

Gates County School Maintenance

December Newsletter

Safety

School Head injuries

The death of a traffic control officer last school year reminds us that injuries on the job are not limited to just the worksites that are usually considered to be the most dangerous. Deaths occur much too often on usually less dangerous environments such as school campuses. In the last 10 years, the following accidents resulted in the death of school employees: 56-year-old elementary school teacher fell off a chair she was standing on to hang a screen on the wall.

85-year-old crossing guard was struck by a car.

66-year-old maintenance man fell and was found at the bottom of a flight of stairs.

55-year-old teacher fell when escorting students to the bus parking lot.

59-year-old teacher fell while playing kickball with her students.

In most years "falls" and "struck-by" accidents are the leading causes of death on the job, and the school environment has not been immune from these type accidents. The new school year can be a reminder that we need to take a fresh look at situations that could cause an accident on the job. No one wants a joyous time at either school or wherever we work to turn into a sad time because someone has been hurt on the job

NC Dept of labor

Next Safety Meeting December 18,2013

Safety training covered on November 19, 2013

Flammable Materials/ Fire Prevention
Hazard Communication
Lockout / Tagout procedures

Shop Talk

Work orders completed by location from January 2013 to present:

Buckland -157

T.S. Cooper -193

Gatesville Elementary -103

Central Middle - 214

Gates County High – 320

Central Office - 42

Bus Garage – 14

Various Locations – 47

Total - 1090

Custodial Staff Equipment

Unauthorized maintenance (even with best intentions) is NOT permitted. Safety and proper equipment operation is utmost important! Always clean and store your equipment according to factory specifications. Lock and store it as not to be accessible to students and staff. Propane tanks should be stored in designated areas at each school. At the end of the day, store your equipment where it will not be subject to theft, tampering, or damage. All equipment is for Gates County School use only. It is not to be used or transported to other locations without prior approval and notifying the maintenance director in writing.

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