TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: Safety Committees Are Like Gold

Date:_____

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NOTES:

F OCUS: Effective use of safety committees can stretch resources. A properly working committee is like finding gold!

CHALLENGE

Safety activities utilize more and more of our department personnel's time. With limited resources, it is difficult to satisfy the increasing regulatory requirements. As part of our on-going safety commitment, safety committees have been developed as an integral part of our program. This committee requires additional meetings and can appear to further stretch our limited resources!

Many people question the "value" safety committees really add to the on-going department's performance in the area of safety! If this is a question being asked, it's because the safety committee is being under utilized. A properly trained and empowered safety committee can perform a myriad of functions to support department activities.

It should act as an internal consultant to our district. The safety committee can assist with a variety of activities that can include: involvement with accident prevention activities, training, policy review, development and implementation. The safety committee can often be the vehicle for "continuous improvement" activities. Let's make sure our safety committee gets the support needed to make meaningful contributions to our district!

DISCUSSION

- Does our department have a safety committee?
- How effective is it, does it make a difference?
- Do employees make suggestions to the committee?
- Is the safety committee involved in the accident review process?
- Does the committee evaluate training programs for effectiveness?
- Does the committee evaluate the accountability system?
- How does management support the suggestions made by the safety committee?
- What can we do to make our safety committee more effective?

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