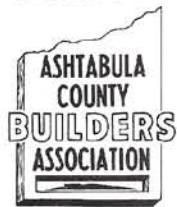


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Greeting Members,

I am writing my last letter to all of you as your President. I would like to start by saying what a joy it has been for me to serve this organization for the past two years. All the great people that I have had a chance to meet and work with have been so helpful and inspiring. This journey has taught me a number of things. One important thing that stands out the most while being President is, listen to everyone. I hope I listened to all of you as your President and thank you for letting me serve you.

Your new President, Mr. Bill Romanko is no stranger to the job and I am looking forward to staying on the board and working with him. Our next meeting will be at the Elk's on January 10th at 6:00. Our guest will be Billy Johnson, head of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department. He will be talking to us about safety in our community. Please come down and join us.

Let's welcome Bill Romanko as the new President and listen to Sherriff Johnson about safety on January 10th. Thanks again for having me as your President. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Your President,

Joe Oros

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10th Sheriff, Billy Johnson
Elks

February 14th Informational Meeting
Casa Capelli

March 14th Informational Meeting
Elks

April 11th Informational Meeting
Casa Capelli

May 4th Reverse Raffle
4H Building Jefferson

Happy hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

RSVP by Monday prior to meeting date

and

if you need to cancel please call by

Tuesday evening.

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JANUARY 10, 2013

at

Elk's

6:00p.m. Open Bar

7:00p.m. Dinner

Speaker:

Ashtabula County Sheriff

WILLIAM "BILLY" JOHNSON

The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting the lives, property and rights of all people in Ashtabula County with fairness, compassion and respect. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined in our jail, the security of our courts and the prompt investigation of crime when it occurs. They promote the setting of goals in partnership with the community, and prioritize addressing problems based on concerns of the community. They demand excellence in the quality of our law enforcement, stressing professionalism, integrity and timeliness, so that those they serve may feel secure. Committed to continuous improvement in law enforcement, they promote and utilize the most modern techniques and technology available. It is their mission to improve and maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure that our county is a safe place to raise a family, work and visit.

Sheriff Johnson will be discussing:

- * DAYTIME BURGLARIES
- * ELDERLY SCAMS
- * OPEN DISCUSSION

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH REPORTER

Fall Protection

Enforcement of Residential Construction

Roofing Directive Delayed Again, Until March

BNA Snapshot

Enforcing Residential Construction Fall Prevention Standard

Key Development: OSHA extends for three months the grace period for enforcing the residential construction fall protection standard.

Impact: OSHA continues educational outreach to contractors, while industry hopes OSHA will revise enforcement directive.

What's Next: March 16 is the new start date for full enforcement.

By Bruce Rolfsen

Full enforcement of the residential roofing fall prevention standard has again been delayed, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced Dec. 11. The new start date is March 16, 2013, a three-month extension of the enforcement grace period in place since September 2011 ([41 OSHR 830, 9/29/11](#)).

The day before the announcement, James Maddux, OSHA's director of construction, told regional administrators in a memo, "OSHA will continue the temporary enforcement measures (including priority compliance assistance, penalty reductions and lengthened abatement periods) we have been taking and extend them for an additional three months."

Maddux said the extension will allow OSHA to continue educating employers on how to comply with the policy.

Temporary Provisions

During the extension, OSHA compliance officers will continue to inspect residential construction projects using the 2010 [compliance directive](#) for the standard on fall protection at residential construction projects (26 C.F.R. 1926.501(b)(13)), according to OSHA guidance.

If alleged violations are found and the contractor is complying with the 1999 fall prevention directive (STD-03-00-001), OSHA officials may waive penalties after the contractor complies with the 2010 guidance. If the contractor was not complying with the 1999 directive, there will be no penalty reprieve.

Also extended into March was OSHA's policy of giving priority to residential contractors for on-site fall prevention consultations.

An agency spokesman told BNA Dec. 11 that the temporary enforcement policy was developed to help the residential construction industry transition from using methods allowed by the 1999 directive.

“OSHA has identified very little noncompliance with the new practices, and continues to work closely with the residential construction industry to implement the new directive,” the spokesman added.

Industry Reaction

The extension was welcomed by the National Roofing Contractors Association. Tom Shanahan, the NRCA's associate executive director, told BNA Dec. 11 the organization was “very encouraged” by OSHA's delay.

The association has asked OSHA to reconsider the 2010 directive and keep in place portions of the 1999 directive, such as provisions allowing the use of slide guards. While there have not been formal discussions between OSHA and the association for two months, Shanahan said OSHA has been open to NRCA suggestions.

In practical terms, extending the enforcement date to March 16 will have limited impact for many contractors.

“We are at a place where work has slowed down considerably because of the weather,” Shanahan said. The National Association of Home Builders also welcomed the delay. “We are very pleased that OSHA heeded our calls,” association Chairman Barry Rutenberg said in a Dec. 11 statement.

In a Dec. 7 letter to Michaels, NAHB asked for OSHA to rewrite fall protection regulations so that home building is covered by a separate rule.

“NAHB is convinced that the most beneficial way to address falls in the residential construction industry is for OSHA to promulgate a standard specifically tailored for residential construction,” the letter said.

OSHA's decision to extend the grace period marked the fifth time OSHA pushed the date back. The original implementation date was June 16, 2011 (41 OSHR 522, 6/16/11).

With each delay, OSHA said it wanted to give contractors more time to learn about complying with the directive.

During fiscal 2012, OSHA consultants performed more than 3,000 on-site visits, 1,000 training sessions, and 500 presentations on residential fall protection, Maddux said in his memo.

Across all residential construction trades, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary fatality report for 2011 reported 27 deaths from slips, trips, or falls, compared with 51 in 2010. Of the 2011 fatalities, 16 workers were employed by residential roofing contractors, two more than in 2010.

For More Information

The 2010 compliance directive is available at <http://op.bna.com/env.nsf/r?Open=jstn-92vuuf>.

Maddux's memo is available at

http://www.osha.gov/doc/residential_fall_protection/residential_guidance.html.