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INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: Safety Committees Solve Problems

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NOTES:

FOCUS: Safety Committees Need Support If They Are To Be Successful. Safety Committees are meant to solve problems and improve operations. We should use this group as a vehicle to help our District be all It can be!

CHALLENGE

Too Many people question the "value" safety committees really add to the department's performance in the area of safety! Effective safety committees perform many valuable functions in addition to helping with regulatory compliance..

The safety committee can assist with a variety of activities that can include: involvement with accident prevention activities, training, and a myriad of operational enhancements such as policy review, development, implementation and evaluation.

The safety committee can often be the vehicle for addressing organizational issues. This group provides an opportunity to involve labor and management to discuss and resolve numerous issues. By increasing employee involvement there is an enhanced feeling of ownership of policies and procedures. Employee Buy-in has proven to translate to compliance. This involvement creates true empowerment because of the impact an on the direction of the district's policies and procedures.

Employee involvement is the overall goal of all effective organizations! 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?
- Have the members had training?
- Does the committee have a charter or goals?
- 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?
- How does management support the suggestions made by the safety committee?
- Are member contributions acknowledged, how?
- What can we do to make our safety committee more effective?

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