

CWA District 3 Occupational Safety and Health Conference Call

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Participant Reports:

Local 3902 reported there was no hot water at the AOC building in Birmingham.

Local 3905 reported an electrical issue and questioned the COVID leave form requirements.

Local 3804 reported expired insulating gloves and asked if individuals were required to order their own. Also, one-person bore machines were going to be introduced and Local 3414 reported they already have them.

Local 3808 reported 2 OSHA cases where the Company was fined. One was concerning a member still recovering from an electrical shock while working in a bucket truck. The 2nd was for various violations at the "Bat Building" in Nashville including locked exit doors, no emergency plan and no fire extinguisher training.

Local 3312 reported vendors are coming into central offices with no gloves. Also, there is only one exit in a central office (OSHA 1910.36), no insulating gloves and improper ventilation.

Local 3412 reported they are told not to take lunch in vehicles, work centers or restaurants and avoid drive-ins.

Local 3201 reported there have been two COVID related deaths in Albany, GA.

Local 3683 reported that Windstream field employees are on home dispatch and call centers are on WFH (Work from Home).

Local 3607 and Local 3611 reported no hot water at Company locations.

Local 23087 reported multiple airport issues.

Local 3804 questioned the safety of using ice machines at work centers and Local 3412 said they were told to purchase ice on Wex cards instead of using ice machines.

Isa Shabazz reported on the District 3 Joint OS&H Committee meeting where new Company members were introduced and general OS&H issues were discussed.

There was a reminder that we have training available on the Union Approach to OS&H and that Susan Moss is the District 3 training coordinator/trainer. Susan can be reached at:
<mailto:smoss@cwa3204.org?subject=D3 OS&H Training>.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2020 @ 1 PM Eastern.