Smoke Alarm Safety Tips:

Q. When should I inspect and change the batteries in my Smoke Alarms?

A good time to remember to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries is when we change our clocks twice a year for daylight savings. The most common problem with smoke alarms is when the battery wears out and the alarm beeps. An unsafe individual will remove the battery and never replace it. Now the alarm is useless.

Q. Where are the recommended locations for installing smoke alarms in my home?

The NFPA recommends: Bedrooms, hallways, basements, garages and kitchens.

Q. When should I test my smoke alarm?

You should test your smoke alarm monthly.

Motorcycle Safety:

It is that time of year, when the warmer weather approaches, more motorcycles will be seen on the roads.

Did You Know!!

* The majority of motorcycle accidents and fatalities occur after nightfall.
* On average, 5,300 motorcycle deaths occur every year.

The way to prevent or reduce this number is to follow a few safety tips:

* Be-alert especially at intersections where 50% percent of motorcycles collisions occur.
* Watch road surfaces for hazards like potholes, oil slicks, puddles, loose gravel, and uneven surfaces.
* Don’t ride in other motorist’s blind spots. Try to make visual contact.
* Use your headlights day and night.
* Don’t tailgate or weave between lanes. Give your self space and time to respond to other motorists.

* Wear protective gear such as helmets, eye glasses or googles, long sleeves, pants, with brightly colored or reflective material.
* Avoid riding in the rain.
* Never drink and ride!!!

Sharing the road with Motorcycles:

It is everyone’s responsibility to share the roads and as motorists we need to keep alert.

* Keep at least two car widths between you and the motorcycle.
* Check your mirrors and blind spots before switching lanes.
* Make eye contact at a four way intersection.

ASHTA Safety Update:

Great Job ASHTA!!! As of 4/01/2015 we are at 724,803 Hours with out an accident.

How do we get there?

..by reporting any unsafe acts or conditions through the STOP® and Near Miss programs.

Our Goal to reach 1 million man hours. Without a Lost Time Accident

..encouraging others to work safely and preventing unsafe acts.
..inspecting all safety equipment, work area, powered equipment before every use.
..being Alert, anticipating hazards before starting a job or task.
Don’t take short cuts.
..treating every job as if though it’s your first time.
..communicating the importance of safety with others.
..Challenging complacency with routine jobs or task.

To reach this great accomplishment will take the hard work and effort of everyone.
Great performance by the “ASHTA JOE’S”
ASHTA Chemicals
The pictograms below are used on all New Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) chemical labels to better communicate the hazards associated with the chemical. Identifying these hazards is an important first step in safe use.

**Health Hazard**
- Carcinogen
- Mutagenicity
- Reproductive Toxicity
- Reproductive Sensitizer
- Target Organ Toxicity
- Aspiration Toxicity

**Flame**
- Flammables
- Pyrophorics
- Self-Heating
- Emits Flammable Gas
- Self-Reactives
- Organic Peroxides

**Exclamation Mark**
- Irritant (skin and eye)
- Skin Sensitizer
- Acute Toxicity (harmful)
- Narcotic Effects
- Respiratory Tract Irritant
- Hazardous to Ozone Layer (Non-Mandatory)

**Gas Cylinder**
- Gases Under Pressure

**Corrosion**
- Skin Corrosion/Burns
- Eye Damage
- Corrosive to Metals

**Exploding Bomb**
- Explosives
- Self-Reactives
- Organic Peroxides

**Flame Over Circle**
- Oxidizers

**Environment**
- Aquatic Toxicity

**Skull and Crossbones**
- Acute Toxicity (fatal or toxic)