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Excavation Experts Support the Community

Tom Thompson, Branch Manager for United Rentals Trench Safety, does far more than market equipment designed to make working in trenches and confined spaces safe. There's no excuse, but Texas still leads the nation in trench and confined space fatalities. Even with the equipment and expertise of the United Rentals' team, many contractors elect to take the foolish risk not to be OSHA compliant and not to appropriately protect their employees. Not surprisingly, accidents occur. That's when the



Tom Thompson, Branch Manager for United Rentals Trench Safety

genuine concern for workers' safety becomes so apparent at United Rentals. Tom does not hesitate to authorize his own emer-

response team to quickly respond to any area trench catastrophe. They support the efforts of the locally responding fire department with skill and highly specialized equipment. Further, this is all at no charge to the fire department. Such generosity and concern frequently changes the incident outcome. At a minimum, it certainly enhances rescuer safety and reduces the time and resource required on scene.

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Management Responds To Growing Need

Charles Neely and Monty Moon were promoted last November to the positions of Site Resource Managers. REO experienced dramatic growth during 2002 and Charles and Monty were quick to meet the changing needs of our clients. Both gentlemen bring a solid skill set to the table and a refreshing approach to client interactions.

Charles and Monty have provided nearly five years

of outstanding teaching from the REO platform. Their entertaining style



captivates the participants while making the learning process enjoyable. Hats

off to a team that can actually make OSHA requirements interactive and interesting! As rescue and safety training needs grew at REO, so did their enthusiasm. Training ultimately lead to the addition of providing on-site, standby rescue services for a variety of REO's clients. The standby rescue service grew rapidly, as did Monty and Charles' response to

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Welcome, Charlie Schmid



Charlie Schmid brings over 20 years of experience from his service with FDNY...and, he can tell you how to trim your trees!"

We at REO are delighted to announce that Charlie Schmid, FDNY retired, has joined our team of instructors and consultants. Charlie's history is rich with experience. Interestingly, before his calling to serve as a fire fighter / rescuer for 23 years with New York City, Charlie spent seven years as a tree surgeon.

Charlie's service with the FDNY included Engine 210 and Squad 1 in Brooklyn, Ladder 22 in Manhattan and more recently he served as a lieutenant with Squad 41 in the Bronx. Most of his career was spent in the Special Operations Command, special-

izing in Technical Rope Rescue, Hazmat, Building Collapse, Trench Rescue and Structural Fire Fighting. He is a certified New York State Fire Instructor and an adjunct Instructor for the FDNY Technical Rescue School, FDNY Bureau of Training. He also manages to fit in time to teach at the New York State Fire Academy. Charlie is particularly skilled in Confined Space Rescue, High Angle Rope Rescue, Forcible Entry, Fire Fighter Survival and Elevator Emergencies.

Some how, Charlie manages to find time to participate as a volunteer with the New Jer-

sey Initial Response Team in providing Cave Rescue and Ground Search & Rescue throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is difficult to tell that Charlie is semi-retired! When time permits, he enjoys numerous outdoor sports with his family, as well as, woodworking and assisting his wife, Valerie, with stained glass projects.

Charlie will participate as a rescue instructor and consultant in safety and rescue services. REO will surely benefit from Charlie's wealth of hands-on experience. Welcome, Charlie!

OSHA Focus

Every hour, of every day, at every work site, there looms the risk of injury or death. Even though not always viewed as an ally, OSHA ceaselessly strives to ensure safe working environments

for workers. One such method is through emphasizing local enforcement

of safety standards and requirements pertaining to specific categories of work settings. An LEP or Local Emphasis Program was initiated as recently as last October for Region VI (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas). This LEP targeted street and

work-zone safety. An increase in the number of fatalities in traffic-exposure work zones led to the implementation of the LEP response.

Traffic work zones encompass a wide array of work settings. Beyond the obvious highway, streets and bridge construction, the Local Emphasis Program will scrutinize tree trimming operations, roadside surveying, roadway lawn care, above and underground utility construction and maintenance. *All private sector workers in the street or near the edge of the street, where they could be struck by a wayward vehicle will be considered ex-*

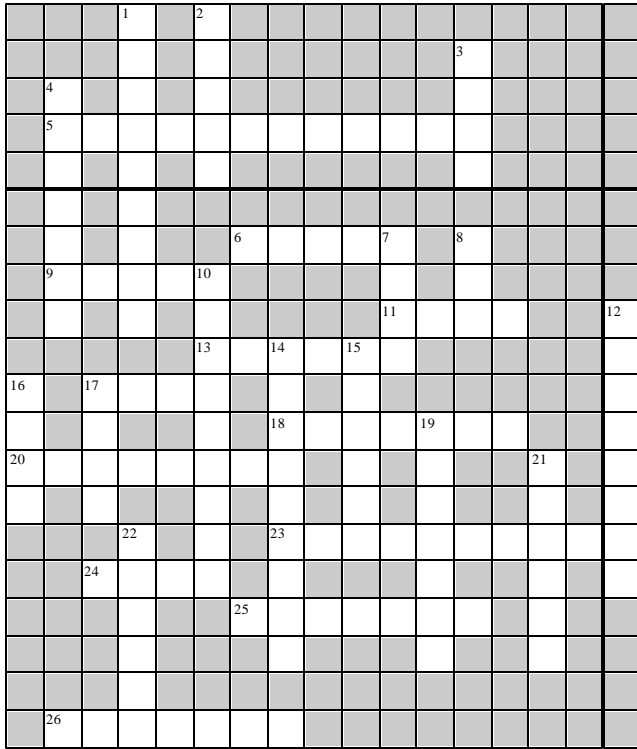
posed to the potential hazards covered by this LEP. Implementation of this LEP will encompass a number of related OSHA standards. At this time, those include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

29 CFR 1926.200 Control of work zone safety
29 CFR 1926.201 (a) Flagmen
29 CFR 1926.95 Related personal protective equipment

All OSHA standards, plus additional, helpful information is available, at no expense, on the Internet at: www.osha.gov

The OSHA logo features a stylized blue and white circular emblem to the left of the letters "OSHA" in a bold, black, serif font. The "O" is a circle with a white center and a blue outer ring. The "S", "H", and "A" are solid black letters.

Test Your Ladder Knowledge



ACROSS

- 5 Aerial platform ladder that folds.
- 6 Type of ladder permanently attached to a structure
- 9 Ladder cross-pieces of circular or oval cross-section on which a person may step
- 11 Most ladders not designed for this use
- 13 Ladder cross-pieces of rectangular cross-section placed on edge on which a person may step
- 17 Bottom end of the ladder

- 18 Nonadjustable length ladder with hinged sections forming equal angles
- 20 Attached to long extension ladders to assist in raising and steadying the ladder.
- 23 Shall not exceed 20 feet in length
- 24 A permanent, complete enclosure around a fixed ladder, which is attached to it
- 25 A single-beam ladder with rungs projecting from both sides
- 26 Ladder that has hinged rungs, so it can be

folded with one beam resting against the other.

DOWN

- 1 A device to attach a ladder to a structure
- 2 Included angle between the horizontal and the ladder, measured on the opposite side of the ladder from the climbing side
- 3 A guard enclosure, fastened to the side rails or structure of a fixed ladder
- 4 Rope used to raise or lower a section of ladder
- 7 Pawls
- 8 Upper section of an extension ladder
- 10 Extension ladder
- 12 A self-supporting ladder of fixed size, with a ledge provided at the working level
- 14 A non-self-supporting, portable ladder, adjustable in length
- 15 spacing of rungs in inches according to OSHA
- 16 Vertical distance from the top of a tread to the top of the next higher tread
- 17 Side rail of a ladder
- 19 Plane of the ladder is at right angles to the plane of motion
- 21 Appliance with two side rails, joined at regular intervals
- 22 Power-operated ladder mounted on a truck chassis.



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Rescue Tech: Response to Terrorism	Mon - Thurs, Nov. 3-6	40	\$595

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Tom Thompson—United Rentals

Tom's group specializes in a variety of forms of trench and confined space protection. They cover the gamut, from atmospheric monitoring equipment and tripods to trench boxes and manufactured shoring. Knowing the potential hazards of such work, United Rentals also offers training specific to the needs of the contractors they serve.

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Monty Moon & Charles Neely

changing and growing needs of our clients and our rescue personnel. Promotion was eminent given their willingness to share their abilities, on site, with our clients. Management decisions became more significant and frequent. Thanks to their varied backgrounds, beneficial resolutions to looming challenges are always within reach.

The Coppell Fire Fighters share a combined experience of over two decades in the Texas Fire Service, certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as Structural Fire Fighters and Fire Service Instructors. Monty and Charles both hold certification as Paramedics and serve as Paramedic Field Training Officers. The world of rescue is nothing new to either. Extensive training has afforded Charles and Monty the titles of Rescue Specialist / Technician in the specialized areas of rescue as trench, confined space, technical rope and heavy rescue. Their heavy rescue experience even includes collapsed structures and operation of heavy equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, etc.