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“Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!”

THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

EXCLUSIVE: NYC cracking down on workers with fake OSHA cards to stop construction-related deaths

With the number of construction-related deaths on the rise, city investigators are quietly showing up at job sites and arresting workers with fake safety training cards, the Daily News has learned.

Workers are required to take safety courses run by the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) to reduce accidents at job sites, but over the years there's been a growing problem with workers blowing off the courses and using fraudulent OSHA cards to claim they're trained.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 20 workers with allegedly bogus OSHA cards have been busted at city construction sites, sources familiar with the crackdown said.

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USMWF’S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!

Anthony Holden, 29



Anthony Holden, 29 was killed on the job in August 2012 while working for Southern Nevada Paving Inc. in Slone, Nevada. He died when was crushed.

Nevada OSHA is investigating.

~ 8/2012 ~

LAST DAY TO LIGHT YOUR PUMPKIN!!!



USMWF Invites you to light a pumpkin for a donation of \$10 in honor of your loved one or a fallen workers on our Facebook page through the month of October.

Go to.... <http://www.usmwf.org/catalog.html> and light your candle today.

WHATS IN THE NEWS?

MSHA honors mine rescuers at third annual event

BEAVER, W.Va.

— The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration will commemorate the third annual Mine Rescue Day in Raleigh County on Friday.

Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, has served on several mine disasters—including Upper Big Branch—and said mine rescuers are just as valuable to safety as firefighters are in fighting a fire.

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Anhydrous Dealers Preparing for OSHA Policy Changes

North Dakota officials are fighting a recent policy change by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration affecting anhydrous ammonia fertilizer dealers, while at the same time preparing to help retailers should those efforts fail.

Lockport landscaping company cited by OSHA

CLARENCE, NY— OSHA has proposed a fine for a Lockport Landscaping company following the death of an employee while on the job.

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Victim identified in fatal accident at Decatur plant

Officials have identified the victim of a fatal accident at Independence Tube Corp.'s Decatur plant that occurred this morning when a 3-ton steel coil fell on a worker.

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NEW INFORMATION: OSHA dispatched to scene of Rusk County worker death

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER OF USMWF:

The moment we took Shawn off of life support was a different person. I truly felt dead inside, as though I no longer occupied my body. I was physically ill, couldn't eat, sleep, or focus. The numbness of it all even affected my hearing. The grief that comes from a sudden and tragic death cripples every aspect of your life and equally rips at those around you?

The systems in place are inadequate spiraling the injustices already in play out of control. A workplace death is so different from any other. Normally if someone is killed you know someone is responsible, they will go to trial and be held accountable. In a workers death there is almost never any accountability.

I began USMWF in the hopes that others would find closure, so they we not alone, so families could tell their story on the mountain tops of the House and Senate, that one day there would be justice and all work places would be safe. It has always been the hope of USMWF and Always will be. It is a long road and I have always said it takes a village and I am proud of each and every one.

Keep up the good fight?

Tammy Miser-President and Founder of USMWF

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THANK YOU!!!!



USMWF strives to protect our workers to honor and remember the hard working men and women that we have lost due to work related incidents.

Photos taken by David Y. Lee.

1 DAY LEFT TO Nominate USMWF

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<http://www.firespring.com/5000/>

Just enter your first/last name The Organization is: United Support Memorial for Workplace Fatalities (USMWF ORG Inc)

Website is: www.usmwf.org

Organization's Email is: support@usmwf.org

Organization's Phone is: 4 02.326.3107

USMWF's Nebraska's Worker's Memorial Day Event Page:

Click the below image to receive all up to date information about upcoming Nebraska Workers' Memorial Day Events for the 2016 year and events in Nebraska.



Testimonies

USMWF makes a big difference. Thank you for all your great work. – Debbie Berkowitz

The work USMWF does is extremely important. They fill an important gap in America by helping families who have lost ones due to preventable worker deaths. Wishing USMWF good luck! –Derry Stover

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