





Class engages in the Small Group Activity Method

OSHEP and the Rutgers University Heldrich Center for Workforce Development will continue this training with another class set for December 12-14. This class is full; however more will be added in the beginning of 2007. We are committed to providing quality training and education programs to meet the changing needs of the workforce in New Jersey. Safe and secure workplaces protect workers and all residents of New Jersey.

**NEW CLASS ANNOUNCED:  
OSHA 7600 DISASTER SITE WORKER TRAINING**

OSHA 10 Hour—Construction Industry  
Tuesday, November 14 and  
Wednesday, November 15, 2006  
(pre-requisite for the 16-hour disaster site worker training)

OSHA 16 Hour Disaster Site Worker Training  
Thursday, November 16 and  
Friday, November 17, 2006

8:00am - 4:00pm  
Heldrich Center for Workforce Development  
CIVIC SQUARE BUILDING  
Room 253  
33 Livingston Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO is proud to announce that registration for an OSHA 7600 Disaster Site Worker Training class is underway. Disaster Site Workers' roles and responsibilities on the job site are unique. Whether the disaster is natural or man-made, the on-site worker needs to develop an awareness of safety and health hazards that may be encountered. The OSHA 7600 Disaster Site Worker Course is a voluntary training program that seeks to educate and enable Disaster Site Workers to recognize that they have a responsibility to make decisions and choices that will positively affect their personal health/safety and that of others at the site. This is the primary theme of this 16-hour awareness course. Authorized OSHA trainers from the New Jersey State AFL-CIO will facilitate this workshop.

Topics will Include:

- Introduction/Overview of Disaster Sites
- Incident Command/Unified Command Systems
- Traumatic Incident Stress Awareness
- Health Hazards
- Safety Hazards
- Respiratory Protection

Who Should Attend:

- Utility Workers
- Public Works Employees
- First and Second Responders
- Hourly Workers
- Community Volunteers for Disaster Aid
- Union Representatives
- Supervisors
- Healthcare Workers

If you would like more information or like to register for the class, please call Christine Rampolla at (609) 989-8289.

**NEW JERSEY EXPANDS 2-1-1 SERVICE TO PROVIDE HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

New Jersey has now expanded their 2-1-1 service to include easy access to homeland security and emergency information, complementing the hotline's social services sources. All true emergencies should still be dialed into 9-1-1, but now if you are looking for critical homeland security and emergency information that would not be classified as life or death, you can call 2-1-1.

Eventually, the 2-1-1 number will provide information on everything from garbage and recycling schedules, library hours, reporting a pothole or finding out how and where to apply for senior and veteran programs. 2-1-1 creates one easy access point to the health, human services, community resources, and government assistance people need every day as well as in times of crisis.

2-1-1 is a universally respected and growing national model. Today there are 190 million Americans in all or part of 41 states who have access to community resources by dialing 2-1-1. The system generates real time data on requests, complaints, and services. Over time, 2-1-1 data will improve the quality of programs and services by making it possible to harvest essential information on resource allocation and use it for policy decision-making and budgeting.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nj211.org>

## **OSHEP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Advisory Board of the Occupational Safety and Health Education Program (OSHEP) held its first meeting, under the new partnership between the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and the Rutgers University Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at Rutgers University. Participants included Commissioner David Socolow, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, President Charles Wowkanech, New Jersey State AFL-CIO, Professor Carl Van Horn, Director of the Heldrich Center, and 28 other representatives of labor, business, academia and state and federal government.

Ron Anderson, Program Director of Rutgers OSHEP, presented research findings on recent trends in Occupational Safety and Health, both nationally and in New Jersey. Findings included:

- Amputations in manufacturing, ergonomics, and silica-based diseases are currently areas of national health and safety focus.
- Nationally, Hispanic workers, undocumented workers, youth, and older workers are presently being targeted as special populations needing increased safety and health training.
- In New Jersey, hospital workers, workers in the concrete and masonry industries and workers in the water, sewage, and other systems (considered part of the critical infrastructure) were among those cited as having significant rates of injuries or illnesses.

Mr. Anderson then led several small group discussions among board members on the mission statement, values, and goals and strategies of the OSHEP Program for the next three years. Accomplishments include the creation of a set of Strategic Goals; a directive to hold a seminar for small and medium sized employers to inform them on the incentives and other cost savings of safety and health training; a request by the Board to meet quarterly; and the directive to establish academic rigor.

Christine Rampolla, OSHEP Coordinator for the New Jersey State AFL-CIO reported on the progress of OSHEP's training programs, upcoming classes, and encouraged participation in planning the 2007 OSHEP Conference to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

### **SAVE THE DATE 2007 – Tuesday, January 16, 2007 OSHEP CONFERENCE**

The Occupational Safety and Health Education Program is proud to announce the date of the 2007 Conference. It will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick, New Jersey. The conference seeks to educate New Jersey's workforce about occupational safety and health resources, provide tools and resources for health and safety educators and activists, foster awareness on safety and health matters affecting New Jersey's workforce and provide forums for discussion on a variety of occupational safety and health topics.