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Newsletter

The training offered by OMTI meets the requirements of Mine Safety and Health Administration to keep mining operations in compliance with MSHA regulations. Because of a production fee paid by State permitted mine operators, no tuition is required. However, before OMTI can travel outside a 75 mile radius of Wilburton, a minimum of 10 students are required.

OMTI will continue to help any newly permitted mining operation to get in compliance with any state or federal training regulations. If you would like to attend or send an employee, please call at the number noted above. Our training schedule is posted on the Oklahoma Dept. of Mines website: www.mines.state.ok.us

JULY 2009

2	Blaster Refresher – held at Vo-Tech at 8:00 a.m.	Drumright
6-8	Blasting Certification Course	Wilburton
13	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
14-15	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
16	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton
21	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK

AUGUST 2009

6	Blaster Refresher Class	Wilburton
11	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	OKC
12-13	New Miner Training (SUR)	OKC
14	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	OKC
	<i>three classes above held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech</i>	
18	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK
18	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
19-20	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
21	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton
25	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Tishomingo
26-27	New Miner Training (SUR)	Tishomingo
28	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Tishomingo
31- Sept. 2	Blasting Certification Course	Wilburton

SEPTEMBER 2009

3	Blaster Refresher Class	Wilburton
1	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	OKC, OK
2-3	New Miner Training (SUR)	OKC, OK
4	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	OKC, OK
	<i>three classes above held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech</i>	
15	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK
15	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
16-17	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
18	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton

FATALITIES YEAR-TO-DATE

Total: 14 (as of 5/19/09) Coal: 5 M/NM: 9

Oklahoma experienced one fatality in addition to the fourteen that MSHA recorded. This particular injury occurred at a metal/nonmetal facility and did not meet the criteria for MSHA's reporting. By paying attention on the job and following safe work practices, this will be the last fatality or serious injury that our mining community ever experiences.

BLASTING CLASSES

OMTI offers initial Blasting Certification classes several times a year and Blasting Refresher classes monthly. Please remember to bring a notepad and calculator to class. We have a few, but not enough for a large class.

TRAINING OFFERED IN OKC and TISHOMINGO!!!

In an attempt to be even more responsive to our clients, we are offering training classes ***once a month in Oklahoma City and once a quarter in Tishomingo**. The classes in OKC will be conducted at the *Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech at 7301 W. Reno Ave.*, and the classes in Tishomingo will be

held at *Murray State College – One Murray Drive*. By offering these multiple locations, we feel that mining companies in all parts of the state can more easily attend the required training. **However, a minimum of five (5) registered for each class is required to hold the class. So it is very important that you pre-register!** We view this as a cost saving measure for both OMTI and the mining industry. If you are interested in attending or sending your employees, please **register** by calling OMTI at 918/465-1872 or 918/465-1799.

*** Due to the Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech's Summer Schedule, OMTI will not offer classes at that location in July.**

NO TOBACCO POLICY

We have been alerted by Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech in Oklahoma City and Murray State College in Tishomingo that a very strict no-tobacco policy is enforced. It includes smoking and any kind of tobacco anywhere on campus including the parking lots. If we do not follow their rules, we will not be able to continue using their facilities.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Unless OMTI tells you otherwise, all classes that we teach will begin at **8:00 a.m.** Recently, we have had a lot of students come in 15 to 45 minutes late. This disturbs other students as well as the instructor and if the student is not in class before 8:15 a.m., he/she will be asked to reschedule.

TRAINING

It has come to our attention that some companies are not sure what type of training their new employees should have. If the new hire has never worked at a mine, he must receive 24 hours of New Miner Training, 16 hours of which can be given by OMTI. All employees must receive 8 hours of Annual Refresher training in order to be in compliance with MSHA regulations. Oklahoma mining law requires Supervisors be trained every 2 years in order to keep their State Certification (green card) current. They will receive this training in the Annual Refresher classes that we offer. If you have any questions about what type of training is required, please feel free to call Judy Tate at 918/465-1799.

SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME

What a great time of the year! Thoughts turn to vacations with our families, maybe to distant locations, or camping and fishing close to home. Children are enjoying the time away from school and quite often do not pay as much attention to their surroundings as they should. Throughout the nation, there are a number of fatalities in and around sand and gravel pits or abandoned mines. Most of these occur to school-age children who are not aware of the risks of drowning or unstable ground while riding 4-wheelers or exploring unknown areas. Please teach your family the dangers they may encounter so that there will not be any fatalities or serious injuries in Oklahoma.