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### **SAFETY FEST TN OFFERS MORE THAN 40 FREE SAFETY AND HEALTH COURSES** *TOSHA CO-SPONSORS 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EVENT IN OAK RIDGE*

**NASHVILLE** – Tennessee workers interested in workplace safety are invited to attend the second annual Safety Fest TN. The free event will feature 40 safety courses and dozens of exhibitors showing the latest trends in safety and health products. Safety Fest TN will take place at the New Hope Center in Oak Ridge on Monday, September 9, through Friday, September 13. Tennessee OSHA (TOSHA) has partnered with the Oak Ridge Business Safety Partnership (ORBSP) along with several other organizations to host Safety Fest TN. All courses are free of charge to anyone who registers.

ORBSP is a group of private, public, and non-profit organizations that was founded in 2004. "We are thrilled to have TOSHA's support and participation," said Jenny Freeman, one of ORBSP's leaders. "TOSHA has been instrumental across the board in this year's event. Steve Hawkins, TOSHA Administrator, is our keynote speaker this year. Voluntary Protection Program Manager Jim Flanagan is leading the 'Got World Class Safety?' session with four of the safest Tennessee worksites, and Garrett Rea, Consultation Manager, is going to be speaking on Combustible Dust."

The free training courses are designed to appeal to a variety of workers from office professionals to hands-on workers. Attendees range from large and small businesses, non-profits, and labor unions to federal, state, and local government agencies. Some of the courses offered include Fire Safety, Nutritional Management of Type Two Diabetes, Welding Safety, First Aid/CPR Certification, and the OSHA General Industry 10-Hour Course.

A Safety Expo, featuring 30 organizations providing a range of safety and health equipment and services, will also be held. The Expo will be on September 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and September 10 from 8:00-4:00p.m. The exhibiting organizations "sell" safety either internally to their employees or externally to the community and clients.

Safety Fest TN will feature two demonstrations. Pike Electric, Inc. will present their acclaimed LiveLine High Voltage Demonstration on Thursday, September 12 (weather permitting). Running throughout the week, URS will have its Slip Simulator that teaches participants how to maintain balance while walking on a slick surface.

"TOSHA is excited to be a part of Safety Fest TN. The fest will provide excellent resources and networking opportunities for attendees," said Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administrator Steve Hawkins. "Since the event is free, we hope this gives everyone interested in learning more about safety and health the option to attend."

For more information on Safety Fest TN and for registration information please visit [www.safetyfesttn.org](http://www.safetyfesttn.org). There spots still available but they are going quickly so register today to attend!