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THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

USMWF Board Members....

United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities offers support, guidance and resources to those affected by preventable work-related deaths or serious injuries. It is because of the hard work and dedication of many including our USMWF Family Members and all of our Board Members that we have been able to reach out to 1000s of families that have lost a loved one due to a work related incident and truly begin to make a difference.

Today, we are thrilled to announce that family member LeeAnna Mann of Oklahoma and one of the United States leading experts on worker health and safety issues Debbie Berkowitz of Maryland will be joining USMWF’s Board.



LeeAnna Mann, Board Secretary

Ms. Mann resides in Wynnewood, OK and is an Office Manager for Shelter Insurance. LeeAnna also owns and operates RM Cattle Ranch. Ms. Mann became an active volunteer for USMWF in 2013 after her husband Russell was injured while working for Wynnewood Refining Company (CVR Energy Inc.-owned plant). He died two weeks after the boiler explosion. Billy Guy Smith, 34 was killed in the same incident.



Debbie Berkowitz, Board Member

Ms. Berkowitz resides in Maryland and is currently at National Employment Law

Project (NELP). Previously Debbie was Senior Policy Advisor at the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Ms. Berkowitz has had a long standing interest in the grain industry and has been a supporter of USMWF.

USMWF’s Board members serve a critical role in leading and directing our efforts to provide options and opportunities for families across the United States. Together we can all make a difference and we want to welcome Ms. Mann and Ms. Berkowitz in joining our mission and Board.

- providing information and contact resources;
- promoting family involvement;
- bringing attention to the lasting effects of workplace injuries;
- personalizing workplace fatalities with our FACES campaign;
- raising public awareness and dismissing negative attitudes;
- transforming workplace safety;
- ensuring transparency and fairness in the investigative systems of both government and business and improving the worker compensation system.

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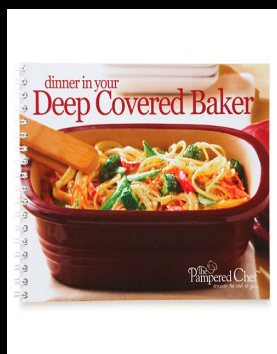
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Officer killed in Colorado Planned Parenthood shooting was devoted to his job, family and faith

The hero officer killed in the shooting Friday at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic had lived a life devoted to his job, his family and his Christian faith, according to his friends.

The body of the fallen University of Colorado at Colorado Springs officer Garrett Swasey was transported from the crime scene to the El Paso County Coroner's office early Saturday, accompanied on the snowy 10-mile trip by a long line of police vehicles.

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OSHA investigating fatal industrial accident in Chicago Heights

CHICAGO (STMW) - The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating after a man was killed in an industrial accident in south suburban Chicago Heights.

David Wehmhoefer, 41, suffered blunt force injuries in an industrial accident in the 100 block of East 12th Street in Chicago Heights, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. He was pronounced dead at 2:10 p.m. Wednesday at Franciscan St James Health Chicago Heights.

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OSHA investigates death at Carthage building site

CARTHAGE, Mo. -

Federal officials are investigating the death of a Texas construction worker in southwest Missouri.

The Joplin Globe reports that 29-year-old Luis R. Estrada, of El Paso, Texas, died Saturday in southern Carthage at the construction site for a new senior residential care center.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration said in a news release that initial reports indicate the worker tumbled out of a three-sided box that was sitting on the forks of a tractor. After Estrada fell about 11 feet, the box hit him on the head.

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OSHA's Latest Regulatory Agenda: Silica, Tree Care, Powered Industrial Trucks, Lockout/Tagout . . . and Much More

The U. S. Department of Labor (DOL) recently released its [Fall 2015 Regulatory Agenda](#), its semi-annual status report of all regulatory actions underway or being contemplated by the DOL's agencies. Included in the agenda were the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) announcement that many of its standards nearing final rule status, such as Silica and Walking Working Surfaces, will have delayed deadlines. A few new surprises were included in the agenda, such as OSHA's announcement to begin rulemaking on new standards for Tree Care, Powered Industrial Trucks, and Revocation of Obsolete Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs).

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LIGHTING USMWF'S FACEBOOK PAGE IN HONOR AND MEMORY.....



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EXCLUSIVE: Black Friday brings grief for family of Long Island Walmart worker trampled to death by wild shoppers in 2008

When the Damour family gathers now for Thanksgiving dinner it's always tinged with sadness — and Black Friday is even worse.

Their "gentle giant" relative, Jdimytai Damour, was trampled to death by a mob of wild shoppers who smashed through the doors of a Long Island Walmart on Black Friday seven years ago.

"It's very difficult to cope," his cousin, Ralph Damour, told the Daily News this week. "I never shop on Black Friday. That would be dishonoring his memory."

"We used to play together when we were younger," the cousin added. "He was a great guy."

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OSHA to investigate Utah industrial worker's death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) Salt Lake City police say federal officials will take over the investigation of a death at an industrial yard.

Detective Greg Wilking says 50-year-old Fred Hannert was found dead on Monday morning at Adler Tank Rentals. His body was lying between a forklift and a large container.

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