

### WELCOME

# **Cleveland Construction Safety Initiative**

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# The Cleveland OSHA Office Would like to Thank.....

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     Safety Council
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     Construction
  - Don Mays, Co-Chair, Safety Representative Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers

### Thanking...

- Tri-C Corporate College:
  - Robert Verhoff, Director, Construction Trades Training Program
- All sponsors
- All attendees for the "First Construction Safety Day"
- Special thanks to Karen Andryscik, CEA

### Talk to the OSHA Attendees...

 Deputy Regional Administrator, Chicago Regional Office: William Donovan

Assistant Area Director: Joe Warner

Construction Team: Steve Browning, Adam Fries,
 Scott Mahnke, Brandon Bock

Compliance Assistance Specialist: Julie Weis

### Why Work Safely?

# Greatest Idea Ever!!!

(Even better than Safety Messages on Toilet Paper)







# Text-In-Compliance

Construction Site Inspection
& Management Accountability
Enhancement

### **Problem**

- Smaller construction companies (i.e. roofers, excavation/trenching, masons) with higher fatality rates
- Due to small size, site inspection and audit programs lack consistency and followthrough
- Company owners complain about burden of foremen documenting and filling out inspection sheets and tool-box talks

### Problem (cont)

- Owners receive citations and complain about providing training, safety equipment & resources to foremen, who then fail to comply
- Owners / safety managers try to conduct and document inspections – try to surprise the crews and catch them working safe
- Complain about employee misconduct but don't adequately document or implement site inspections and discipline

### Solution

- Have crew leaders / foremen/superintendents walk job sites and use cell phones to take photos of safety set-up at beginning of job & text copy to owner / safety manager
- Owner/safety manager set up G-Mail or Google Account (or external hard drive) to save photos which have a time and date that documents safety on job sites
- Especially useful for roofers, masons / scaffolds, and excavations/trenches

## Solution (cont)

- Instead of completing boring inspection checklists or sheets of paper documenting the inspections (which is a pain for foremen), send instant text messages with photos – easy!
- This can help supplement and document the employer's safety and health management system without using a lot of paper and resources

### **Benefits**

- Instant documentation of compliance with safety for job (i.e. verification of fall protection or trench boxes / sloping, etc.)
- Auditable by owner / safety manager can quickly identify deficiencies or improvements needed
- Instant accountability for construction site managers – i.e. Owner sends text message to three crews asking them to send photos of safety set up at site – site managers have to respond immediately (if fall protection not currently in place, it will be before text is sent!)

### **Benefits (cont)**

- Can use existing technology (i.e. photos or video – Skype to do audits at any time of day)
- Employer can document inspection program
- If site manager is required to do this at the start of each shift, will make it easier for crew to comply for the rest of the shift
- Can't guarantee 100% compliance, but will increase compliance at least when the photo is taken

## **Benefits (cont)**

- Small companies can easily do this. Can supplement or replace inspection forms.
- Companies can instantly audit job sites at any time of the day – if companies seriously implement this, will hold site managers accountable for compliance throughout the day
- Easy, easy, easy! Most people have cell phones and know how to send text photos



### **OSHA Enforcement Update**

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William Donovan

Deputy Regional Administrator OSHA –Region V

### OSHA's Mission

Assure so far as possible safe and healthful working conditions for every working man and woman in the nation.





### **OSHA Saves Lives**

**Examples From** 

Columbus, OH & Aurora, IL



### **Contractor "In Over His Head"**

10 ft. of soil resting above



Water present at the toe of the trench







# The cave-in filled 7 feet of the trench





### Manager Slips and Lives

Manager slips during power washing.

Calls CSHO in afternoon & says "Thanks for saving my life."





# Study: OSHA Inspections Reduce Injuries with No Job Loss

Harvard & UC Berkeley researchers found:

- 9.4% drop in injury claims in the 4 years after inspection
- 26% average savings on workers' compensation costs
- \$355,000 average savings for an employer (small or large) as a result of an OSHA inspection
- Study estimates \$6 billion in savings to employers nationwide

There was no evidence that these improvements came at the expense of employment, sales, credit ratings or firm survival.

OSHA doesn't kill jobs; it helps prevent jobs from killing workers

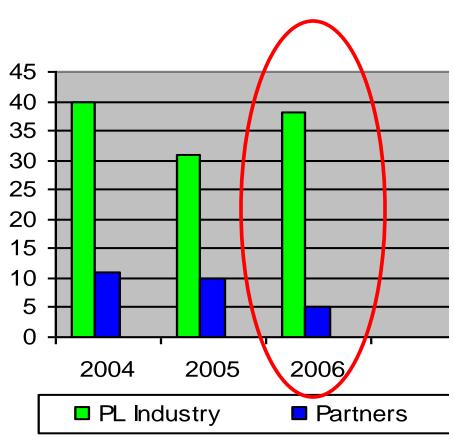
# Rate of Fatal Work Injuries Continues to Drop 1992-2011



# Calculating Industry Fatality Rate Using the NIOSH CFOI formula

- Number of fatalities per 100,000 workers performing that job - Task Team 1 calculated the fatality rate for the industry and for the 6 main partners:
  - 10 year base line (1995 2004, as calculated by Task Team 1) average for the industry = fatality rate of 42.3
  - 6 main partners, 4 year base line average (2001-2004, obtained by Task Team 1) = 46.17

# Powerline Construction & Maintenance Fatalities - Drive to Zero



The 2006 totals indicate a 10% reduction in the fatality rate for the industry overall - 42 down to 38/100,000

...and a 56% reduction in the fatality rate among the six main partners –

#### 46 down to 23/100,000

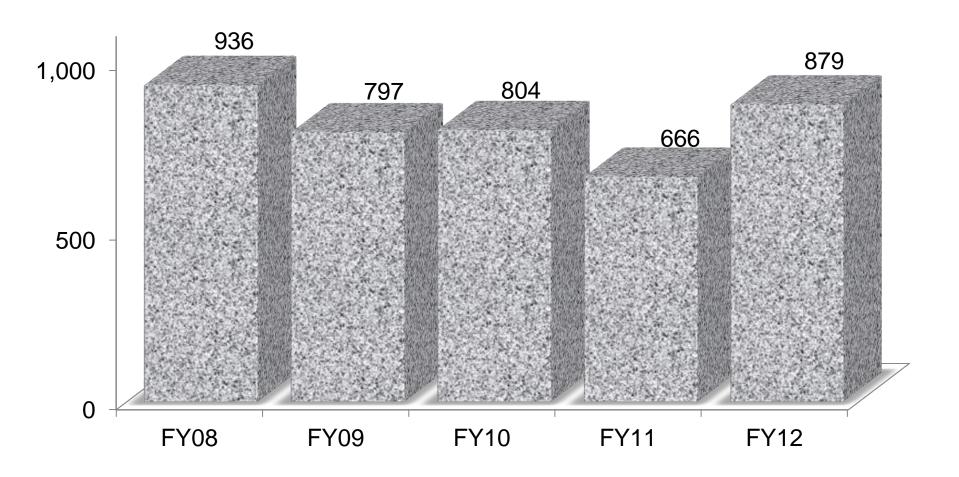
-<u>2007</u> - 24 & 28/100,000

-<u>2008</u> - 28 & 30/100,000

-<u>2009</u> - 9 & < 30/100,000

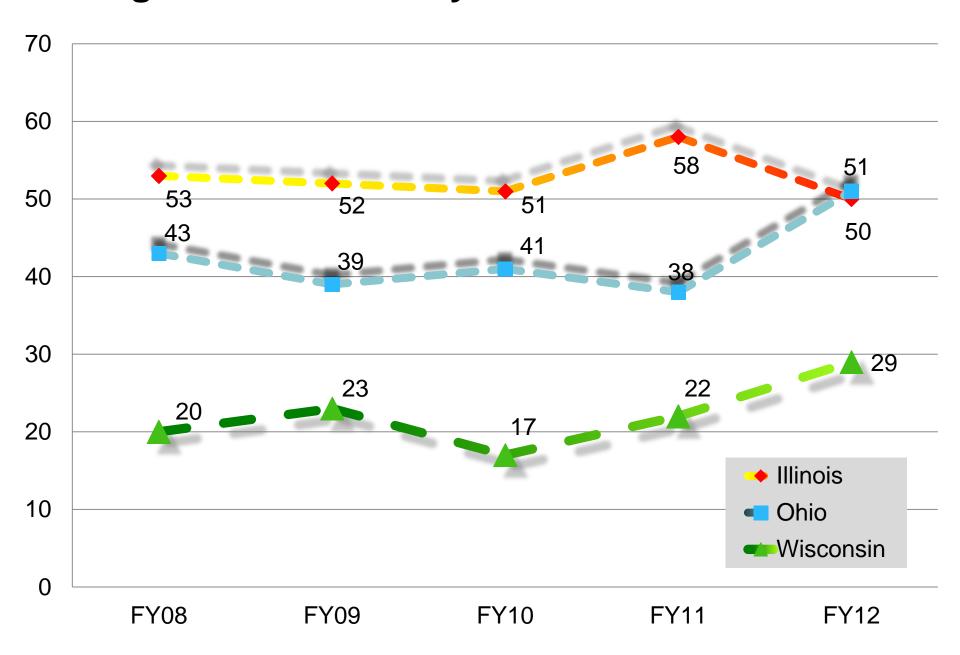
-<u>2010</u> – 23 & 25/100,000

# **FY 2008 – FY 2012 Nationwide Fatalities**

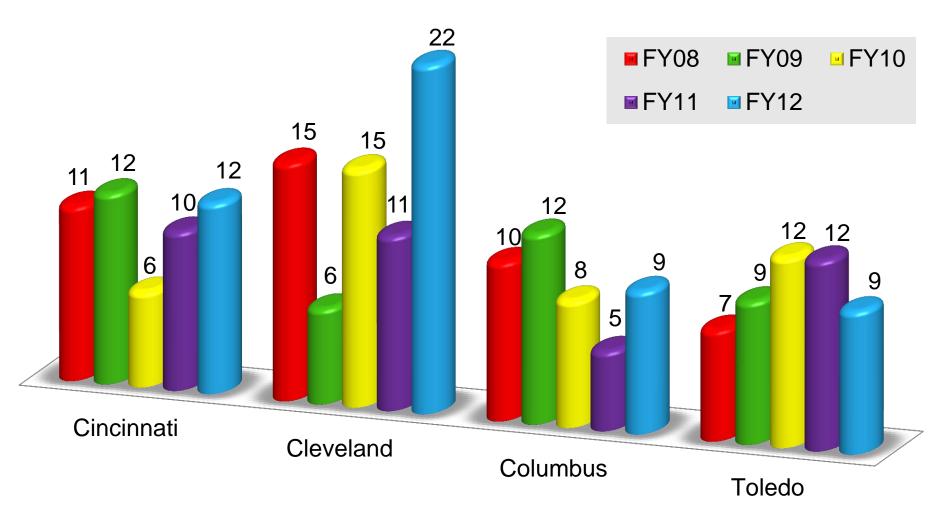


Source: OSHA Information System (preliminary 2012 data)

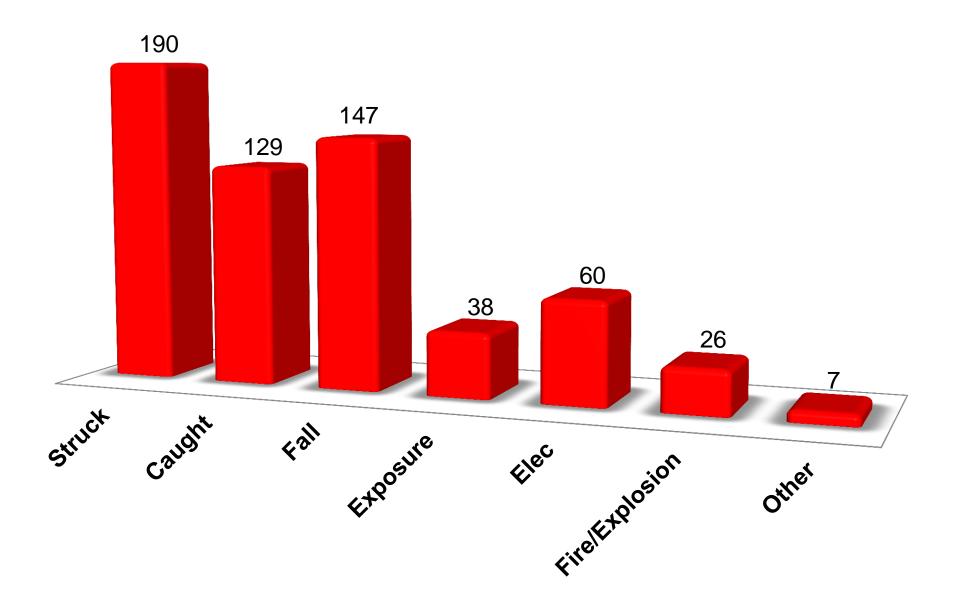
### Region V Fatalities by State - FY2007-FY2011



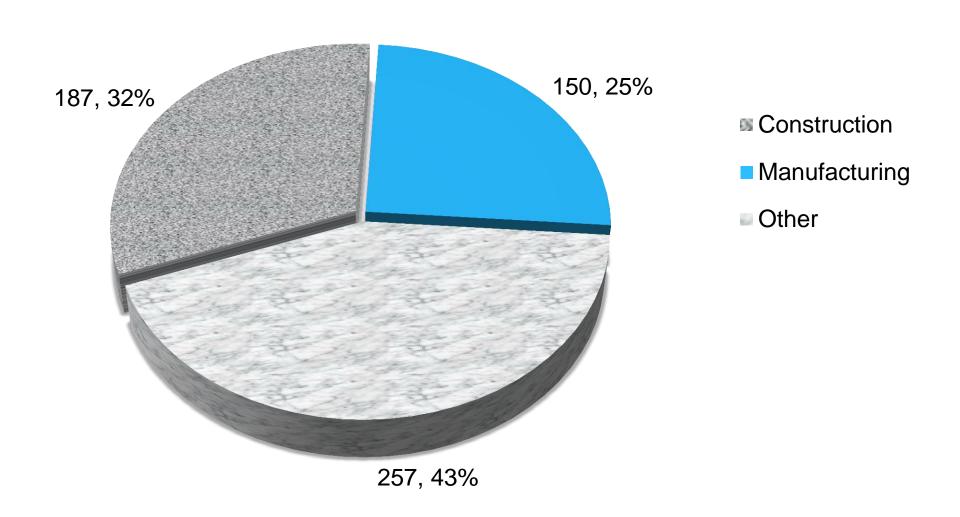
### **Fatalities Ohio Area Offices FY08-FY12**



### Region V Fatalities by Event FY2007- FY2011



# Region V - Fatalities by Industry FY08 to FY12



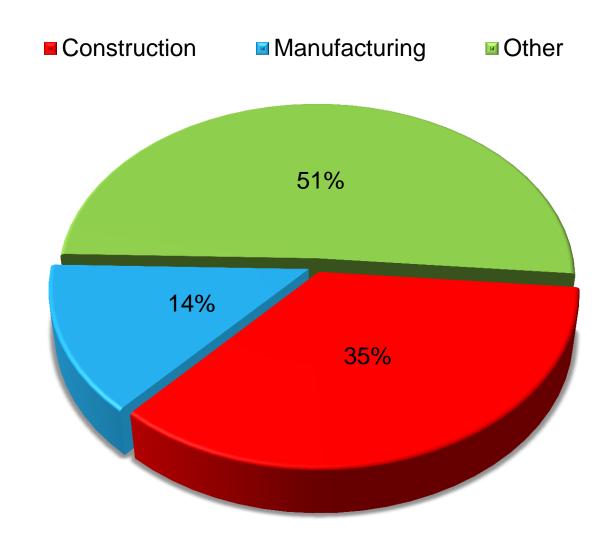
# Occupational Fatalities Cincinnati Area Office FY 2008 – FY 2012

#### **Number of Fatalities:**

Construction 18

Manufacturing 7

Other 26



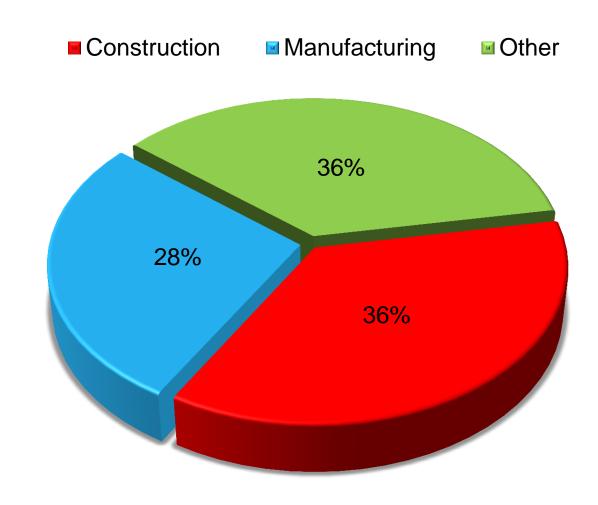
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Manufacturing 19

Other 25



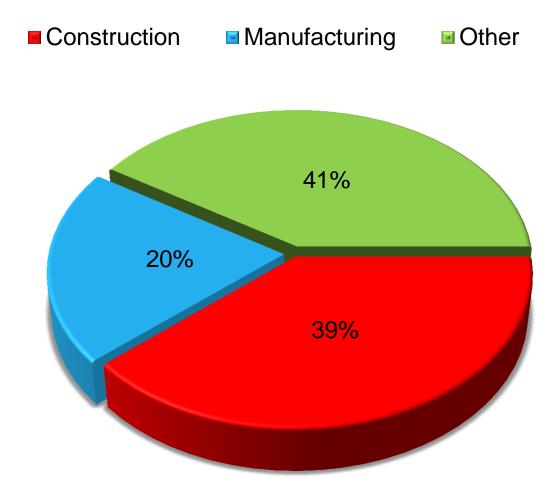
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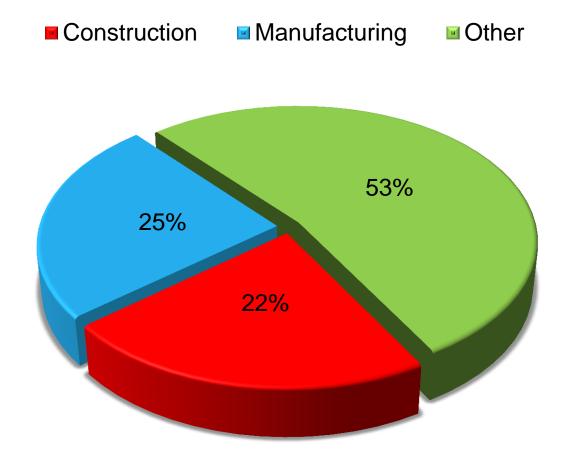
# Occupational Fatalities Toledo Area Office FY 2008 – FY 2012

#### Number of Fatalities:

Construction 11

Manufacturing 12

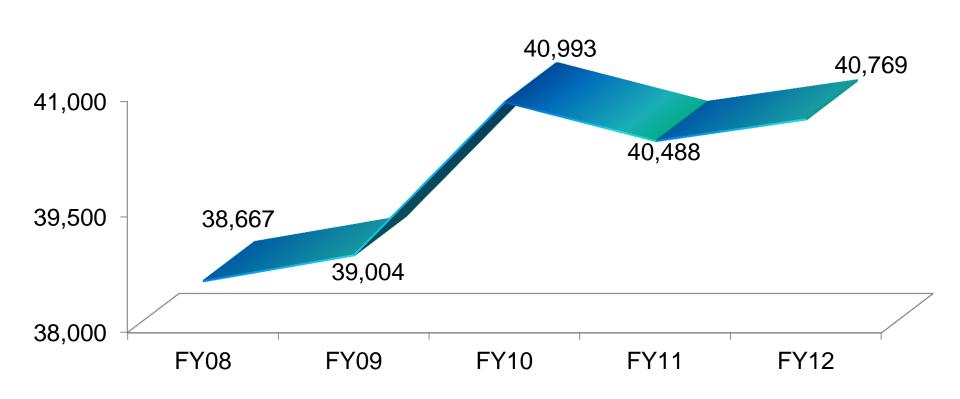
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# **OSHA's Field Tool Bag**

**Enforcement** 

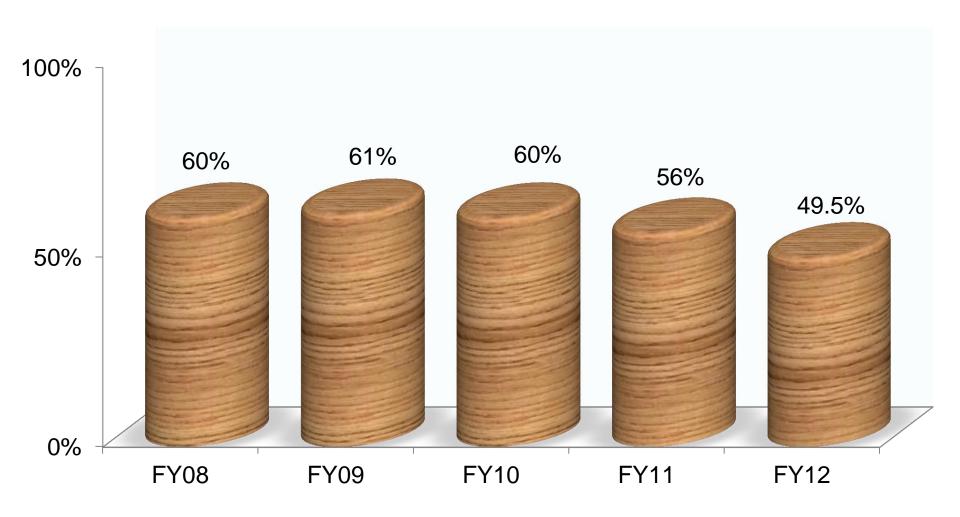
### Inspections Conducted (Federal) FY 2008 – FY 2012



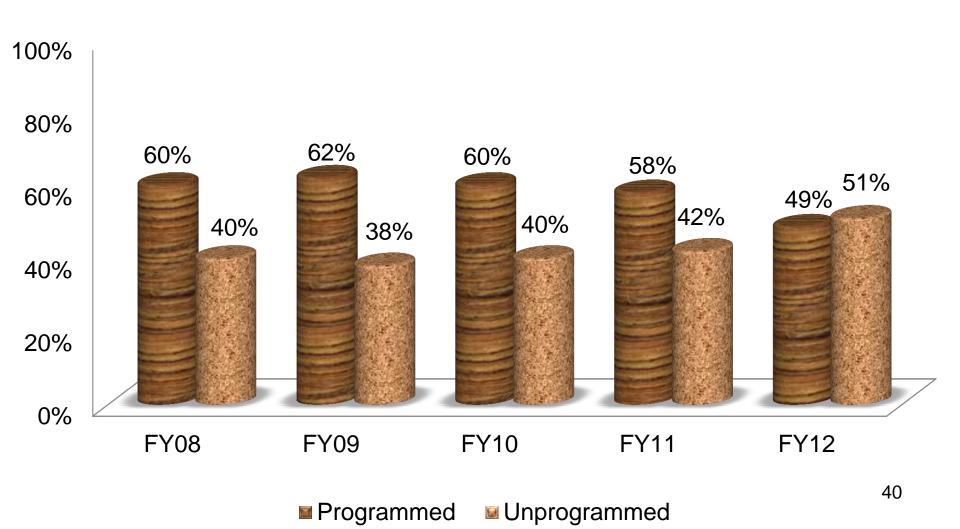
### Region V FY-2012 Inspection Data

- 7,332 total inspections
  - 3,630 of which were construction
  - 1,516 were health inspections
- Ohio inspection in FY 2012
  - 2,665 total inspections
  - 1,267 were construction
  - 558 were health inspections

## Region V - % Construction Inspections FY 2008 – FY 2012



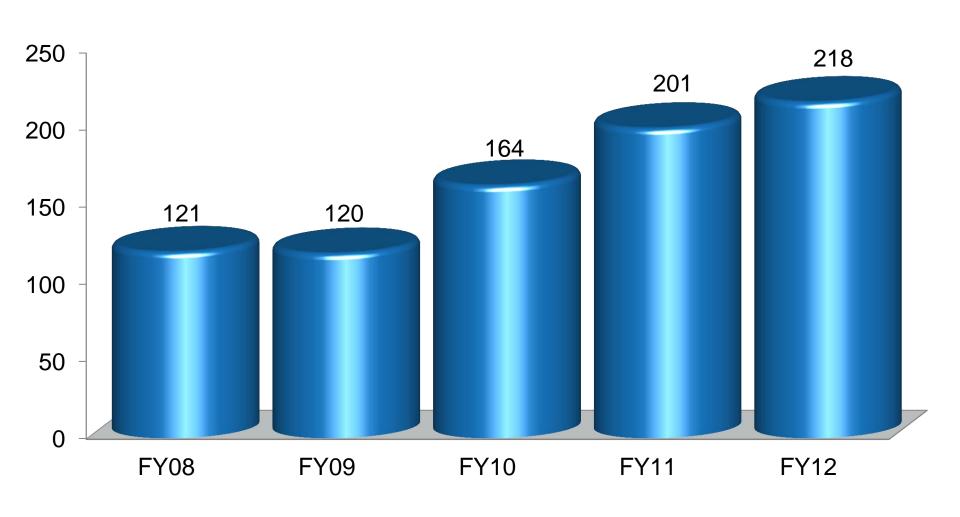
## FY 2008 – FY 2012 % Programmed vs. % Unprogrammed



### FY 2008 – FY 2012 Nationwide Average Penalty Per Serious Violation



## FY 2008 – FY 2012 Significant Cases Nationwide



## Significant Enforcement Actions Region V – FY 2012

56 significant and novel cases issued

- Ohio 24 issued
- Illinois 17 issued
- Wisconsin 13 issued
- Indiana 1
- Michigan 1

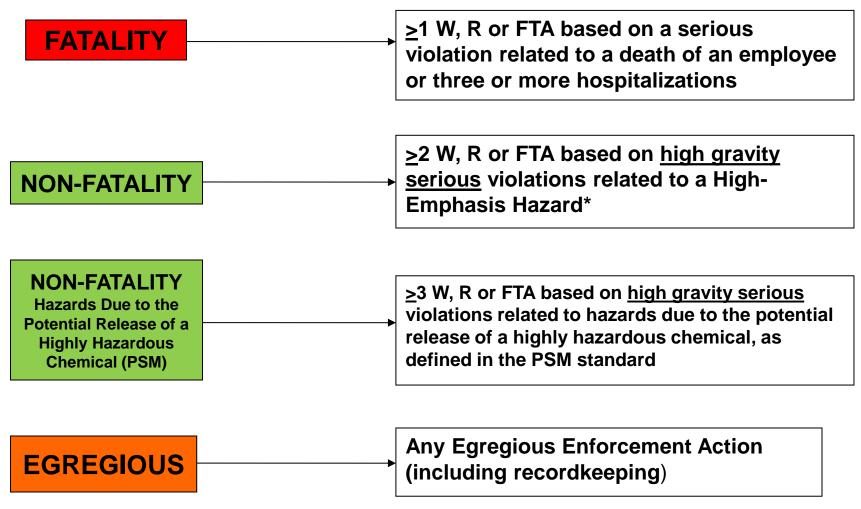
## Region V - Significant Cases by Inspection Type

- Complaints 21
- NEP (Trench, Lead, PSM, SST) 11
- Referrals/SVEP 9
- Follow-up 5
- Fatality/Accident 4
- LEPs (Falls, PITs, PMI, Grain) 3
- Federal Agency 3

## 56 Total Sig + Novel Cases in Region V Major Issues - FY 12

- 17 Health (2 Asbestos, 4 Lead, 2 Noise, 2 Brazilian Blowout, all others PPE…)
- 12 Lockout/Tagout and/or Machine Guarding
- 6 Fall Hazards (Roofs & Scaffolds)
- 4 Process Safety Management
- 3 Combustible Dust
- 3 Trenching & Excavation
- 3 Federal Agency, Ergo (lifting) and WPV
- 2 Cranes in General Industry
- 2 Electrical Safe Work Practices
- 2 Permit Required Confined Spaces (PRCS)
- 2 Maritime (PRCS, Electrical)

# Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP) Criteria



### **SVEP High Emphasis Hazards:**

- Falls
- Combustible Dust
- Amputation
- Grain Handling
- Chemical Plants (PSM)
- Crystalline Silica
- Lead
- Excavation/Trenching

### **SVEP Enforcement Actions**

- Additional inspections at other sites
- Mandatory follow-up inspections
- Federal court enforcement under Section 11(b) of the OSH Act
- Nationwide referrals, including State Plan States
- Increased corporate awareness of OSHA enforcement

# Criteria for Removal from SVEP

- 3 years after FOD Employer can come off if:
  - all hazards abated,
  - penalties paid, and
  - no recurrence
- 291 SVEP inspections through 8/31/2012

### **National Emphasis Programs**

#### **Current:**

- Amputations
- Combustible Dust
- Fed Agencies
- Food Flavorings
- Hex Chrome
- Lead
- Primary Metals
- PSM (Chem Plants)

- Nursing Homes & Residential Care Facilities
- Silica
- Ship Breaking
- Trenching

#### In Development:

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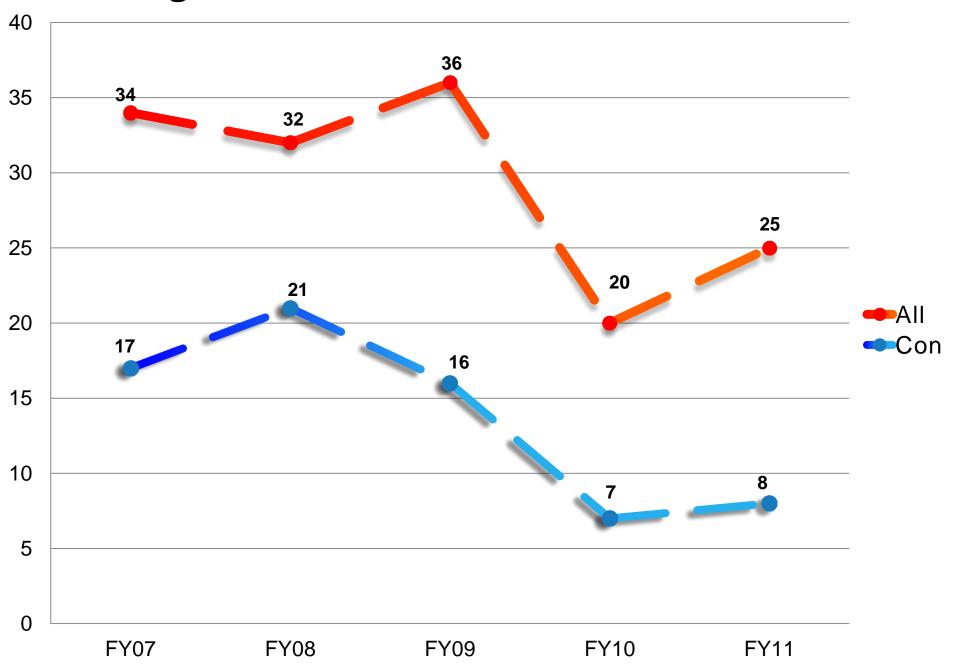
### Region V Local Emphasis Programs (LEPs) - FY 2012

- Fall Hazards in Construction
- Primary Metals
- Grain
- Amputation Targeting in General Industry (GI)
- Powered Industrial Vehicles (Construction & GI)
- Building Renovation/Rehab "Gut Rehab"
- Maritime (shipyard, marine terminal & cargo)
- High Rise Construction (Chicago AOs)
- Dairy Farm LEP (Wisconsin AOs)

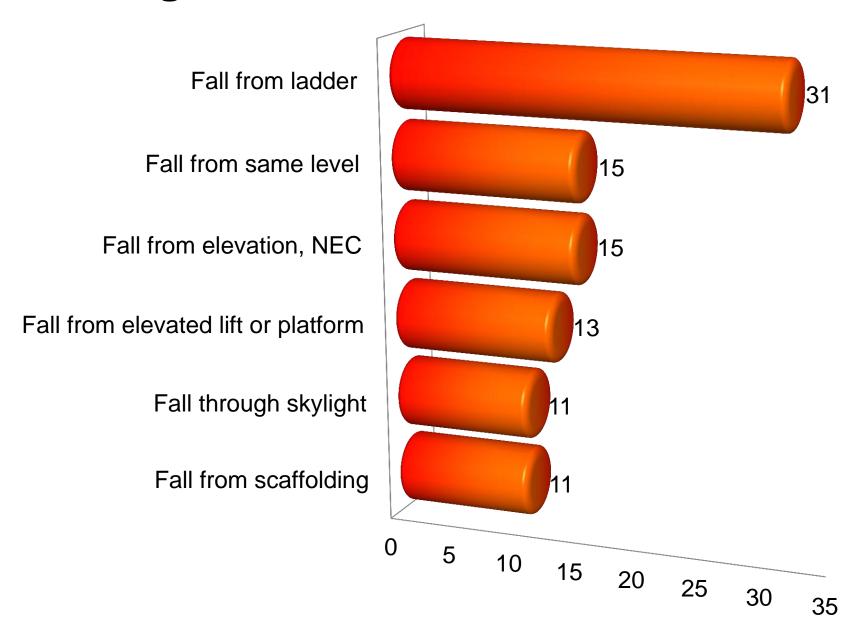
# Potential New/Modified LEPs in FY13

- Modification of Fall LEP in Construction
  - Expansion to General Industry
  - Focus on Ladder Falls
- Tree Trimming in Ohio & Wisconsin
- Focus on Site Preparation & Demolition Contractors in Construction

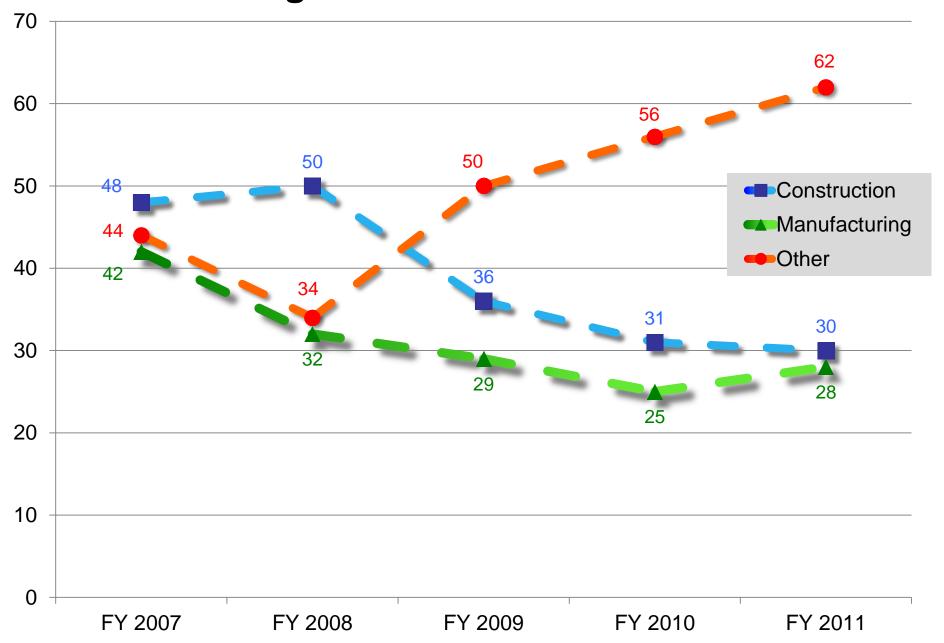
### Region V Fall Fatalities FY2007 - FY 2011



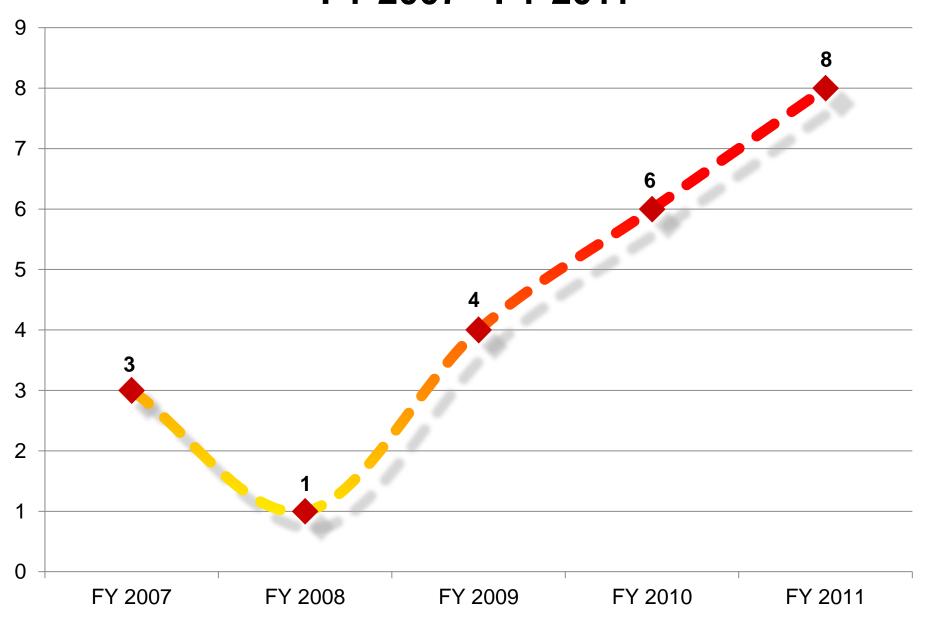
### Region V Falls - FY 2007 - FY 2011



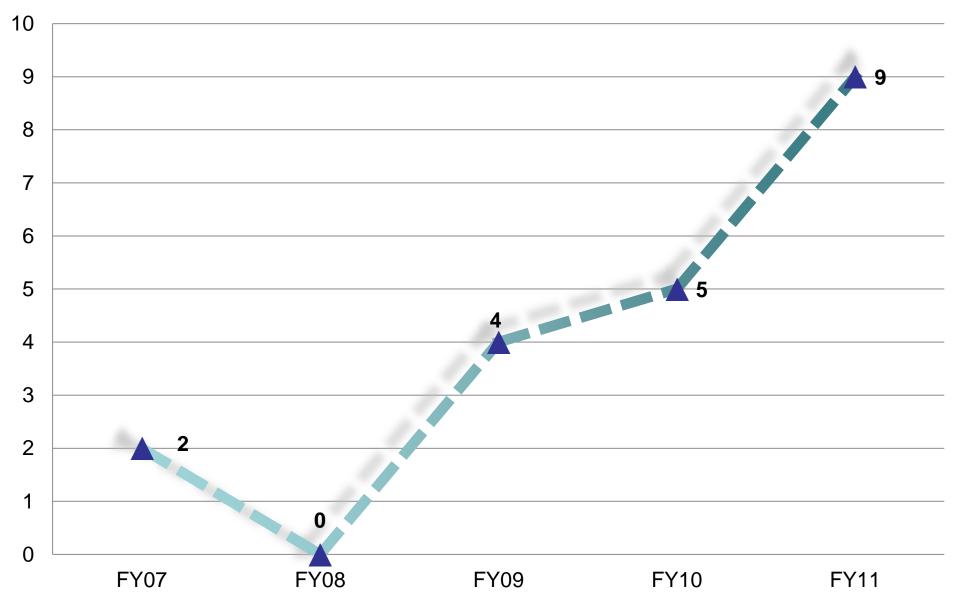
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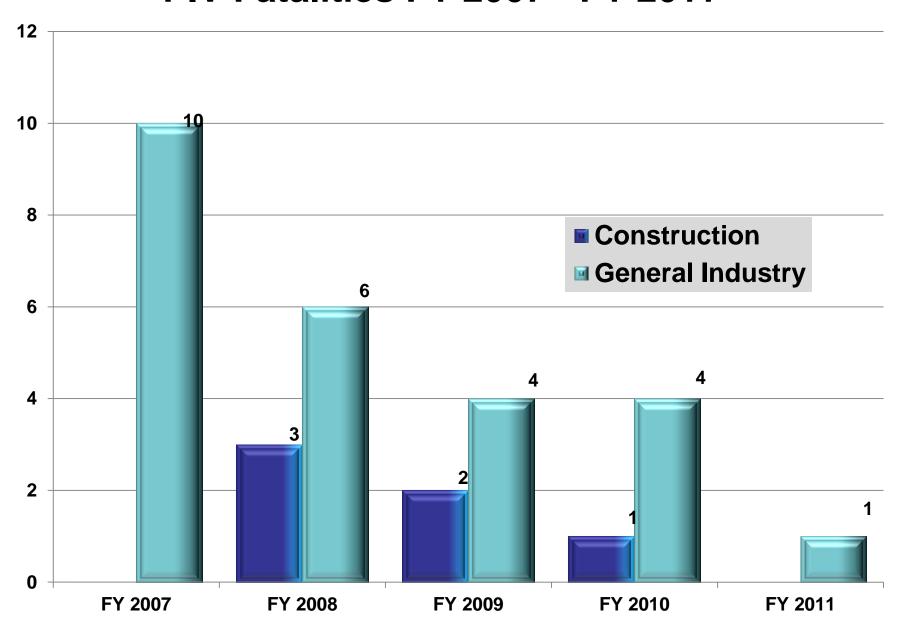
## Region V Landscaping (561730) Fatalities FY 2007 - FY 2011



## Region V Tree Trimming Fatalities (All NAICS) FY2007 - FY2011



## Region V's PIV LEP Success Story: PIV Fatalities FY 2007 - FY 2011



### Whistleblower

- FY 12, Region V received 521 Whistleblower complaints (20% of Nation's total)
  - Recovered \$3,894,007 in Damages
  - Reinstated 17 Complainants
  - 345 11(c) cases
    - 44 11(c) merit cases
    - 6 11(c) Complainants reinstated
    - \$249,371 wages recovered for Complainants under 11(c)
- In Ohio:
  - 184 Whistleblower Complaints
    - 143 11(c) Cases
    - 19 11(c) merit cases
    - \$98,687 wages recovered for Complainants under 11(c)

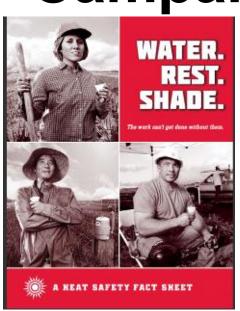
### Whistleblower - Significant Cases

- 2 Sig Cases Federal Railroad Safety Act (FRSA)
  - Complainants disciplined after reporting work related injuries
  - Employer alleged Complainants provided false information
    - Evidence supported Complainants
    - OSHA ordered reinstatement
    - Total damages = \$932,000
  - Incentive/Disincentive Programs
    - Rates linked to bonuses

# 2012 Major Outreach Campaigns

- Heat Stress
- Falls





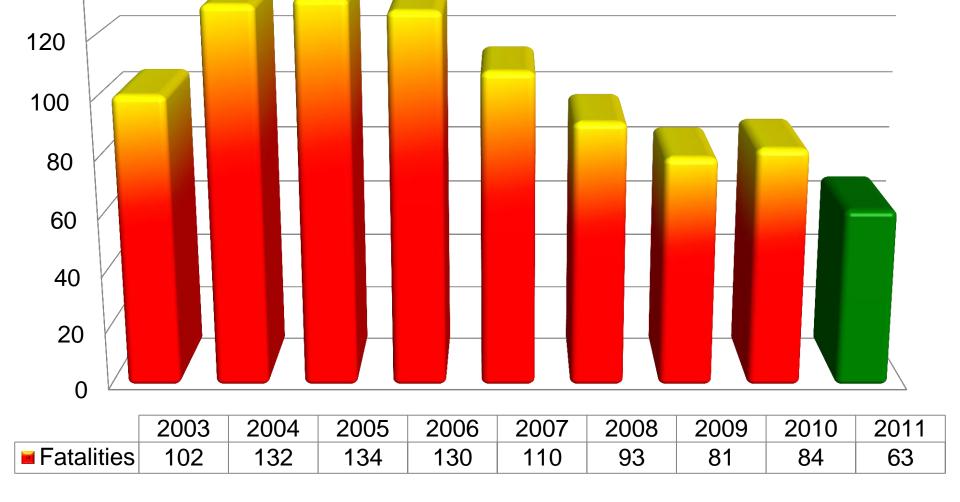








## Fatal Falls in Residential Construction 2003 - 2011



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2011 data are preliminary, final census numbers are expected to increase

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## Nationwide, FY 2012 Top 10 Most Cited Standards (GI)

- 1) 1910.1200(e)(1) Hazard Communication (written program)
- (2) 1910.212(a)(1) **Machine Guarding** (general)
- 3 1910.1200(h)(1) Hazard Communication (training)
- 4 1910.178(I)(1)(i) **Powered Industrial Truck** (operator trg.)
- (5) 1910.134(e)(1) Respiratory Protection
- 6 1910.23(c)(1) Fall Protection (guardrail)
- 7 1910.134(c)(1) Respiratory Protection
- (8) 1910.212(a)(3)(ii) Machine Guarding (point of operation)
- 9 1910.147(c)(1) **Lockout/Tagout** (program)
- 10 1910.147(c)(4)(i) **Lockout/Tagout** (machine specific)

### Region V - Most Frequently Cited Violations

#### Construction – FY-2012

- Fall Protection (Residential)
- 2. Fall Protection (Training)
- 3. Ladders (Positioning)
- 4. Fall Protection (Guardrails)
- Safety program (Inspections)
- 6. Safety program
- 7. Fall Protection (Res Roofing)
- 8. Eye & Face Protection
- Head Protection
- 10. Scaffolds (Fall Protection)

### **Questions?**

