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Worker's Memorial Day Ceremony 2024

“No one should doubt that the reason that we have worker safety laws are unions. The reason why we have enforcement of worker safety laws are the unions. And the reason why we will have better enforcement is because of unions. They make us strong,” Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Senator Blumenthal was just one of many labor leaders and elected officials to speak at this years Workers Memorial ceremony, held at the capital building on Sunday April 28th. Gathering folks to reiterate the importance of workers safety rights and also remember those that paid the ultimate price while at work. Nationally, nearly 5 ,500 workers were killed on the job in 2022 and an estimated 120,000 workers died from occupational diseases. That’s 344 workers dying each day due to work related injury or illness.

The speakers touched on many subjects still affecting workers to this day. From firefighters working to eliminate per- and poly-fluorinated substances (PFAS), commonly known as forever chemicals. PFAS are known carcinogens and have been used both in the foam that firefighters use to douse fires, and in the gear they use to protect themselves from extreme heat and smoke. Construction workers facing the opioid epidemic, as workers become injured and the addicted to prescription pain medications. Nurses fighting for better protections from assaults by patients on the job. To continuing the fight against asbestos in the workplace.

While the ceremony gave focus to those that had lost their lives at work it also gave hope for the future in the form of getting the youth involved. Five high school seniors received a scholarship from the AFL-CIO for their essays on the importance of health and safety, and the effect of having a front line worker family member. It is important to not only remind ourselves why we fight for our rights, but to inspire and educate the youth to continue to fight.



Sen. Saud Anwar (center) receives the Legislative Award from Ed Hawthorne, President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO (left), and Kyler Zimmer, co-chair of the Connecticut AFL-CIO Health and Safety Committee

Watch your hands!

Brothers and sisters, year to date we currently have 38 injuries here in Middletown. Nearly one third of those injuries are lacerations, punctures, and contusions. These could be easily avoidable injuries if we all took a moment to consider all our PPE before performing a task. While boots and glasses are required PPE wall to wall, gloves are not strictly enforced. In many of the scenarios the simple addition of gloves could have saved an employee from injury.

Many different styles of gloves are available in the cribs and consumable cabinets throughout the shop. After many complaints about the loss of dexterity with gloves we have stocked both very thin, but still level 4 cut resistant, gloves as well as finger tipless gloves for mechanics. These should allow a good level of protection while not interfering with handling of small parts.

With all PPE, make sure it is appropriate for the use and will not create another hazard (like rotating parts). A few moments to glove up could save fingers from unnecessary cuts and the risk of infection. Make sure to grab a glove clip from the crib and keep yours handy!



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Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Mike Lamoureux.

<u>April Ridii Winners:</u>	Joshua Aransky
Kenneth Audet	David Rosado
Frank Checko	Austin Derungs-West
Janet Dufresne	Maria Campelli
Robbie Babbish	



Want to make your workplace safer?

Have good problem solving skills?

Do you care about your health and the health of your coworkers?

Ever consider becoming a Union Health and Safety Representative?

Currently seeking representative for first shift. Getting representation from PDC/ SEV/ F&S would be great but all interested are welcome to inquire. If interested reach out to a Union Health and Safety Rep, Steward, or to Mike Lamoureux directly.

Lets help each other stay healthy and safe!