

July 2010

WORKERS' COMPENSATION NEWS

[Ohio BWC Update for Ohio Schools!](#)

On Friday, June 18th the BWC Board of Directors voted unanimously to the proposed changes to the 2011 Public Employer Taxing Districts Credibility Table and Group Break-Even Factor. The credibility table will have a maximum value of 65-percent and the revised break-even factor table allows a maximum discount of 59-percent. Sheakley is in the process of sending competitive public group rating quotes out as we establish the most stable tiers for Policy Year 2011.

[BWC Net Assets as of May 31st](#)

BWC reported that as of May 31, 2010 their net assets were at \$3.8 billion. The decrease in net assets is a result of the Board of Directors decision to reduce the reserve discount rate from 4.5% to 4.0%. This decision increased the reserves for compensation and compensation adjustment expenses by \$550 million, which is a liability on BWC's Statement of Net Assets.

SAFETY NEWS

[Green Year Training](#)

The Sheakley Safety Team will continue their efforts to educate all BWC 2010 public group rated employers who have had a claim in calendar year 2008 or 2009 by offering the training at the additional locations and times below. ***The deadline for this mandatory training is December 31, 2010.***

<u>July 2010</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
13 th :	CPR/AED Training	Cincinnati	8:00am-11:00am
13 th :	First Aid Training	Cincinnati	11:30am-2:30pm
13 th :	DOT Drug & Alcohol Compliance Training	Cincinnati	3:00pm-5:00pm
19 th & 20 th :	OSHA 10 Hour Construction	Columbus	12:00pm-5:30pm (19 th) 8:00am-3:00pm (20 th)
<u>August 2010</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4 th :	Protect Your Employees (Safety Jeopardy)	Youngstown	10:00am-12:00pm
5 th :	Protect Your Employees (Safety Jeopardy)	Middleburg Heights	10:00am-12:00pm
10 th :	Protect Your Employees (Safety Jeopardy)	Lima	10:00am-12:00pm
10 th :	Workplace Violence Awareness	Cincinnati	3:00pm-5:00pm
11 th :	Protect Your Employees (Safety Jeopardy)	Toledo	10:00am-12:00pm
17 th :	Protect Your Employees (Safety Jeopardy)	Columbus	10:00am-12:00pm
18 th :	CPR/AED Training	Columbus	8:00am-11:00am
18 th :	First Aid Training	Columbus	11:30am-2:30pm
18 th :	Bloodborne Pathogens	Columbus	3:00pm-5:00pm

19 th :	Creating a Safety Culture	Columbus	12:30pm-2:30pm
19 th :	Workplace Violence Awareness	Columbus	3:00pm-5:00pm
20 th :	OSHA Recordkeeping	Cincinnati	10:00am-12:00pm

If you have questions about the Green Year Training or would like to schedule your training please contact us at 800-877-5055 x2014 or safety@sheakley.com.

UNEMPLOYMENT NEWS

Ohio Unemployment Rate – May

Ohio unemployment rate rises from 10.3% in May 2009 to 10.7% for May 2010.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Senate Bill 210 (Coughlin) – Healthy Behaviors

Governor Strickland signed the bill on June 18th. The legislation is intended to establish nutritional standards for certain food and beverages sold in schools; to require students to have periodic body mass index measurements; to establish a pilot program requiring daily physical activity for students and to make other changes regarding physical education; and to establish the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council.

House Bill 415 (DeBose, Garland) – Text Messaging

The bill was introduced in January 2010 and has made its way to the Senate's Highway & Transportation Committee where the members adopted a substitute bill replacing verbiage regarding a mobile communication device with "using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text-based communication." In addition to the verbiage change the substitute bill adds five more exemptions to the prohibition against texting while driving for persons who are:

- Entering data to make or receive a telephone call
- Receiving messages related to navigation and operation of a vehicle, safety, emergency, traffic, or weather information
- Receiving wireless messages via radio waves
- Using a device for navigation purposes
- Using a device that doesn't require manually entering data

The committee will also be adding an exemption for commercial truck drivers using a hands-free communication device.

To learn more about these changes and how they will impact your business, please contact our office at 513-326-4675 x2044 or visit our website at www.sheakley.com.