



NEW JERSEY UTILITY AUTHORITIES JOINT INSURANCE FUND

SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: June 19, 2014

Toms River MUA

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund Safety Committee was held on June 19, 2014 at the Toms River MUA. The following members and professionals were in attendance.

MEMBER	NAME
Bayshore Regional SA	Charles Theodora
Bernards Township SA	Nicholas Pietrefesa
Deptford MUA	Marlene Di Marco
Eatontown SA	Richard Johnson
Evesham MUA	Kurt Croft
	Tom Schmitt
Hamilton Township MUA	Stephen Blankenship
Hillsborough MUA	Rich Godlewski
Jackson Township MUA	Richard Quigley
Lacey MUA	Darren Coraggio
Manasquan River Regional SA	James Roe
Mantua MUA	Don Bonney
Monmouth County Bayshore OA	Jonathan Mannarino
Monroe MUA	Joseph Mc Grail
Mount Holly MUA	Anthony Stagliano
Musconetcong SA	Keith De Fazio
North Bergen MUA	Tom Mahan
Passaic Valley WC	George Lewis
Pennsauken SA	Alan Gudis
Pompton Lakes MUA	Kathleen Shortway
Riverside SA	Joe Bader
Rockaway Valley RSA	Maria Brush
Somerset-Raritan Valley SA	Norma Smullen
	Michael Trent
Stony Brook RSA	Pete Irizarry
Toms River MUA	Bernie Rutkowski
Western Monmouth UA	Rosemary Fillimon
	Robert Smith
	George White
Conner Strong & Buckelew	Michael Avalone
Hardenbergh Insurance	Joseph Henry
J. A. Montgomery Risk Control	Howard Spencer

Thank you from the NJUA Executive Safety Committee and J. A. Montgomery to Bernie Rutkowski for hosting and providing the refreshments.

TECHNICAL TRAINING:

Anthony and Bernie had arranged for a demonstration out in the parking lot from Capital Equipment on fall protection. The two presenters displayed and passed around various pieces of equipment, harnesses and anchorage devices.

The demos of weight drops with several types of arresting gear dramatically demonstrated the forces involved in decelerating a falling person. While the presentation was focused on construction exposures some mention of confined space activities were reviewed. The consensus after the presentation was that it was very beneficial.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The regular NJUA Executive Safety Committee Meeting began at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting Minutes from the April 17, 2014 Executive Safety Committee were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Howard reviewed the various Safety Director bulletins issued so far this year. Particular attention is drawn to the new offering of a new on-line class on Attention and Distraction Driving. A flyer with log-on instructions was distributed. In addition to the SD Bulletin on heat stress, several members mentioned the relatively new heat app available from OSHA as a free download.

The Second Quarter NJUA SIP report is due by July 31, 2014.

LOST TIME ACCIDENT FREQUENCY:

Howard presented the statistics available as a handout. The major item of note is our precipitous drop from the second best in the JIFs to last place. The members feel that this was due to particularly bad winter weather and numerous slip and fall injuries across all the members. Howard reminded members to do thorough incident reviews and develop viable action items. We were so good for so long that we do not want to become complacent. Our busy season is upon us, and we must be vigilant to recover from this temporary slump.

MEETING TOPIC COMMITTEE:

The tentative schedule for the technical training is under development. Announcements will follow.

Please hold the following dates:

August 21 – Rockaway Valley RSA – Indoor Air Quality
September 26 – Camden Safety EXPO
November 7 – Middlesex Safety EXPO

REGULATORY INSPECTION UPDATES/INSPECTIONS/SAFETY MANUAL

Both Anthony and Bernie expressed satisfaction with their use of the PEOSH Consultative service. The both felt a proactive approach with negotiable compliance time was preferable to a surprise visit possible from a less knowledgeable compliance officer and the risk of citations, fines and short correction times.

Safety Expo's:

Anthony announced that there would be a brief EXPO Committee meeting after this meeting. He said that the schedule of classes was nearly complete and the "Track" system was dropped this year due to several past attendees mistakenly believing that they had to sign up for and attend an entire track. The matrix this year has classes ending the same time across the day and allows for freer movement between offerings.

Communication/Website:

The Committee had nothing to report.

Strategic Planning:

Discussion deferred until a later meeting.

National Safety Stand Down Program:

Anthony asked if any members participated. No members present indicated that they had.

2014 JIF Safety Resources Disk:

Not reviewed.

COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS:

Lively discussion of regulatory issues during the consultation services discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled to be August 21 – Rockaway Valley RSA

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.