

OKLAHOMA MINER TRAINING INSTITUTE

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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

APRIL 2009

14	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
15-16	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
17	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton
21	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	OKC, OK
22-23	New Miner Training (SUR)	OKC, OK
24	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	OKC, OK
	<i>three classes above held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech</i>	
21	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK
23	Blaster Refresher	Wilburton
28-30	Instructor Training	Wilburton

MAY 2009

5	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Tishomingo
6-7	New Miner Training (SUR)	Tishomingo
8	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Tishomingo
12	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
13-14	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
15	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton
19	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	OKC, OK
20-21	New Miner Training (SUR)	OKC, OK
22	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	OKC, OK
	<i>three classes above held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech</i>	
19	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK
21	Blaster Refresher Class	Wilburton

JUNE 2009

8	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	Wilburton
9-10	New Miner Training (SUR)	Wilburton
11	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	Wilburton
16	UG Advisory Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m.	Spiro, OK
18	Blaster Refresher Class	Wilburton
23	Supervisor/Annual Refresher (SUR)	OKC, OK
24-25	New Miner Training (SUR)	OKC, OK
26	State Supervisor Certification (SUR)	OKC, OK
	<i>three classes above held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech</i>	

Fatalities Year-To-Date

Total: 6 (as of 3/03/09) Coal: 3 M/NM: 3

Oklahoma has not experienced a fatality in two years. In the period of 1999-2008, our state experienced seven fatalities. Although this is too many, it compares favorably with some other states (Texas had 26, Missouri had 12, and Kentucky had 92). By paying attention on the job and practicing safe work habits, we can complete 2009 with no serious injuries and ZERO fatalities. For a description of accidents go to www.msha.gov

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 remember to **register** by calling OMTI at 918/465-1872 or 918/465-1799.

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.

SPRING TIME

By the time you receive this newsletter, spring will be here. This is a time for new beginnings and more outdoor activities. Please let safety on the job and at home be uppermost in your mind. We have been very fortunate in Oklahoma to have a low incident rate and no recent fatalities or serious injuries. If OMTI can assist you in any way with your training, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are having injuries of any particular type, let us know and we will design a training class to address those issues.

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.