“THE CRASIF NEWSLETTER”

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The CRASIF Newsletter is here!

With this edition of the CRASIF Newsletter, we will begin publishing on a quarterly basis. It is a humble start for sure, but with your input and guidance, we’ll soon have a valuable tool to communicate information vital to keeping CRASIF members safe. As time goes on we will grow and improve the content to better serve your safety needs. Therefore, your input is essential. Please contact either the CRASIF staff or one of The ASU Group Loss Control Consultants with your suggestions.

Of course, our newsletter will need a name. Your suggestions for a suitable name are most welcome. After all, this is your newsletter. We haven’t yet come up with a prize for the winning name, but the winner will be duly honored. For now we’ll simply call it, “The CRASIF Newsletter”.

Please submit your newsletter name suggestions and content suggestions to one of The ASU Group Loss Consultants,

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CRASIF & MCRCSIP Joint Safety Workshops

Announcements for the 2010 Joint Safety Workshops were mailed in February to all CRASIF member counties. If you haven’t yet signed up to attend there is still time. Following last year’s successful format, the workshops this year will include safety-relevant presentations by both CRASIF and MCRCSIP staff.

Schedule for the 2010 CRASIF & MCRCSIP Joint Safety Workshops:

Date (Day)	City	Facility
April 6 (Tue)	Big Rapids	Big Rapids Dept of Public Safety Bldg.
April 7 (Wed)	Grayling	Ramada Inn
April 27 (Tue)	Frankenmuth	Bavarian Inn Conference Center
April 28 (Wed)	Lansing	Causeway Bay Inn
April 29 (Thu)	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
May 3 (Mon)	Mackinaw City	Audie’s Inn
May 4 (Tue)	Escanaba	Delta County Road Commission
May 5 (Wed)	Baraga	Ojibwa Resort Casino

Road Maintenance and Construction Safety

Spring is in the air and it's time to think "Road Maintenance and Construction" safety. Safety preparations to consider include,

Traffic Control

- Review warning sign inventory and stop/slow paddle signs. Make sure they are in good condition and up to standard. Consider upgrading signs to high-intensity or florescent/diamond grade.
- Review Traffic Regulator training. Don't forget to include seasonal employees.
- Review personal protection equipment (PPE) inventory and refresh employees on proper use. Make sure employees have what they need and that it is good condition. PPE includes, Type 2 or Type 3 reflective vests or similar high visibility clothing visible from all sides, bright colored hard hats, safety glasses, hearing protection, and sturdy boots.

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Chainsaw Training

Now is a good time to review your tree trimming PPE inventory and condition. Tree trimming PPE includes, high visibility vest/clothing, hard hats with mesh face shield and ear muffs, ear plugs, safety glasses or goggles, gloves, chaps, and sturdy boots.

Safety training is the most important preparation you can make in preparation for the upcoming construction season. It's not that we plan to fail, but all too often due to hectic schedules, we simply fail to plan. The ASU group, in service to CRASIF, can assist you with training. There are video/DVD and safety presentation resources available through The ASU Group that allow you to conduct your own training. Also, The ASU Group Loss Control Consultants are available to provide safety training to your teams. If you are interested in discussing training options please contact Buz Haltenhoff (231-340-0672) or Bruce Gasaway (231-571-7021).

Cleverly Safe Inventions

Throughout the CRASIF membership, there is no shortage of good ideas and clever gadgets for making work safer and easier. In this and in subsequent newsletters, we will showcase these inventive ideas that our members have come up with. If you have a clever and safe invention you would like to showcase, please submit your photo(s) and description to bhaltenhoff@asugroup.com.

Salt Box Supports

The two photos below are of salt box supports designed and built by the Dickinson County Road Commission crew. The photos were submitted by S*afety Coordinator*, Chuck Anderson. The supports are used to securely elevate and support salt box inserts during repairs. The supports are equipped with wheels to make moving them around safer and easier. As required with any shop-built support equipment, these supports were weight capacity tested to at least twice their expected maximum load and the maximum capacity is clearly noted on them. Also, the capacity test was documented and the information kept on file.

General Services Provided to CRASIF Members by The ASU Group:

- Advice and Consultation
- Claims Analysis
- Compliance Training
- Safety compliance training (self taught and consultant led)
- Custom safety presentations
- Site safety auditing with follow-up report
- Industrial Hygiene Testing
- Newsletter
- Safety Manual
- Tailgate style Safety “Chalk Talks”
- Video Loan Library
- Website www.crasif.org