



WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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MESSAGE FROM RITA LUCERO, ACTING REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, OSHA, REGION VIII

OSHA is committed to ensuring every workplace is safe and healthful. Workers' Memorial Day is a day of reflection that reminds us to pause....and remember those who lost their lives on the job. Over the course of 2019, this includes 61 workers in the states comprising OSHA's Region VIII (Colorado, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming). In fact, these statistics only account for the small portion of work-related fatalities that fall under OSHA's jurisdiction. It is also important to remember the many other workers that lost their lives in transportation incidents, on small farming operations, working as independent contractors and others. Please join me in taking a moment to pay respect to those whose names are found in this commemorative newsletter.

As OSHA celebrates its' 50th year in 2020, we recognize the important impact of the agency in reducing work related fatalities from a peak rate of 11 fatalities per 100,00 workers in 1972 to 3.5 in 2018. However, we know there is still more work to be done together with our partners in labor and industry, to fulfill OSHA's mission and to ensure that every working man and woman is provided with a safe workplace and can return home unharmed at the end of each day.

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY 2020: MESSAGES AND DEDICATIONS



CDOT HONORS FALLEN EMPLOYEES ON REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Although its headquarters remained closed for most all employees, the [Colorado Department of Transportation's 26th annual Remembrance Day](#) was held virtually on Tuesday, April 21, as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

CDOT continues to pay tribute to the 62 employees lost in the line of duty by having the names of their fallen colleagues etched onto the marble memorial outside its Denver headquarters.



WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM IBEW LOCAL 111:

As we honor those workers who have lost their lives on the job we must consider these workers went to work that uneventful day to provide for themselves and their families when tragedy struck. Do not let the memory of those workers vanish, instead become more vigilant for workplace safety. Seek justice for the fallen by being a safety leader, a mentor, and stand up and be heard when something is wrong. Do not dishonor the fallen by taking short cuts, honor them by following each rule in their name. Take up arms by way of the safety manual, written in the blood of our fellow workers. We must not let their memories fade with time, but instead fight like hell for the living in their absence.

- Patrick S. Quinn, President, IBEW 111



ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS

MESSAGE FROM THE AGC: Please take a moment today to show our respect to all of our brothers and

sisters who have been injured or killed while working so hard to make America the greatest country on earth. Take time to review all the proactive approaches your company takes to prevent workplace accidents.

It is ok to celebrate the successes of your company, but remember along the way that workers lost their lives and that you can do your part to show your leadership in the commitment to workplace safety & health. AGC looks to continued partnerships with member companies and OSHA to always make safety and health a cultural imperative.—Bradley J. Gassman, Safety & Environmental Director, AGC of Colorado



MESSAGES FROM THE IUEC: The Inter-

national Union of Elevator Constructors would like to invite you to join them in recognizing today as the first IUEC Safety Stand Down. Below are 2 links to videos put together to mark today not only as The IUEC Safety Stand Down but also recognize today as Workers' Memorial Day and The National Day of Mourning.

[LIFE AFTER LOSS VIDEO](#)

[STAND DOWN VIDEO](#)

During calendar year 2019, OSHA Region VIII offices investigated fatal workplace incidents involving the employees below. Please join us in honoring and remembering them.

COLORADO

Date	Name	Age	Location	Cause
1/02/2019	Randy Yellowman	47	Ignacio, CO	Fire/Explosion
1/09/2019	Sean Keller	60	Denver, CO	Struck By a Vehicle in a Work Zone
1/15/2019	Lorenzo Sanchez-Zaragoza	50	Colorado Springs, CO	Fell From a Roof
1/28/2019	Rob Ummel	68	Woodland Park, CO	Crushed By a Forklift
2/05/2019	Carl Pierce	42	Fleming, CO	Crushed By Crane Counterweights
2/17/2019	Arlen Badenhop	27	Brighton, CO	Struck By Falling Equipment
3/07/2019	Hans Berg	48	Empire, CO	Engulfed By an Avalanche
3/09/2019	Stephen M. Martel	25	Crested Butte, CO	Engulfed By Snow From a Roof
3/16/2019	Eric Hill	51	Dotsero, CO	Struck By a Vehicle in a Work Zone
4/14/2019	Antonio Hernandez-Maldonado	31	Longmont, CO	Carbon Monoxide Exposure
4/16/2019	Christopher Lee Ramirez	26	Windsor, CO	Caught in a Trench Cave-In
4/16/2019	Jorge Baez Valadez	42	Windsor, CO	Caught in a Trench Cave-In
4/23/2019	Christopher Wise	29	Morrison, CO	Fell From a Ladder
5/17/2019	Joel Montoya	27	Pueblo, CO	Caught Between Rail Cars
6/07/2019	Charles Bradford Vonesh	50	Aurora, CO	Fell From a Tree
6/18/2019	Victor Rodriguez	24	Greeley, CO	Crushed By Concrete Debris
6/25/19	Lakota Ironshell Clairmont			
	Buckononga	44	Aurora, CO	Fell From a Roof
7/08/2019	Jose Cabral	40	Castle Rock, CO	Crushed By a Front End Loader
7/19/2019	William Waring	53	Manitou Springs, CO	Crash in Utility Terrain Vehicle
7/25/2019	Tom Ngo	50	Gilcrest, CO	Burns From an Explosion/Fire
8/29/2019	Angel Batista-Dejesus	26	Denver, CO	Electrocution
10/07/2019	Tim Johnston	67	Kersey, CO	Struck By a Falling Roof Truss
10/16/2019	Jose Perez-Santiago	31	Pueblo, CO	Struck By a Vehicle in a Work Zone
11/20/2019	Jessica Boatman	37	Colorado Springs, CO	Fell From a Step Stool
12/17/2019	Nathan Huerta	41	Denver, CO	Carbon Monoxide Exposure
12/18/2019	Adam Young	37	Aurora, CO	Fell From a Roof

MONTANA

1/03/2019	Kelsey Driscoll	30	Bozeman, MT	Struck and Crushed By a Hay Bale
5/06/2019	Michael Payette	66	Sidney, MT	Crushed by Semi-Truck Trailer
5/21/2019	Brian Allen	44	Moran, WY	Drowned During a Rafting Exercise
5/29/2019	Ravyn Boyd	18	Ennis, MT	ATV Rollover While Spraying Weeds
7/03/2019	Dustin Sturm	51	Absarokee, MT	ATV Rollover While Spraying Weeds
8/18/2019	Daryllyne Day	36	Deer Lodge, MT	Struck By a Demolition Derby Vehicle

NORTH DAKOTA

2/28/2019	Joshua Bosch	38	Bismarck, ND	Electrical Burns Servicing an Escalator
3/10/2019	Jesse Harrelson	53	Watford City, ND	Exposure to Hydrochloric Acid
3/21/2019	Richard Peterson	59	Bismarck, ND	Fell From the Forks of a Forklift
4/22/2019	Creighton Mark Johnson	62	Crosby, ND	Fell From an Upper Floor
5/18/2019	Jesus Vicente Herrera	34	Williston, ND	Struck By Falling Equipment
7/03/2019	Kevin J. Anderson	58	Arvilla, ND	Engulfed by Corn in a Grain Bin
7/11/2019	Robert Allen Crawford, Jr.	40	Manning, ND	Struck By a Vehicle in a Work Zone
8/04/2019	Kyle Brierley	30	Dickinson, ND	Struck By Lightning
11/18/2019	Guillermo Delgado-Aguilar	51	Watford City, ND	Struck By Equipment
11/29/2019	Marcus Heidt	59	Mandan, ND	Chemical Exposure
12/06/2019	Austin Dejno	25	Eldridge, ND	Struck By Falling Crane Extension

SOUTH DAKOTA

1/10/2019	Andrew Psomas	23	Rapid City, SD	Fell From a Cell Tower
8/14/2019	Brad Bleeker	56	Watertown, SD	Struck By a Metal Gate
11/20/2019	Molly Schaldweiler	20	Mitchell, SD	Asphyxiated
12/20/2019	Carlos Giovany Pineda-Rodriguez	21	Willow Lake, SD	Crushed By Skid Steer

WYOMING

5/09/2019	Jose Mendoza	37	Casper, WY	Struck By a Metal Pipe
9/22/2019	Kirk Hannivig	56	Douglas, WY	Struck By Vehicle in a Work Zone
12/26/2019	Nicholas Oulman	41	Wheatland, WY	Crushed By a Forklift

UTAH

1/28/2019	Arturo Huerta Serna	38	Draper, UT	Fell Through a Wall Opening
1/30/2019	David Downs	47	Salt Lake City, UT	Fell Into an Elevator Shaft
2/18/2019	Britton Evan Wilson	20	St. George, UT	Caught in a Trench Cave-In
4/10/2019	Ben Keller	39	Brigham City, UT	Fire/Explosion
4/24/2019	Luis Moran	53	Alpine, UT	Caught In a Trench Cave-In
5/15/2019	Anthony Leon	57	West Valley City, UT	Fell From a Scaffold
6/27/2019	Efren Perez-Sanchez	39	Orem, UT	Struck By a Pressurized Tank
7/25/2019	Vu Van Linh Huynh	65	Park City, UT	Fell From a Ladder
8/15/2019	John Bytendorp	65	Sandy, UT	Fell From a Billboard Catwalk
11/01/2019	Scott Lee Hill	62	Layton, UT	Fell From a Ladder
12/13/2019	Scott Kenneth Beaumont	44	West Jordan, UT	Fell From a Roof

Many work related fatalities occur each year that fall outside OSHA's jurisdiction. Please take a moment to also remember those workers.

An Ode to the Working Man....

And the end is that the workman shall live to enjoy the fruits of his labor;
that his mother shall have the comfort of his arm in her age;
that his wife shall not be untimely a widow;
that his children shall have a father;

and that cripples and helpless wrecks who were once strong men shall no longer be by-products of industry...

Poem Submitted by IBEW Local 111
(Found on a plaque at a steel mill in Youngstown, OH)



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