



Safety & Health

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Fall Awareness and Protection Campaign Underway



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awarded the Roofers Trust a training grant to sponsor Roofing Industry Fall Protection Conferences around the country in 2007. Five conferences have been scheduled. The inaugural one-day conference was held in Chicago on February 16 and attended by roofing contractors, superintendents, foremen and key journeymen. (See cover story for more information and pictures.)

The conferences comprise one important phase of a wide-ranging commitment by the International Union to promote fall awareness and to highlight fall protection solutions.

We've begun publishing articles in our magazine – *The Journeyman Roofer and Waterproofer* – profiling roofing jobs which employ effective fall protection techniques. Charles F. Evans Company is featured this quarter for the 100% fall protection they used to tear-off and install a slate roof on a stylish 1930's historical building on the campus of Cornell University. We hope these job profiles will become a regular feature of our magazine.

We are developing posters, hard hat stickers, mailers, etc., to reinforce the importance of fall protection on all jobs and in all scenarios.

We are also in the process of developing an area on our web site devoted entirely to fall protection – stressing the hazards, presenting fall accident scenarios, showcasing fall protection solutions and offering resources for more information.

The fall protection conferences and exhibitions are, of course, the key to this program. We hope to bring together the key people – insurance industry, OSHA, engineers, contractors, superintendents, foremen, key journeymen and the fall protection equipment manufacturers – to fully discuss the issues surrounding fall protection and work out solutions to prevent falls, protect roofers and improve productivity.

We will keep you updated on these conferences and other materials and programs developed surrounding this nationwide campaign to reduce the incidence of falls in the roofing industry. ■

Representatives from the Union Label & Service Trades Department will meet with returning and prospective Show Exhibitors on Tuesday, April 17th 2007 in Cincinnati to preview details of the 2007 America@Work, AFL-CIO Union-Industries Show, one of the last big meetings leading up to the June 15-17th Show.

Participants will run through the Show's logistics, meet with staff from the Duke Energy Convention Center and take a site tour of official Show hotels – the Millennium Hotel, the Westin Cincinnati and the Hyatt Regency.

Also, on the agenda is a public relations meeting to familiarize local and international union personnel with plans for promoting Show attendance among union members and working families in the region.

Exhibitors, potential exhibitors and union representatives interested in attending the meeting can e-mail the Department (cmcercer@afcio.org), or call: (202) 508-3700 for more information.

Meeting participants planning to stay overnight should make reservations directly with the Millennium (513) 352-2100. Mention the 2007 America@Work AFL-CIO Union Industries Show to receive the special \$99 (plus tax) room rate.