

# OSHA's TARGET:

*Are You On It?*

# Session Objectives



- How OSHA selects an inspection site
- OSHA's Plan: 2007-2008
- Preventing an Inspection
- A Few Tips



# Background and Experience

- Bachelor of Science – Thermo-Mechanical Engineering  
University of Illinois, Chicago
- 5 years in product test & design w/ 2 patents
- 20 years in manufacturing & warehouse safety
- ANSI Standards Development Committees
  - Safety Standards for Fall Protection (ANSI Z359)
  - Accepted Practices in Safety, Health and Environmental Training (ANSI Z490)
- Member National Safety Council
- Certified Safety Professional (CSP)
- Past Chairperson, DuPageCharacterBusiness.org



## 3 agencies .....

- 1) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**)
  - Under the Department of Labor (DOL)
  - Sets and enforces safety and health standards
  
- 2) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (**NIOSH**)
  - Under the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
  - OSHA's sister agency - conducts research
  
- 3) Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC)
  - Independent agency
  - Adjudicates enforcement actions

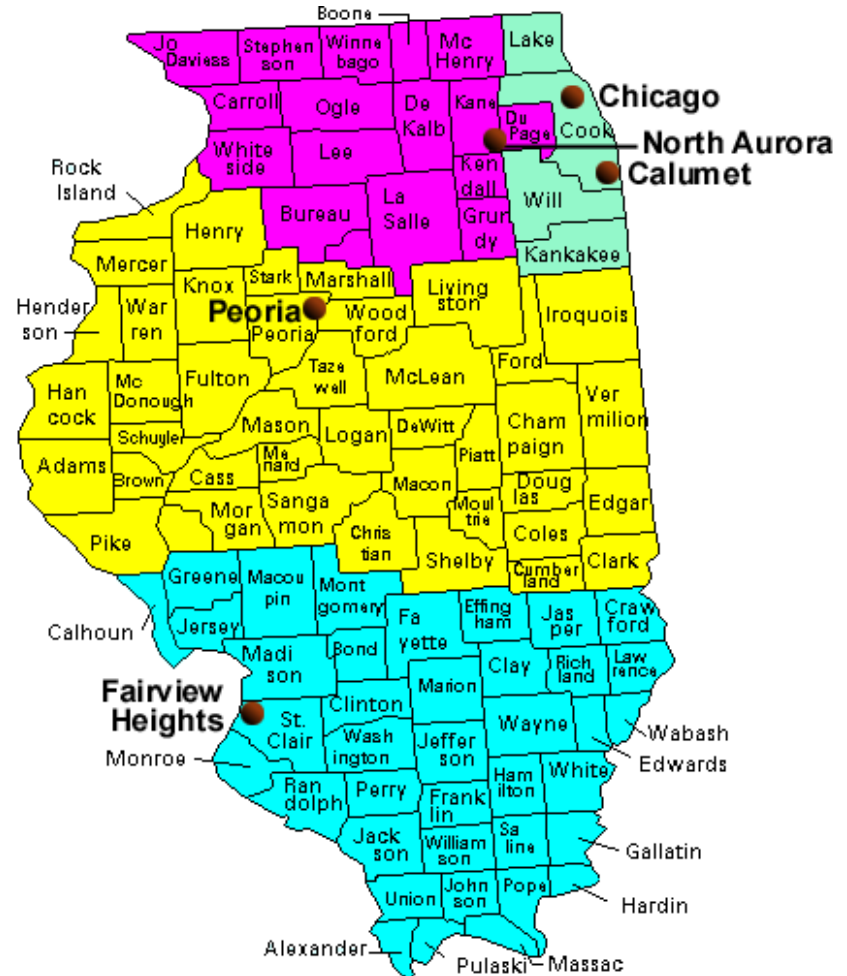
# OSHA's Regional & Area Offices

ILLINOIS is in Region V



# Compliance Officers in Illinois

- Chicago North 18
- Calumet City 20
- Aurora 14
- Peoria 10
- Fairview Hts 5





# Illinois Offices

- Chicago North  
847-803-4800  
Nancy Hauter (CAS)
- Calumet City  
708-891-3800  
William Coulehan (CAS)
- Aurora  
630-896-8700  
Nancy Quick (CAS)
- Peoria  
309-589-7033  
Peggy Zweber (CAS)
- Fairview Hts  
618-632-8612  
Wes Taylor (CAS)



# OSHA's Job Description

## Prevention

- Training, outreach, and education
- Establishing partnerships & alliances
- Continual improvement in workplace safety and health

## Enforcement

- Enforcement Programs: National (NEP), Regional (REP), Local (LEP)
- Site-Specific Target (SST)
- Enhanced Enforcement Program (EEP) targets cases with extremely serious violations related to a fatality or multiple willful or repeated violations.

## Emergency Preparedness (natural disasters or terrorist attacks )

- National Emergency Response Plan
- Katrina, 9/11 WTC
- Hurricane response & recovery
- Pandemics



# How does OSHA pick your business for an inspection?

- Catastrophic accidents
- Complaints, Complaints, Complaints
- **YOU'VE** been targeted by OSHA





# Catastrophic Accidents

Reference: 29 CFR 1904.39

- Death\*
- 3 or more hospitalized\*
- Imminent Danger



\* **MUST** call OSHA within 8 hours  
Local Office or  
1-800-321-OSHA

Call your legal counsel immediately  
after initial response is handled.



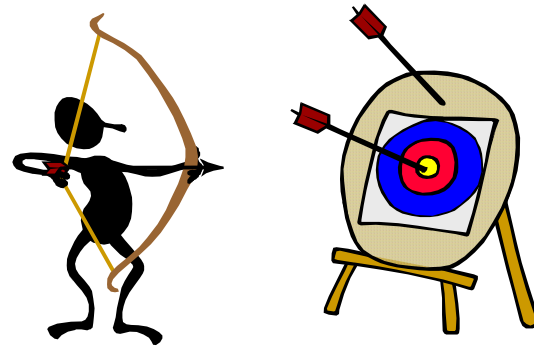
# Complaints, Complaints, Complaints

- Formal (signed by current employee)
- Non-formal (unsigned or not an employee)
- All complaints are investigated



<http://www.osha.gov/as/opa/worker/handling.html>

# YOU'VE been targeted by OSHA



- NEP – National Emphasis Program
- REP – Regional Emphasis Program
- LEP – Local Emphasis Program
- SST – Site-Specific Targeting





# National Emphasis Program (NEP)

## High Incident/ High Severity Industries

- Landscape and Horticultural Services
- Oil and Gas Well Drilling and Servicing
- Preserved Fruits and Vegetables
- Primary Metals and Basic Steel Products
- Ship and Boat Building and Repair
- Public Warehousing and Storage
- Concrete and Concrete Products

# Illinois Targets (REP & LEP)



- Amputations
- Building Renovation/Rehabilitation - Calumet City
- Fall Hazards in Construction
- High Rise Building in Downtown Chicago - Calumet City
- Powered Industrial Vehicles
- Methylene Chloride – Calumet City



# OSHA Area Director .....

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Diane Turek, N. Chicago Area Office

*“Protect anyone who works in America”*

- Targeted Groups
  - ✓ Hispanics
  - ✓ Migrant Workers
  - ✓ Youth Workers
  - ✓ Landscaping
  - ✓ Workplace Violence
  
- Top 10 Violations
  - ✓ See handout
  - ✓ Citing NFPA 70E standard A LOT!


# Mandatory Reporting

**THESE drive OSHA's Targeted Inspections  
They drive the NEP, REP, LEP, SST**

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Survey
- OSHA's Data Initiative Survey -ish



# Recordkeeping

- Accurate recordkeeping is 
  - SIC/NAICS
  - OSHA 300 Forms
    - Under Reporting
    - Over Reporting
      - ✓ First Aid or Medical Treatment
      - ✓ Prescription drugs or OTC
      - ✓ Understand “RESTRICTED DUTY” on regular job
- Knowledge is Power: take a 1/2-day course in OSHA Recordkeeping



## Prevention – How to keep OSHA from picking on your business in the first place.



### **DO IT RIGHT**

- Honesty & integrity
- Education
- Put a good safety program in place



## A few tips ....

- OSHA's web site .... excellent resource
- Oregon-OSHA has a good web site too
- USE YOUR ENGINEERS: they love to solve problems, however ....
- OSHA Safety Days ... community colleges
- ANSI standards (best practice)
- Industry associations



*Thank you!*

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