



# Safety Update

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## **SAFETY MEETING & PRESENTATION ON MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY RULES – MAY 11, 2018**

The next AGC of Ohio Safety Meeting, scheduled on May 11 at the AGC office in Columbus, will include an update on federal and state motor carrier safety rules. The guest presenter will be Lillian Lancaster with the Transportation Enforcement Division of Ohio Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the agency that enforces motor carrier rules in Ohio. She will provide general information about the inter- and intrastate rules and changes including the ELD Rule, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (Medical Examiner's Certification Integration Rule), etc.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the motor carrier presentation and conclude before noon. Other agenda items include OSHA regulatory and enforcement activities, AGC and divisions safety efforts, workers compensation, and pertinent safety health matters of interest. The meeting is open to all AGC of Ohio members and free of charge. RSVP attendance to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: [andrea@agcoho.com](mailto:andrea@agcoho.com) or (614) 486-6446.

## **A FOURTH BWC "BILLION BACK" ANNOUNCED**

Governor Kasich and Ohio BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison on Tuesday proposed giving Ohio employers \$1.5 billion in premium rebates this summer, making it the fourth "billion back" under the Administration. The rebate, BWC's largest in 20 years, will be proposed to BWC's Board of Directors Wednesday, April 25, with a vote expected at the board's May 24 meeting. If approved, rebate checks would likely be mailed in July and August.

The proposed rebate equals 85 percent of the premiums paid for the policy year that ended June 30, 2017. As with previous rebates, BWC is also exploring a significant investment in health and safety services, the details of which will be announced later.

Morrison cautioned that despite recent history, strong investment returns and rebates are a goal, not a guarantee. "Our investments are still growing, but we're seeing the rate of that growth moderate in 2018," she said. "There are lots of variables that influence the market."

With this rebate, BWC will have saved employers \$8 billion in workers' compensation costs since 2011 after considering other rebates, credits, greater efficiencies and several rate reductions. More details on the rebate can be found [here](#). An overview of the \$8 billion in workers' comp savings since 2011 can be found [here](#).

## **ANNUAL OSHA SAFETY STAND DOWN TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION**

OSHA's [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls](#) is scheduled May 7-11 this year. The annual event encourages employers across the nation to pause during their workday for discussions, safety demonstrations, and trainings in hazard recognition and fall prevention. The OSHA [website](#) provides resources for employers to assist them with planning stand-down activities.

**AGC OF AMERICA SUMMER SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS – JULY 25-27, 2018**

This year's AGC of America Summer Safety & Health Conference will be held close to Ohio – at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis (discounted rooms available with a group block; [learn more](#)) – from July 25-27. It's a great opportunity for safety professionals to:

- Hear from key OSHA representatives on the latest updates to regulations and OSHA activities.
- Get the latest updates on congressional activities directly affecting construction safety and health.
- Learn about the latest safety and health initiatives from industry experts
- Participate on subcommittee and taskforce meetings
- Assist in the development and creation of new safety training programs and products
- Take an active role in improving safety and health in the construction industry.
- Attend social events hosted by the sponsors and AGC and interact with other attendees.

View the complete [meeting agenda](#). Learn more and register [here](#).