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IMPORTANT Dates to Remember

- **Safety Awards Program -**
Reporting forms
Due April 1st
- **Membership Meeting**—April
18, 2019
- **M&M Sporting Clay Event**—April
26th—Flyer to
follow
- **Safety Awards Program**—May
16th

REMINDER—OSHA 300 LOG

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to post the 2018 OSHA 300A Log on all jobsites from February 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019.

This form is a summary of all occupational injuries and illnesses throughout the previous year logged on the OSHA 300 form.

Please be certain the individual responsible for preparing and signing the form can certify the totals are correct.

If you have not received the form, you can obtain a copy on OSHA's website at www.osha.gov or call the Marlton, NJ OSHA Office at 856-596-5200.



BCA/SJ SPORTING CLAY EVENT Friday, April 26th

Come and join us and experience the fastest-growing shotgun sport in America—M & M Sporting Clays, Pennsville, NJ.

Originally designed to simulate hunting, sporting clays is now often described as “golf with a shotgun.”

Clay targets are presented in a variety of unique woods and open field situations on a course that is challenging and fun.

M & M's courses are the nation's finest, and considered by many to be among the best clay-target facilities in the world.

M & M offers a novice course and an advanced course to ensure fun for shooters of all experience levels and abilities.

Instruction and orientation is included to review safety requirements and basic skills before the event. Information to follow.

Beginners are welcome!

Tool Box Safety Talk

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, tasteless and can be deadly. Small amounts of CO are in the air whenever fuel is burned and usually are not harmful. However, if fuel-burning equipment or appliances aren't working properly, or are misused, too much CO can build up in the air and cause CO poisoning.

While CO poisoning is a year-round threat, it is more common in cold weather when more fuel heating appliances are in use.

Be aware of CO poisoning symptoms including severe headaches, nausea, vomiting and sleepiness. Symptoms can occur immediately or gradually after long-term exposure.

If you think high levels of CO are in your home or business, go outside! If there is a medical emergency, such as someone falling unconscious, take the person outside to fresh air and call 911.

For Safety Sake:

- Make sure all fuel-burning appliances operate and are maintained properly. Such appliances include gas and oil furnaces, water heaters, gas ranges, space heaters and gas clothes dryers. Improperly vented fireplaces can also give off CO.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors as back-up protection. Install a CO detector in every area of your house or business. Regularly check the batteries.
- Don't allow vehicles, snow blowers or any gasoline powered engine to idle in a garage— especially if the garage is attached to your house or business. CO can drift and create a hazardous situation.
- Never use ovens or clothes dryers for heating.



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**Construction Employment Ends 2018
on the Upside:**

For both the month and the year, state construction employment across the country was positive, with 43 states and DC adding jobs between December 2017 and 2018, and 36 states adding jobs between November and December. After a long year of construction job losses, New Jersey ended on a positive note, up 100 jobs for the year period, a 0.1% blip, and 400 jobs for the month, a 0.3% increase. In the region, Connecticut came out strong with the highest percentage gain for the year-over-year, leaping 16.9% on the addition of 9,700 jobs, and in the top five percentage increases for the month, up 3.3% with 2,100 new jobs. Rhode Island did well for the month, coming in fourth in percentage gain at 4.1% with 800 new jobs. For the year, Rhode Island added 900 jobs, a 4.8% increase. Delaware added 1,600 jobs for the year period, a 7.1% jump, and 300 for the month, up 1.3%. New York added 14,600 jobs for the year, up 3.8% – bringing total construction employment to a new record high for the state – and 1,500 for the month, up 0.4%. Pennsylvania added 900 jobs for the year, a 0.4% gain, but lost 1,200 for the month, down 0.5%.

Willingboro Hospital Could Become Drug Treatment Center:

If Virtua Health and Lourdes Health merge as planned, Virtua would turn Lourdes Medical Center in Willingboro (Burlington County) into a specialty hospital for behavioral health and addiction treatment. Currently it's a full-service hospital with 173 beds on Sunset Road. Also, as part of the merger, Virtua would convert Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Camden into a cardiac care center. The merger is under review by the state Attorney General's office.

Rutgers Study Shows Smooth Pavement Helps Environment:

Rutgers' School of Engineering has released a study demonstrating pavement preservation cuts greenhouse emissions, notably carbon dioxide. An asphalt overlay of up to two inches will reduce carbon-dioxide emissions by 2%, the study found. The asphalt overlay was more effective at cutting emissions than chip seal, slurry seal and crack seal preservation. Regardless of method, the study also pointed out smoother pavement can cut transportation agency spending by 10% to 30%, along with reducing driver costs – lower fuel consumption and maintenance costs, less tire wear and vehicle repair. The study, *Quantifying greenhouse gas emission of* (Continued)

asphalt pavement preservation at construction and use stages using life-cycle assessment, was published January 11 in the International Journal of Sustainable Transportation.

AtlantiCare Announces \$38 Million Medical Services Facility in AC:

Following preliminary approval of a grant from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority for land and some funding, AtlantiCare has announced it will construct a 65,000-square-foot medical facility to expand services to Atlantic City residents. The building, estimated to cost \$38 million, will house classrooms for undergraduate medical students and graduate medical residents; AtlantiCare's Maternal/Fetal Medicine Program (which will move from its current location at 1401 Atlantic Ave.); an urgent care center for uninsured and under-insured residents; and a floor for dialysis provided in partnership with Fresenius Kidney Care Boardwalk. The new facility will be located at Ohio and Atlantic avenues across from AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. The site was given to AtlantiCare through the CRDA grant, along with \$15 million toward construction of the project.

Stop Waiting in the Security Line

(How to get TSA Precheck Status for Free)

Sick of standing in bone-aching airport security lines? A growing number of credit card providers will cover the \$85 fee for the Transportation Security Administration's Precheck program. Approved travelers typically wait less than five minutes in line.

Bonus: You also don't have to lose your shoes, belt and dignity. The perk once came only with some premium credit cards that have annual fees of around \$450. But now many lower-cost cards provide the benefit.

See a list at tsa.gov/precheck/credit-cards-offer.

To get Precheck status, apply at TSA.gov. After a meeting and a 10-minute background check, you'll be covered for five years of travel.

JUST A REMINDER:

All BCA/SJ members are welcome to obtain notary services at the BCA/SJ office. Call if you are in need of this service.

If you are looking for a way to get more exposure among other BCA/SJ Members send us articles of interest for inclusion in the monthly newsletter or submit a press release for your company.