



SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2011
Fort Smith, AR

Call to Order

SMC Chairman Jason Wing of ABF Freight System, Inc. brought the meeting to order at 11:00 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were posted on the ATA website on the Safety Management Council page. A motion to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written was made and seconded – passed.

Self-Introductions

Announcements were made of the following:

TDC Conference Call

Date/Time: October 18th at 10am CST

**If anyone is interested in volunteering for the TDC or have volunteered in the past and wish to participate in a certain area, please see Sarah Sheets.

NATMI Safety and DOT Compliance Series

Date: October 26th and 27th

Location: Little Rock

NATMI OSHA Audit Readiness Seminar

Date: November 3rd

Location: Little Rock

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2012 Annual Business Conference and Vendor Showcase

Date: May 16-18, 2012

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center, Hot Springs, AR

2012 Arkansas Trucking Championship

Date: June 7-9, 2012

Location: John Q. Hammons Convention Center, Rogers, AR

Presentation of Summa Cum Laude Award

Mr. Wing presented the American Trucking Associations Summa Cum Laude Award to Sarah Sheets of Arkansas Trucking Association in recognition of the ATA Safety Management Council's program for 2010.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Presentation: Conducting Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Tests

See ATA website for PowerPoint presentation.

First Choice Drug Testing & Occupational Health Services recently became a member of the ATA. They are an independently owned TPA for drug testing services and are located in Little Rock.

BIO:

Tim Zimmerman is Vice-President of First Choice, and has joined the Safety Management Council. He's been in the drug testing world for a short period of time; his background is in Industrial Distribution Management. In 1986 he moved to Ft. Smith to open up a new industrial Distributorship called Ft. Smith Rubber & Gasket currently known as RGA which is located on Wheeler Avenue, which his brother currently manages. He left the Industrial Distribution business in 2007 and became co-owner of First Choice in 2010.

Wes Johnson, Training Coordinator for Southwest EAP, has partnered with First Choice Drug Testing and Occupational Health Service, Inc. to give an overview of the reasonable suspicion supervisory training offering that meets the requirements of 49 CFR part 382.603. He will give tips and advice about what to do when you suspect an employee may be impaired and just as important, what not to do.

BIO:

Wes Johnson is a licensed professional counselor and currently works at Southwest EAP. As an adjunct professor for Pulaski Technical College and University of Central Arkansas, he teaches psychology courses and has done so for the past nine years. Wes also has experience working with the mentally ill having previously worked in psychiatric hospitals in Virginia, Indiana, and Arkansas. Wes received his BA in Psychology from Evangel College in Springfield, MO in 1992 and his MA in Counseling from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA in 1994.

Q. Does the second observer have to have the required DOT training?

A. Yes.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Next SMC Meeting

November 10th in Little Rock. Kevin Breedlove will be the speaker for this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned