

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Distribution  
**FROM:** Rob Wylie  
**DATE:** February 25, 2008  
**RE:** Safety Awareness  
2007 Accident Review

After reviewing the accident/incident reports for 2007, it is time for each of us to refocus on working safe and leading by example. If subcontractors see Capstone Building employees taking risky shortcuts, they will also. In the same manner, subcontractors will take short cuts if field personnel don't confront them when working in an unsafe manner. Always take the time to observe subcontractors' employees safe/unsafe work practices as you walk around the jobsite on a daily basis.

Capstone Building had **ZERO** employee recordable injuries for 2007; 2006 also had ZERO recordable injuries; 2005 had one loss time accident; 2004 had one loss time accident.

There were a total of eight accidents involving subcontractor's workers on Capstone Building jobsites in 2007 that would have been recordable for those employers compared with sixteen subcontractor accidents in 2006; twelve in 2005; and twenty-two in 2004. The 2007 and 2006 accidents as a whole had a lower severity rating than the previous two years.

Capstone Building's incident rate for 2007 and 2006 was **zero**. The current national incident rate is 5.0.

I would like to congratulate each of you for a safety record that is well below national averages, but also want to see us continue to build on this success in 2008!

Accidents to subcontractors' workers can, and usually do, interrupt work resulting in delays to the schedule as well as negatively impacting employee morale. As you read the following subcontractor accident summaries, keep in mind how each one could have been prevented. Capstone personnel should have a quick meeting to discuss these summaries and preventative measures.

### **Accident Summaries:**

#### **Struck-By / Struck Against**

- Exterior fire protection pipe struck by forklift driving around building. Pipe had to be replaced and reinstalled.
- Scaffold struck by forklift driving around building. Damaged section of scaffold members had to be replaced.
- Parked vehicle struck by Bobcat working around building.

## **Accident Summaries Continued:**

### Struck-By / Struck Against

- Pieces of glass in broken window pane struck against workers wrist resulting in laceration. Worker had restrictions from using arm for 2 days.
- Worker installing drywall received thumb laceration after striking hand against the cutting tool.
- Worker struck head against a metal stud and received laceration to his head. Failed to wear a hard hat at the time of the accident.

### Electric Shock

- Worker received electric shock when installing a heater. Wire nuts were missing and worker assumed the circuit was off.
- Worker received electric shock while cleaning debris when accidentally making contact with a live wire. The wire nut had fallen off and covers were not in place.

### Burns

- Worker received caustic burn to arm when chemical he was using ran down his arm while adjusting equipment.

### Foreign Object (Eye)

- Sheet metal worker rubbed eye and imbedded a foreign object in eye. He received treatment at an emergency care clinic.

### Falls, Slips, & Trips

- Worker fell off of a step ladder. He should have been tied off above lower level. Workers received treatment and missed 7 days of work.
- Worker tripped and fell, striking his head on wall.

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