



City of Venice
Administrative Services Department

Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: May 20, 2009

TO: All Employees

FROM: Alan Bullock, Director
Administrative Services Department

SUBJECT: City Safety Committee Meeting, May 20, 2009

Attendees

Joe Misak (Public Works Solid Waste)
Dan Tucci (AFSCME)
Dave Adinolfi (Utilities)
Steve Kona (Fire)
Alan Bullock (ASD)
Pam Stone (PRU Safety & Loss Control)

Employee injuries – recent claim history

Since the last City Safety Committee meeting (February 18, 2009), the city experienced a total of only one employee injury reported, which was not considered a 'lost time' WC claim (i.e. where the injured worker lost more than 7 calendar days due to the injury). This incident was reviewed by committee members post-occurrence and again collectively at the meeting. This is the lowest frequency of employee injury on record.

City vehicle incidents

In the same time period referenced for employee injuries above, the city experienced a total of nine city vehicle-related incidents. All resulted in relatively minor damage. There were no injuries.

Topic – Driver training conducted March 2009

Feedback from participants has been excellent across the board. We plan to run this on an annual basis.

Topic – Drug Free Workplace Policy

Next review of the revised draft policy is due at the upcoming department director's meeting, after which it will be submitted for Council approval, pending City Attorney approval. The committee is in favor of including as many positions as legally permissible in the random testing portion of the policy.

Topic – Hearing Loss Prevention Program

Where not already addressed, departments have submitted lists of potentially hazardous activities in this regard. Assigned supervisors are to conduct testing and require hearing protection where indicated by results.

Topic – OSHA

OSHA currently has no jurisdiction over FL municipalities, but this is likely to change in 2011. Pam Stone, Safety & Loss Control Consultant of Public Risk Underwriters discussed the likely ramifications of this, primarily with regard to training & record keeping. As part of the city's insurance program, PRU will assist leading up to the change so that the city is well positioned.

Next quarterly City Safety Committee meeting – time & date TBD.