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# Safety Matters In the Lives of Employees

## Learning About Fire Safety Can Save Lives

**F**ires are unpredictable at best, with over 60% being caused by accidents. It is important that everyone knows and understand basic fire safety through training. Training will better prepare everyone in case the worst happens. No matter how good a person's instincts are, it can only do so much, and the knowledge that individuals can gain from fire safety training can literally save their lives.

**S**afety office personnel from across the departments gathered at the Philadelphia Fire Department's Training Academy back in July to receive Fire Prevention and Response Training. The Fire Prevention Unit graciously provided the training. This training also gave participants an opportunity to receive hands-on fire extinguisher use experience. Such practical training was not only helpful for the workplace, but provided skills that can be utilized for fire safety in their personal lives.



Lt. Mercer provided an excellent training as well as shared resources and information that attendees were able to take back to their workplace and family members.

The class was also given a tour of the Fire Academy's training facility where new cadets learn to use a variety of specialized equipment and techniques to become fire fighters. Everyone gained an inside look about the rigorous training firefighters have to go through to serve the City's residents.

**THANK YOU PHILA. FIRE DEPT!**

**"I thought that the Lieutenant was very knowledgeable and did a great job." - Participant**

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# Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Implications at the Local Level



Changes to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard will impact the City of Philadelphia. OSHA revised its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Two significant changes require manufacturers to use the new labels and a standardized format for Safety Data Sheets (SDS), formerly known as Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The new labels and SDS will improve worker understanding of the hazards associated with the hazardous substances in their workplace. OSHA is phasing in the new requirements over several years (December 1, 2013 to June 1, 2016).

## Labels:

The **Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right to Know (PA RTK) Act** requires that each container or pipeline have a label showing the name of the chemical, a hazard warning and the name, address and phone number of the chemical manufacturer or supplier. Suppliers, as a condition of doing business in Pennsylvania, must ensure that containers of hazardous substances are labeled in accordance with the RTK Act.

The revised OSHA Hazard Communication Standard requires specific information to be included on the label. Figure 1 is an example label (including explanatory information) that includes all the required OSHA Hazard Communication Standard label elements. There are nine(9) pictograms that have been established to universally identify chemical hazards. Figure 2 identifies those pictograms.

**2** **1** Sulfuric Acid **2**

**3** Danger! May be harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Fatal if inhaled. Harmful to aquatic life.

**4**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wear respiratory protection.

**5**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

In case of fire Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

See Material Safety Data Sheet for further details regarding safe use of this product.

**6** Sigma-Aldrich 3050 Spruce Street SAINT LOUIS MO 63103 USA Telephone : +18003255832

**1** Product Identifier **4** Hazard Statements

**2** Pictograms **5** Precautionary Statements

**3** Signal word, "Danger!" **6** Supplier Information

FIGURE 1. Sample Label

## Safety Data Sheets (SDS):

PA RTK requires the employer to make readily available without permission or intervention from management or a supervisor, the SDS for every hazardous substance or hazardous mixture to which the employee maybe exposed. SDSs are supplied by the manufacturer and provide detailed information on the properties of hazardous chemicals. SDSs for hazardous substances present in a work area must be made readily available to employees working in that area without permission or intervention from management or a supervisor.

*The revised OSHA Hazard Communication Standard requires SDSs to have the following sections:*

- Section 1. Identification
- Section 2. Hazards Identification
- Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients
- Section 4. First Aid Measures
- Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures
- Section 6. Accidental Release Measures
- Section 7. Handling and Storage
- Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection
- Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties
- Section 10. Stability and Reactivity
- Section 11. Toxicological Information
- Section 12. Ecological Information (non-mandatory)
- Section 13. Disposal Considerations (non-mandatory)
- Section 14. Transportation Information (non-mandatory)
- Section 15. Regulatory Information (non-mandatory)
- Section 16. Other Information.

For additional information click on the following links:

<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/hazcom-faq.html>

<http://complianceplace.com/newsletters/2013-05-May.html>



FIGURE 2. GHS Pictograms

Welcome

# New Safety Committees Members!



**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”**

– [Helen Keller](#)

A department’s employee safety program can be further strengthened by its Safety Committee and the contributions of each member. As of July 1, 2012 there has been **156 NEW safety committee members** from **29** departments. Members receive training in Safety Committee Operations, Hazard Identification, and Incident Investigation. These are the three required courses that all new members must complete. The new membership is a testament of the value and commitment placed on workplace safety by department executives in allowing employees to become actively involved as safety committee members.

The following departments and its committee members are the City’s newest addition to its safety culture.

**Aviation**

- Babu, Sobi
- Carmichale, William
- Chambers, Nattiel
- Dougherty, Chris
- Howard, Yvonne
- Kane-Gallant, Robin
- Lyons, Keith
- McGrath, Albert
- Quinn, Robert
- Ramos, Robert
- Regan, Leo
- Robinson, Milton

**City Controller**

- Constance, Donna
- Orgovan, Marc

**Commerce**

- Ash, Peter
- Day, Derrick
- Hammond, Robert

**Community Life Improvement Program**

- Gonzales, Danilo D.
- Sicinski, Carol
- Turrentine, Justin

**Department of Human Services (DHS)**

- Berman, Matthew
- DuFour, Ronald
- Fields, Vanessa
- Jamison, John
- Lee, Anna
- Matthews, Linda
- Rice, Maurice
- Tolen, William

**Dept. of Behavioral Health (DBHIDS)**

- Drain, Richard
- Miller, Ernest Jr.
- Orlin, Jeffery
- Robinson, Venetta
- Warner, Nikena

**District Attorney's Office (DA)**

- Hoffman, Deborah

**Office of the Director of Finance**

- Danner, Sandra
- Fardelmann, Andrea
- Smallwood, Doris

**Fire (PFD)**

- Glynn, Shawn
- Spencer, John

**First Judicial District (FJD)**

- Davis, Kathres
- Dorchery, Tabitha
- Hall, Albert
- Malone-Rowe, Christine
- Paggio, Mark
- Policarpo, Dolores
- Rawls-Couyton, Yvette
- Smith, James
- Stovall, Maurice

**Fleet**

- Selman, Wayne

**Health**

- Athanasiadis, Kimberly
- Brubaker, Amber
- Carter, Terrance
- Fey, Roger
- Olszewski, Stephen
- Scott, Stewart
- Smith, Howard
- Wood, Glenn

**Law**

- Barr, Joseph
- Johnson-Lowe, Angela

**Library**

- Birden, Drew

**Licenses and Inspections**

- Quinn, Christine

**Managing Director's Office (MDO)**

- Citron, Manny
- Ferraro, James

- Hobson, Morris
- Winston, Valerie

**Mayor's Office**

- Wilson-Young, Faye

**Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity**

- Spearman, Marc

**Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD)**

- Pravs, Monika

**Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT)**

- Whitaker, Misty

**Office of Property Assessment (OPA)**

- Bracy, Shauna
- Wright-Lewis, Alicia

**Office of Supportive Housing (OSH)**

- Brannan, Margaret
- Gourdine, Alicia
- Guzman, Ana
- Matthews, Tiffany
- Rucker, Dennis

**Philadelphia Commission Human Relations (PCHR)**

- Hudson, Christina
- Szymanski, Veronica

**Police (PPD)**

- Gain, Joanne
- Singleton, Fatima
- Singleton, Tijuana

**Prisons (PPS)**

- Cuffee, Nakia
- Green, William
- Rosenthal, Lynn

**Procurement**

- Brown, Valerie
- Crawford, Mark

**Public Property (DPP)**

- Shuman, Michelle

**Sheriff's Office**

- Colon, Carlos
- Davenport, Paris
- Franks, Marilyn
- Herbert, Roy B.
- Rucci, Gerrilynn

**Water (PWD)**

- Addesso, Anthony
- Atkins, Robert
- Bird, Rochelle
- Brown, Gloria
- Brown, Linwood
- Bryant, David
- Burger, Adam
- Butler, Alton
- Candelora, Anthony

- Canty, Darlene
- Cato, Nile
- Ciampoli, Mike
- Corley, Zegregory
- Cowley, Douglas
- Credle, Louis
- Delisi, Lavera
- Delisi, Peter
- Demmer, Steve
- Douglas, Persall
- Duke, Michael
- Dunlap, Gary
- Epps, John
- Fowler, David
- Gnoza, Walter
- Goldiner, Lonnie
- Green, Mark
- Hernandez, David
- Houck, Craig
- John, Abey
- Johnson, Baby
- Jones, William
- Jordan, Diane
- Keeler, Thomas
- Lyons, Melvin
- Mason, Darryl
- Maszkiewicz, Joe
- McGlotten, Darlene
- McMahon, Mike
- Mitchell, Steve
- Payton, Kimberly
- Phipps, Jeff
- Pryor, Kim
- Quattlebaum, Judy
- Ramseur, Lloyd
- Riemenscheider, Robyn
- Rivera, Antonio
- Rodgers, Jameel
- Russell, Patricia
- Russell, Patty
- Schall, Patrick
- Schurman, Timothy
- Slusher, William
- Sooy, Jeanette
- Stevenson, Robert
- Sullivan, Donell
- Taylor, Michelle
- Taylor, Tanisha
- Thomas, Samuel J.
- Tolbert, Charles
- Ulahannan, Benny
- Watson, Bill Jr.
- Webster, Leonard
- Wesley, Steven
- White, Wiley

“Workplace safety committees play an important part in workplace accident-and illness -prevention efforts and are essential to achieving continuous improvement in a safety program”

- PA Bureau of PENNSAFE



## Meet the Staff... Newest Team Members of SLPU



### Andrea Fardelmann Safety & Health Specialist



Andrea Fardelmann is the Safety and Health Specialist and team lead for the Occupational Health and Vehicle Safety Teams. Andrea is also the secondary liaison to the Planning, Economic Development and the Public Safety departmental cluster. Andrea has 8 years of experience in the environmental health and safety field. Andrea has worked in the aerospace industry and the consumer goods packaging industry most recently with the Kellogg's Company where she was the Safety Manager for the East Region division. Andrea has experience in ergonomics, driver safety programs and accident investigations among other areas. Andrea graduated from Keene State College with a B.S. in Occupational Health and Safety.

### Corinne Bailey Safety & Health Specialist



Corinne K. Bailey is our newest member of Risk Management's SLPU Team. Corrine has over 10 years of progressive experience in Environmental, Health and Safety. Her professional history includes positions such as EHS Coordinator for a chemical manufacturer and environmental safety and health consultant for various industries to include pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing, and commercial and residential construction. She also served as a sanitarian for the State of Maryland Department of Health's Environmental Health Section. Corinne is a certified Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST). She obtained her B.S. degree in Environmental Health from Salisbury University.

## Important Dates & Upcoming Trainings

\*\*NOTE\*\* Dates May Change

*Please check Risk Management's website for the most current information*

<http://www.phila.gov/risk>

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|  | <b>Tues. September 17, 2013</b> | <b><u>SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING SERIES: THE REVISED OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD: Impact On The PA Worker and Community Right To Know Program</u></b> |
|  | <b>Mon . September 23, 2013</b> | <b><u>Distracted Driver Training: Understanding the Distracted Brain (Open to all City Employees)</u></b>   |
|  | <b>Wed. September 25, 2013</b>  | <b><u>Distracted Driver Training: Understanding the Distracted Brain (Open to all City Employees)</u></b>   |
|  | <b>Wed. October 9, 2013</b>     | <b><u>Safety Committee FACILITATOR Training</u></b><br>(This training is mandatory for all Safety Officers, Chair, & Co-Chair; Recommended for Secretary) |
|  | <b>Tues. October 15, 2013</b>   | <b><u>1st Quarter—Goals and Objectives DUE</u></b><br>(Early Bird Submissions Due by October 8, 2013)   |
|  | <b>Thurs. October 17, 2013</b>  | <b><u>ANNUAL REFRESHER Safety Committee Training</u></b><br>(This yearly training is required for all safety committee members)                           |
|  | <b>Tues. October 22, 2013</b>   | <b><u>SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING SERIES: WORKPLACE VIOLENCE</u></b>  |
|  | <b>Tues. October 29, 2013</b>   | <b><u>QUARTERLY Safety Officers' Meeting</u></b>  |
|  | <b>Tues. November 5, 2013</b>   | <b><u>INITIAL Safety Committee Member Training: Safety Committee Operations, Hazard Identification, and Incident Investigation</u></b>                    |