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Hazard Highlight: New Year, Renewed Focus

It is very common for individuals to make resolutions for their personal life at the start of a new year. These often range from activities that are meant to enhance our health and get back in shape to commitments to spend more intentional time with family. But have you ever considered making a New Year's Resolution for your safety habits and behaviors in the work place?



It is very easy for complacency to take root in the work place. We get used to seeing the same work areas and job sites every day and stop looking for changes or new hazards. We sometimes assume that someone else has already evaluated the severity of an existing hazard or mitigated it because they "usually" takes care of it.

We should challenge ourselves to make a New Year's resolution to refocus and be diligent about making sure that complacency does not have a place on our job sites. If we make this commitment to ourselves and to our co-workers, we will all create a safer and more productive jobsite. Some of the ways we can put this resolution into practice are:

- Be diligent about being your brother's keeper. We should all be aware of those around us and help each other out if we see someone entering a hazardous environment, forgetting their ear plugs or gloves, or even helping them fill out a JSA for the first time
- Exercise Stop Work Authority when needed. If we are all evaluating our work areas several times through the day, it is inevitable that we will eventually find conditions or hazards that will need to be corrected or addressed to assure a safe work environment. When these are identified, it is our responsibility to stop work to keep others from getting hurt and to get the appropriate members of the project team involved to correct the hazard.
- Never assume the work area is hazard free! Always thoroughly evaluate your work area, your construction equipment and tools prior to engaging in work.
- Stay alert. Most of our jobs are very physically taxing and can lead to exhaustion if we don't take care of ourselves. Make sure you are getting plenty of rest, eating well and maintaining our health. Minimizing fatigue in our lives helps us to stay alert and more tuned in to the work we are doing and those around us.

Projects getting started

AP 19 & South Yard Rail Project
OPD Morgan's Point
Courageous Chemistry Ingleside
Spring Fire Training
Truport
Interchange Park Phase
Vidor Haul Road
CPChem Scale & Concrete
CPChem Cedar Admin
Orchard Bess

A Driver's Training Class was held at the corporate office in January. Dump Truck, Lube Truck and Haul Truck drivers were brought in for a training refresher. Some of the topics of the session include:

- **Job Site Access**—how to assure safe turns are made with narrow access, traffic controls, associated flagging and adherence to site safety requirements
- **Pre-trip and Post-trip safety checks**—the importance of reviewing the physical truck and load with applicable checklists, permit reviews, etc.
- **Compliance to DOT requirements**

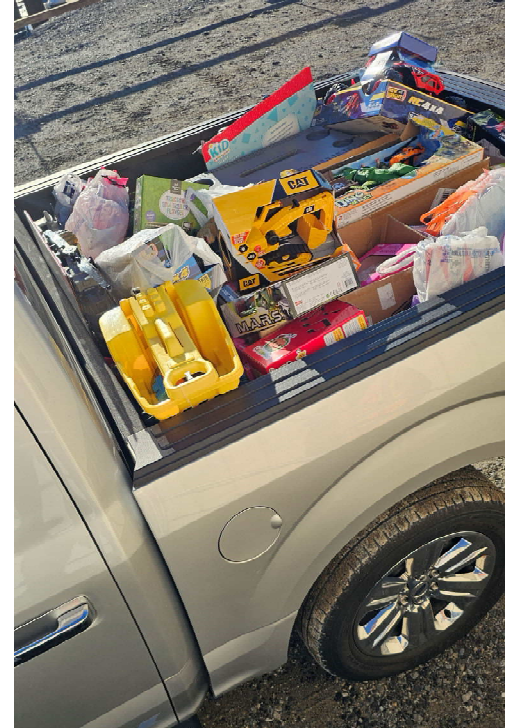


The PLNG job site took advantage of the rainy winter weather and conducted a JSA training session on a rain out day. Continual safety education is key for project success.





The PLNG project team took up a collection and literally delivered a TRUCK LOAD of toys to a local toy drive. This is the second you're the PLNG team has participated in this toy drive. Have you looked for positive ways to impact the community you are working or living in? It's a great way to meet people and get involved in a meaningful way!



It is with great sadness we share the passing of Mr. Bill Miller (1955 – 2023).

Following his 20 year career as the Chief Inspector at the Port of Houston, Bill Miller joined W. T. Byler on November 23, 1999. His first project was as the Project Manager, along with Norman White, on

the Panama Canal project. After the 2-year project concluded, he came to work in the Houston corporate office. During his time at Byler, Mr. Miller worked on over 350 projects that included County Airports, Union Pacific Railroad Projects, new construction rail projects and many others.

We will miss his witty sense of humor and his tenacity when he was passionate about an issue or engaging in a debate. His love for rock and roll music was surprising to some, but his fun trivia guessing the artist behind a song or the song the lyrics belong to was a testament to his passion for music. He was always available to answer questions regarding rail construction and took pride in helping others learn. He was an important part of the WT Byler work family and will be greatly missed.



The Pleak Substation job in Rosenberg, Texas began in December and got started with clearing, grubbing and demo of existing structures. Scope also includes cut/fill operation, soil stabilization, pond construction. Storm, sewer and water lines are also being installed on this project.





5 YEARS
 Frederick Cruz
 Longinos Posada Balderrama
 Antonio Sanchez
 Dominic West

10 YEARS
 Jacob Howell
 Tina Martin
 Alfonso Villegas
 Eduardo Jasso
 Yosvi Geovandy Valdez

20 YEARS
 Felix Morales-Santiago

25 YEARS
 Ginger Snell

Happy Anniversary

Zero Accidents is Our Goal!

Congratulations on your retirement!



Joyce Gonzales
 retired from W.T.
 Byler in December
 after 18 Years of
 service with the
 company.

5 Internet Safety Tips

- Don't Give Out Personal Information**
 Keep your personal information private and use it on safe sites only.
- Create Complex Passwords**
 Create passwords with a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Keep Your Computer Updated**
 Keep your device software up to date so it is not vulnerable to malware.
- Avoid Suspicious Online Links**
 Some websites may steal your personal information by asking you to take a quiz. Be careful!
- Check Website Reliability**
 Before purchasing anything on a website ensure that it's safe.

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