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"Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!"

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

"They did not die in vain."



Larry Leggio



John Mesh

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Two Kansas City firefighters killed after burning building collapses; ATF investigates

Two firefighters who saved two residents from a burning apartment building in Kansas City were killed Monday night after suffering injuries when the structure collapsed around them, authorities said.

Fire Chief Paul Berardi said two other firefighters were injured as the massive fire engulfed the block-long structure on the city's northeast side.

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USMWF'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!



Paula Bellamy, 38

This week USMWF honors and remembers fallen worker Paula Bellamy. Paula was killed on the job in March 2011 while working for Ceres Terminals Incorporated at APM Terminals Virginia in Portsmouth, Virginia. Paula was killed when she was struck by a fork truck.

VOSH investigated the incident and proposed a \$13,200.00 penalty for two serious violations. In an informal settlement the penalty was reduced to \$4,200.00 for one serious violation. This case is closed. Inspection: 309735447 - Ceres Marine Terminal Inc

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WHATS IN THE NEWS?

Railcar Cleaning Firm Challenges OSHA Handling of Explosion Investigation

On the heels of a scathing report about a deadly explosion and a fine of nearly \$1 million, Nebraska Railcar Cleaning Services issued a statement Thursday in its defense. It challenges the findings of the Occupational Safety and [Health](#) Administration.

The OSHA report cited the company with more than 30 safety and health violations for an April explosion that killed two workers and injured a third. The company faces penalties of \$963,000. OSHA also placed the company in the agency's Severe Violator Enforcement Program

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Construction worker killed by concrete barrier

OCEANSIDE, Calif. - A structural collapse killed a worker at a construction site near El Camino High School in Oceanside Tuesday.

The man was working alongside a drainage channel at the partially built FedEx warehouse facility in the 1400 block of Avenida del Oro when a section of retaining wall fell on him for unknown reasons about 9 a.m., according to fire department officials.

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Construction worker crushed, killed by equipment

SOUTHAVEN, MS (WMC) -A construction worker died in Southaven when a piece of equipment he was using toppled over and crushed him.

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Hearing on "Protecting America's Workers: An Enforcement Update from the Occupational Safety & Health."



Young Workers Mangled, Fired by Employers Following Amputations

Chicken processor Case Farms has racked up more than \$1.4M in OSHA penalties in 2015 for worker safety and health violations, including several that caused a teenaged worker to suffer the amputation of his lower leg and his young co-worker to lose fingers.

"A teenager's life has been forever altered because of a devastating leg injury just weeks after starting this job. How many injuries will it take before Case Farms stops exposing workers to dangerous machinery parts?" said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. "OSHA will continue to inspect, monitor and penalize this company until it makes necessary improvements. They need to protect their workers, and they need to do it now."

OSHA levied the latest penalties against Case Farms Processing Inc. – a leading supplier of fast food and supermarket chicken – for 16 violations at the chicken processor's Canton, Ohio facility. The safety failures resulted in two serious injuries to workers while they cleaned machines. A 17-year-old worker, employed by cleaning subcontractor Cal-Clean, had his left leg amputated from the knee down and a 24-year-old Case Farms employee lost two fingertips. Both workers were fired after the incidents.

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CSB to hold Public Meeting on October 21, 2015, in Washington, DC

The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on October 21, 2015, starting at 1 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC at the Palomar Hotel, 2121 P St, NW, in the Phillips Ballroom.

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US Labor Department urges storm recovery workers and public to be vigilant and aware of hazards during storm cleanup

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Two Men Hospitalized after Explosion at Beltrami Grainery

A small explosion at a West Central Ag Services Grainery in Beltrami, Minnesota hospitalized two men Wednesday morning.

The explosion happened around 8:40 a.m. outside of the elevator. The Beltrami Fire Department was quickly able to get a small fire under control.

The two injured men, ages 47 and 42, have not been identified. They were taken to Riverview Health in Crookston. Their conditions are not known.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

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