FCA Safety Update

FCA CREST Award Registration Now Open
Registration for the 2017 FCA CREST Awards for 2016 Performance is now open at esafetyline.net/FCAAward. FCA members have until March 3 to register for the opportunity to be internationally-recognized as a leader in construction safety. Past winners and finalists have already utilized their recognition to help prove that safety is one of their company’s top priorities.

Safety Education at Your Convenience
FCA International launched its audio series in January with a podcast on the DOL’s Final Rule on Paid Sick Leave. The rule went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017. Topics covered include contractor obligations under the rule, how those obligations can be satisfied and how the collective bargaining agreement can be used to satisfy those obligations.

FCA International also held four safety webinars during 2016 on FCA’s Toolbox Talk Program, Confined Spaces, OSHA Compliance for Finishing Contractors and Effective Safety Management Systems. Members can review these webinars at FCA’s YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/user/FCAVideos.

FCA Toolbox Talk Program
More and more FCA members are utilizing the FCA Toolbox Talk Program. The program is free of charge to FCA members and features a comprehensive library of talks (in both English and Spanish) that are both trade and industry specific. The program also features a calendar of talks members can follow. If you would like to take advantage of this program, contact Darlene Shonder.

FCA Safety Calls
The FCA Safety Calls are open to all FCA members and are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2 PM CT. All FCA members are welcome and encouraged to participate. The next call will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 PM CT. Contact Darlene Shonder if you are interested in attending.

Your Safety Questions Answered by Professionals at No Cost!

Hand Tool and Power Safety
Are your new employees learning to use hand and power tools safely? This is certainly an important topic to cover in a new employee’s safety training, and is often emphasized during their initial training.

PPE Focus: Face Shields
Many tasks require the use of face shields. They provide additional protection for our eyes, and protect the rest of our face as well. With that said, there are some things that we need to understand...

Guidance On Incentive Programs
Recently, we relayed information from OSHA about how the new recordkeeping rule could potentially affect employers’ existing disciplinary programs.

This month we will give guidance on modifying your programs to be compatible with the new provision related to incentive programs.

Top OSHA Violations for 2016
In 2015, Fall Protection topped the violations chart, and 2016 saw no change. Falls were followed closely by Scaffold and Ladders violations, which are intrinsically related to fall hazards. See the second chart in the following article for the most cited violations in the construction industry.