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**0004 Monthly Report**

Sisters and Brothers as we come into spring and out of these winter months, we need to think EH&S at home and at work. April is the Month we renew or fight for Health and Safety .

In Connecticut we have had several tragedies that have affected numerous lives. On **April 23, 1987**, the L'Ambiance Plaza building under construction in Bridgeport, Connecticut, collapsed killing 28 construction workers. This was the largest loss of life in a U.S. construction accident since 51 workmen were killed in the collapse of a reinforced concrete cooling tower under construction at Willow Island, West Virginia, in 1978. It was concluded that the most probable cause of the L'Ambiance Plaza building collapse was due to loss of support at a lifting jack in the west tower during placement of an upper level package of three floor slabs.

In Middletown Connecticut, **February 7th 2010** was a sunny Sunday morning. Six workers were fatally injured during a planned work activity to clean debris from natural gas pipes at the Kleen Energy in Middletown. To remove the debris, workers used natural gas at a high pressure of approximately 650 pounds per square inch. The high velocity of the natural gas flow was intended to remove any debris in the new piping. During this process, the natural gas found an ignition source and exploded.

These are just two of the many events we remember on April 28th, Workers Memorial Day. WE MOURN THE DEAD, FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING.

We have had several workers killed on the job in Connecticut. We average 30 a year and nationally, almost 5,200 employees are killed at work.

No one should die going to work . Over the past eleven years 54,437 people died because of a work place inci-

dent that should have been prevented. Since 2011 more people are dying in this country than the previous year. Since 2014 we had a total of 22,439.4 Number of injury and illness cases.

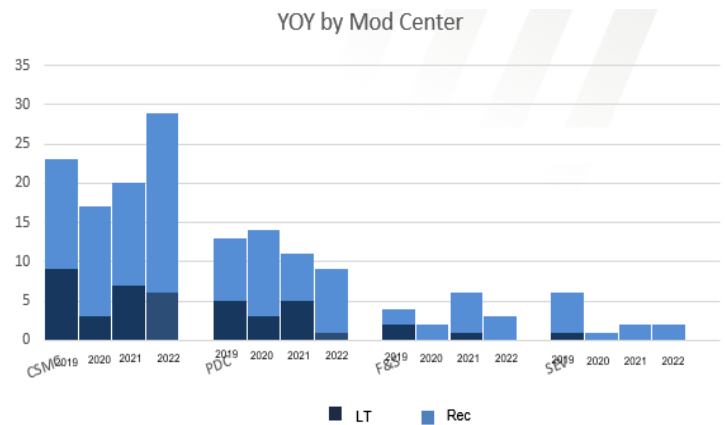
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There were 5,190 fatal work injuries recorded in the United States in 2021, an 8.9-percent increase from 4,764 in 2020. The fatal work injury rate was 3.6 fatalities per 100,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers, up from 3.4 per 100,000 FTE in 2020.

**Employers report 2.6 million injury and illness cases in 2021, down 1.8% from 2020**

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In 2021, employers reported 2.6 million injury and illness cases in private industry, down 1.8 percent from 2020. Injury cases increased by 6.3 percent to 2.2 million in 2021, while illness cases decreased by 32.9 percent to 365,200 cases in 2021. In Middletown our injuries have fluctuated over the years greatly. And one is too many.



To learn more about the I.A.M.A.W. Safety and Health click on the link [Safety and Health - IAMAW \(goiam.org\)](#)

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Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Paul Dickes.

There are so many tragedies in CT alone concerning workers death.. Each one of these individuals had a loved one at home or near by and when someone dies or gets hurt at work just doesn't affect one person. It can affect the entire family for years and maybe generations.

Brothers and Sisters the Union needs your help across the site, all Module Centers and all departments. Prevention is the key and a RIDII's is the way to prevent injuries..

Sisters and Brothers, I have written numerous articles over the years about people speeding on site and on Aircraft road. We have had numerous serious accidents on this road and several fatalities that have involved our co-workers in the 37 years I have been here. I have also responded to numerous car accidents as a Volunteer Firefighter and have had to extricate their bodies from the vehicles alive and deceased. Some of these have been little children.

I am asking you to slow down on Aircraft Road and in the parking lots at Pratt & Whitney. If it takes you another 10-20 or even 30 minutes to get home isn't it better than having your loved ones seeing you in a hospital bed or worse or grieving over someone you hit. The week of 3/20/23, a black Tesla passed me at a very high rate of speed around a corner by the hill near Saybrook Road. The Middletown Police have received numerous calls and are now watching the road.

**Driving is a privilege and a responsibility.** At some point in the day, everyone is a pedestrian. Unfortunately, pedestrian injuries and fatalities remain high. In 2020, 6,516 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 55,000 pedestrians were injured nationwide. NHTSA raises awareness of the dangers to pedestrians and provides tips to keep pedestrians safe. [Pedestrian Safety: Prevent Pedestrian Crashes | NHTSA](#)

Pedestrian Fatalities 6,516 PEDESTRIANS KILLED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES IN 2020.


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### Urgent Request

We are having someone clog the toilets in bldg. 410 test. Don't know if its hourly, salary or a yellow badge and I don't care who is doing it.

I do care that it's is being done and this affects our own plumbers on site and the person working in the area who needs a bathroom.

Sisters and Brothers this bathroom in the test cell has been out of service for weeks because of the amount of shop towels that have been dumped down the drain. I am asking you to pass the word, talk with anyone and everyone and ask them to stop this childish act. As you can see this is what they pulled on the 21st of the month and now the toilet is removed until it is fixed. I have had people ask me if we can monitor the bathrooms and under State of CT laws you can not monitor areas of employees comfort. [Employee Privacy \(ct.gov\)](http://ct.gov)



**Some of the Towels Stuffed in Toilet**

