

Nuts & Bolts

July 7, 2011

Company News Brief:

Attention all Foremen and Superintendents:

Please notify your Project Manager or Kasey and Mike when you are finished with any equipment or materials on a jobsite. We are currently out of a lot of small tools. Any questions please ask the Yard crew. Thanks!



Please make sure you have checked all electrical

cords as well as ladders, the color for this quarter (July 1st through Sept. 30th) is

RED.

... > SAFETY FIRST: Chris' Subject Hearing Protection

Imagine what it would be like to live without being able to hear! Hearing enables you to carry on a conversation, to enjoy your favorite music on your CD player at home or on your truck or car radio. On the job you can hear the back-up alarms on bi-directional earthmoving equipment, or the warning sound of a crane horn letting you know that the crane is about to swing around or move a load overhead. Think about it -- if you lost the ability to hear, you most certainly would also lose your job.

Many areas around the work site have high noise levels and each of us needs to take the proper steps in preventing injury to our hearing. Subpart E of the OSHA Standard addresses hearing protection and it states that where feasible, engineering and administrative controls shall be utilized to protect workers from sound levels in excess of Table D-2 Permissible Noise Exposure. This table tells us that we can work in an area 8 hours a day with a decibel level of 90. We can also work in an area of 100 decibels, but only for 2 hours. Finally, at the high end of the table we can only work 15 minutes in an area of 115 decibels.

Exposure to impulsive or impart noise should not exceed 140 decibel peak sound pressure level.

When engineering and administrative controls fail to reduce sound levels, ear protective devices (ear plugs, ear muffs) shall be provided by your employer and they must be used! Plain cotton is not an acceptable protective device.

Our employer is responsible for requiring the wearing of hearing protection in all operations where there is exposure to high noise levels. As an employee, obey warning signs that tell you hearing protection is required - use common sense -- if the noise is loud, use protection.

Both loud and impulse noise can slowly destroy your hearing. Wearing protection is your best bet against hearing loss. Wear ear muffs or plugs -- they can make the difference.



Upcoming Bids

July 8th
Villa St. Joe - St. Joseph's Ridge

July 12th
La Crosse Housing Authority - Becker Plaza

July 12th
Winona Armory Renovations



> In the Spotlight



In the Spotlight this week is the new skidsteer, complete with no air tires.



> Project Updates



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Pics from top:
 1. Jim Hosch prepping door frames at Bonaventure Hall.
 3. Joe Johnson laying brick at Viterbo Murphy Center.

2. Heath Hoscheit tuckpointing at UW-L Wimberly Hall.
 4. Kevin Wolfe laying brick at Viterbo Murphy Center.



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Pet of the Week



Meet Bowser! Bowser is a sweet and gentle guy, a neutered 6 year old pug/beagle mix. For more information about adopting Bowser please visit: www.couleehumane.com



> Did you know?

✓ Kangaroos usually give birth to one young annually. The young kangaroo, or joey, is born alive at a very immature stage, when it is only about 2 cm long and weighs less than a gram.



✓ The brain of Neanderthal man was larger than that of modern man.

Safety Score Card:

1000 Hours:

Tony Kraus
 Ken Koval
 Brad Jelinek

2000 Hours:

Nick Boardman



Your **CURRENT** Safety Team members:

Chris Towle
 Rick Wilhelm
 DuWayne Knobloch
 Eddy Kuster
 Dan Haney
 Brent Johnson
 Heath Hoscheit

If you have any ideas on interesting safety topics to feature in future newsletters please email them to: ctowle@fowlerhammer.com or drop off at the office.