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KEEPING CONNECTICUT'S WORKERS HEALTHY

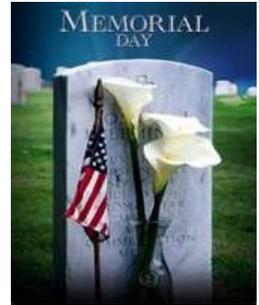
WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

April 28th is Workers' Memorial day; this day recognizes those workers who have been killed, or sustained occupational illnesses and injuries from their job. This date also marks the anniversary of the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Workers Memorial Day was initiated in Connecticut by the AFL-CIO after the collapse of the L'Ambiance Plaza in Bridgeport in 1987 and the devastating loss of workers' lives. Every year at 6:00



AM there is a sunrise service in Groton at the Workers' Memorial in Washington Park to take time to remember those workers who were injured, killed, or made ill from their job.



“Remember the dead – Fight for the living” ~ Mother Jones

FAST FACTS

The following data represents fatal workplace injuries and illness reported to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and from the Connecticut Department of Labor.

In the United States:

- In 2010, the number of workplace fatalities was at its lowest since 1992, at 4,547 work-related deaths.
- In that same year, the fatality rate for workers 65 years old and older was more than 3-times the rate for all workers.

In Connecticut:

- From 2000-2010, there was an average of 42 occupational fatal injuries per year.
- 57% of Connecticut's fatalities were caused by transportation incidents, assaults and/or violent acts.
- 96% of Connecticut's occupational fatal injuries occurred in men, consistent with the national average of 92%.
- 14% of work-related fatal injuries involve self-employed workers, however the percentage of workers who are self employed in Connecticut is only 6%.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

<http://www.ctaflcio.org/index.cfm?action=article&articleID=41bef384-c6f2-4e38-84d9-749824dcfb9b>
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22110
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