

Greg Burkhart is a 30 year veteran of the Fire Service. He currently is a full time fire fighter/ paramedic in Sylvania Township. Along with his duties responding to EMS and fire emergencies, Greg is responsible for annual fire safety inspections for over 450 businesses in Sylvania Township. For the past 11 years, Greg has worked in the construction safety field. In 2000, he was hired as the Safety Coordinator for a medium sized contractor in Toledo to develop their safety program. After successfully achieving his goals he was asked by another contractor to help resurrect their safety program. Throughout his 7 years with these two companies, he recognized that small to medium sized companies were unable to afford full time safety personnel. In order to meet this need, Greg developed his own company called Safety Synergistics, LLC. Greg graduated from The University of Toledo with an Associate degree in civil engineering in 1981. He earned his paramedic certification in 1988 and an Associate degree in fire science technology in 1992. He is a state certified paramedic, fire fighter and fire inspector. He is COSS certified and is currently studying to be able to sit for the construction health and safety technician (CHST) certification. Along with building his company, Greg teaches OSHA 10 and 30 hour construction safety classes, CPR/First Aid, confined space classes and various other construction safety classes for the AGC of Northwest Ohio and Confined Space Training Services.

I will be discussing the following topics

- emergency action plans
 - exit routes
 - locking mechanisms
 - exit markings
 - overall emergency action plan
- fire prevention plan
 - storage of materials
 - who is responsible
 - training
- fire extinguishers
 - types of fires
 - common violations for extinguishers
 - types of extinguishers
 - inspections of extinguishers
 - PASS
 - Pull
 - Aim
 - Squeeze
 - Sweep

Discussion for this session is basic and could include anyone interested in maintaining safety within the workplace.

