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Pulp and paper industry safety conference announced

“Heroic moments” focus of keynote address

(Salem) – Workers, contractors, and employers in Oregon’s pulp and paper industry are invited to attend a conference designed to showcase workplace safety and health ideas on Dec. 1-4, 2009.

The Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) is one of several partners presenting the Western Pulp and Paper Workers Safety and Health Conference at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion Hotel in Portland, Ore.

The conference’s keynote speaker, Joe Estey, will present “Anybody, Anytime, Everyday – Heroic Moments” on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Estey plans to discuss those moments that shape thoughts, guide actions, and help create one’s destiny.

“Motivation isn’t measured by how excited or enthused we are, but by how much effort we put into something, even when it would be easier to ignore,” said Estey. “Everyday heroes demonstrate the difference between celebrity and importance. We may never know their names but we all benefit from their efforts.”

Twenty-eight workshops and several roundtable discussions are also scheduled during the four days. Training on workplace issues that affect pulp and paper employers and integrating safety and health management into a business plan are some of the topics. Other workshops include:

- Workplace violence prevention
- Root cause analysis
- Hazard awareness and employee involvement roundtable discussions

On Friday, Dec. 4, an injured worker and the wife of an injured worker will give testimonials. Speaker Jeff Bell of Florida will give a presentation on the loss of his son, who was killed during a summer job shortly before his senior year of college.

The registration fee is \$225 to attend all conference sessions. The fee for a single day is \$75 (Friday’s session is \$30). For more information or to register, go to www.orosha.org/conferences.

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