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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

It all started on October 9, 1911, when Fire Prevention Day was inaugurated. The date of October 9 was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the "Great Chicago Fire of 1871"—the disaster that killed 250 people and destroyed 17,430 buildings at a cost of $168 million, and the fire that started people thinking in terms of fire prevention rather than only firefighting.

Fire Prevention Day was begun by the Fire Marshals Association of North America, now part of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The day was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on the 40th anniversary of the Chicago blaze. In 1992, on recommendation of a member of NFPA and unanimous vote of the membership, the fire safety observance was extended to cover the entire week that includes the October 9 anniversary date. President Warren Harding was the first to officially proclaim National Fire Prevention Week.



NFPA continues to be the international sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, which is always the Sunday-through-Saturday period during which the October 9 anniversary date falls. ■

CUT WORKER'S COMP COSTS

In the past three years, the average worker's compensation insurance premiums at U.S. businesses jumped 50 percent. Rising medical and legal costs, plus a reported increase in fraud is pushing costs much higher. Here are a few things you can do to help cut costs:



Perform an in-house analysis to see if you're overpaying due to incorrect employee classification, statistical errors or clerical errors. For an online overview, go to www.iii.org/media/hottopics/insurance/workerscomp.

Establish an accident-prevention program. Many states offer free workshops and consultations with safety and health specialists who will design specific accident-prevention programs for you on site. For details visit www.osha.gov/oshprogs/consult.html.

Investigate all accidents. Keep records of all accidents, not just the ones resulting in claims.

Report accidents promptly. The sooner you file an accident report, the sooner your employee will be evaluated, treated, and cleared to return to work.

Stay in touch with injured employees and their doctors. Follow the claim's progress to spot errors or fraud.

Use return-to-work/light-duty programs. If an employee is injured too severely to return to regular work, plan transitional or light-duty alternatives. ■

A LOOK AT OCTOBER

It's National Popcorn Poppin' Month! On October 1, 1908, Henry Ford's Model T went on sale for the first time. In 1957 the Space Age began as the Soviets launched the first satellite into orbit on October 4. The holiest day of the Jewish year is October 6, Yom Kippur (also called Day of Atonement). October 12 is Columbus Day commemorating the 33-day voyage of Christopher Columbus when he made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. Grenwich was established on October 13, 1884 as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated. Daylight Saving Time ends on October 26. On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. October 29, 1929 is the day the stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices. October 31 is Halloween but it was also the day in 1941 when Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.



KEEPING UP WITH INDUSTRY

ChemStation is very proud to serve as the primary supplier of industrial cleaning chemicals to a variety of industries. In fact, we (and our customers) oftentimes think of us as more of a partner than a supplier – learning about their industry, their special cleaning challenges, and keeping up with changes in manufacturing and equipment. Add to this our commitment to keeping the environment safe for present and future generations and staying current with federal and state regulations, and you can see that our dedication to serving markets is paramount.

In addition to subscribing to trade journals, attending conferences and participating in industry trade shows, we are also contributing members of several national trade associations. While some of these have to do with the cleaning industry itself, we also believe that the best way to serve our customers is to join their association.

Currently we are Corporate Members of the Technical Association for the Pulp and Paper Industry, Solid Waste Association of North America, Portable Sanitation Association International, International Sanitary Supply Association, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, American Association of Meat Processors, Dairy Practices Council, International Association for Food Protection, National Tank Truck Carriers, and the Institute for Supply Management, to name a few.

Is your trade association one we should consider joining? Talk to your local ChemStation Sales Representative and we'll look into it right away. ■

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