



# Chamber Connection

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If you missed our member appreciation Friday, June 26, you missed an excellent networking event! Including our guest, there were 25 in attendance. We were please to have Richard (Dee) Weghorst, Director of Outreach, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine 's Office in attendance.

Our special thanks to Demarus Crawford-White and her team for doing an outstanding job on the scavenger hunt, and United Theological Seminary for hosting our member appreciation. The venue was wonderful—just right for our businesses and guests.

Our Second Chamber After 5 event was held Thursday, July 9 at North Dayton School of Discovery. There were 20 in attendance.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to North Dayton School of Discovery for sponsoring and hosting this event.

The Chamber's golf outing is scheduled for Friday morning September 18 at Meadowbrook Country Club. We need volunteers to work on the committee. If you are interested, please call the Chamber at 937.837.1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org.

*Marie Battle, Executive Director*

### **Proposed Marijuana Amendment** (How would this amendment impact your business?)

Northern Chamber Coalition ( Brookville, Huber Heights, Northmont, Trotwood and Vandalia) will host an informative Lunch & Learn on "Drug Free Ohio." What would be the ramifications to businesses should the proposed marijuana amendment pass?

The date is Tuesday, August 18, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. at Miami Valley Career Technology Center. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$15/person. RSVP to 937.837.1484 no later than August 14. Mark your calendar and attend this very informative presentation.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, August 4**, Business After 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Friendship Village
- Tuesday, August 18**, Drug Free Ohio, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., MVCTC
- Friday, September 18**, Annual Golf Outing, Meadowbrook Country Club
- Thursday, October 8**, Business After 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lowe's
- Thursday, November 12**, Annual dinner/business of the year, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Friendship Village

For renewing your membership: AAA Allied Group, Brunner Literacy Center, Rumpke Waste and Totally Trotwood/Wolf Creek Marketing



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RE: Group-Rating Safety Accountability

Dear Employer:

Each year Ohio employers have the opportunity to participate in BWC's Group-Experience-Rating Program or Group-Retrospective-Rating Program. While these programs are not required, they do provide you with an opportunity to significantly reduce your workers' compensation premiums, while increasing your awareness of safety and risk-management strategies.

Workplace safety is an important component of these programs. To succeed in accident prevention, we encourage you to use the many resources available to you. We believe a group-rating program is a partnership that includes you and your employees, your sponsoring organization or third-party administrator (TPA) and BWC. Each has specific roles and responsibilities, all designed to assist in preventing workplace accidents. This letter outlines the safety services expectations you should have as an employer enrolled in a group-rating program.

The employer will:

- Maintain a safe workplace;
- Attend safety training to enhance workplace safety;
- Use BWC's safety services as needed;
- Fulfill the required two-hour training requirement and provide proof of attendance to sponsor for claim(s) occurring within the last year.

The certified primary and affiliated sponsoring organizations will:

- Sponsor eight hours of safety training (this may be done at one time or may be provided incrementally as long as the total is at least eight hours);
- Provide information regarding safety resources to group members;
- Possibly assist an employer in achieving its safety needs;
- Manage employer fulfillment of the two-hour training requirement, where applicable;
- Publish this letter to group members.

The TPA may:

- Assist sponsoring organizations with fulfilling the group-rating safety requirements;
- Assist an employer with its safety needs;
- Work in conjunction with sponsors to develop safety training and deliver safety resources;
- Provide resources for claims handling.

BWC will:

- Monitor all group-rating safety activities to confirm requirements are met;
- Remain in communication with sponsoring organizations to provide recommendations for fulfilling safety requirements;
- Provide safety training through Ohio's Center for Occupational Safety & Health;
- Offer on-site safety consultation (hazard assessments, air and noise monitoring, ergonomics evaluation, training) by a BWC safety professional;
- Offer publications and videos for safety program support;
- Conduct employer visits to confirm the employer is meeting group-rating requirements, when appropriate.

The goal of this collaborative effort is to make sure all your safety needs are met. Using these resources will assist you in preventing accidents, reducing claims costs and achieving the highest discounts possible. Below you'll find contact information for various resources.

Group sponsor: Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

TPA: Hunter Consulting Company

BWC: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/services/safetyhygiene.asp>, [groupratingsafety@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:groupratingsafety@bwc.state.oh.us)



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## Expert advice for the Individual & Family Health Insurance Marketplace

With hundreds of options to choose from, finding your way through the Health Insurance Marketplace can be daunting and time-consuming.



In partnership with  
**The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance**  
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- ◆ Exclusive member-only discounts on AAA insurance
- ◆ Free identity theft protection
- ◆ Make AAA an employee benefit

For more information on these and other discounts, contact Lori Comer at 937.281.2510.

### **Mandatory 2-Hour Safety Training**

Any employer that incurred a claim during the **GREEN** year and is currently participating in a WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM, must complete 2 hours of safety training to be compliant with Ohio BWC guidelines.

**Private Employer green year:** January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

**Public Employer green year:** January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

**There** are a number of options available for completing this requirement, employers can: Complete 2 hours of online training @ [www.bwclearningcenter.com](http://www.bwclearningcenter.com) Once you have completed the training send your CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION to **Tammy Purcell** via fax at (513) 372-8754 or via email at [tpurcell@hunterconsulting.com](mailto:tpurcell@hunterconsulting.com)

### **OSC | 16 Call for Presentations**

*Applications accepted through July 31*

Do you possess knowledge or experience that can help Ohio businesses prevent workforce injuries? If so, consider sharing your expertise with others at the 2016 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC16).

This annual event will take place the week of March 7, 2016, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. OSC16 features more than 200 educational presentations which offer continuing education credits for more than [ten professions](#). You can be considered for a presentation that lasts one hour or six hours. The event draws more than 6,000 Ohio business and government representatives and employees.

**We are particularly interested in topics which apply to an advanced level audience with more than 10 years of experience.**

You will be notified by Oct. 31 of your submission status. Below is a timeline of the process.

June 15 to July 31	Call for Presentation applications accepted
Aug. 1 to 15	Program committees review applications
Aug. 15 to Oct. 1	Program committees invite applicants to OSC16
Oct. 31	BWC notifies applicants not selected

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