark Robbins
Jaine Bain
David E. Johnson
Dorothy Williams

Neille Walters
Pam Cohen
Todd Stetson
Mac Williams
Ken Lore

Scott MacDonald
Carl York
Ernie Harben

PRESENTATION:

Alex Berti of Howard Leight by Honeywell was our guest speaker. He spoke on hearing conservation and noise protection..

Alex's presentation was very well received as he covered the anatomy of the ear and science of hearing and noise. In addition he discussed regulations related to worker safety and hearing along with the current science and research into hearing protection.

Attendees were given a large number of hearing protection samples to take with them along with posters required by OSHA for designated hearing conservation program areas.

A copy of Alex's presentation is available at <http://www.hearforever.org/tampaosha2012>.

BUSINESS MEETING:

A brief business meeting was held over lunch (thanks Joan!). After going around the room for introductions we discussed the following:

1. We had to say "good bye" to Mark Robbins with Summit Holdings. Mark is retiring and will be missed.
2. The following is planned for future meetings:
 - a. March 16 – Plant tour at Covanta, in Brandon
 - b. April 20 – SPI Safety Health Fair in Lakeland
 - c. May 18 – Meet at Tampa Area Safety Council. Patty Fernandez will prepare a t
 - d. June 15 – David Johnson is looking at a tour with CF Industries

- e. July 20 – Scott MacDonald will check on a tour at Mosaic Phosphate
 - f. August 17 – Tampa Area Safety Council will again host us. Patty Fernandez is looking into a presentation topic.
 - g. September 21 – Meet at Saddle Creek Corporation in Lakeland
 - h. October 19 – Jodie Ciccarello will look into a presentation on Flash Arc clothing
 - i. November 18 - Tampa Area Safety Council will again host us. Patty Fernandez is looking into a presentation topic.
 - j. December 21 – Holiday gathering and luncheon (location TBD)
3. Joan Spencer reminded all of us that OSHA’s fall protection standard for residential construction has been extended for 6-months (September 15). She also discussed OSHA’s standards for aerial lifts.
4. We discussed the recent news releases regarding Apple Inc. electronic manufacturing practices in China and the contrast to worker protection here in the USA. (Buy American!)

NEXT MEETING: March 17, a tour of Covanta Energy Company. Meet at Sonny’s Real Pit Bar-B-QUe at 9:30 AM located at 10010 E. Adamo Dr. in Tampa.