



# DUCT TALK

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## SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM DEADLINE APPROACHING

The 2008 SMACNA Safety Excellence Awards Program (SSEAP) is open for all SMACNA members. Last year's program resulted in excellent participation and we expect 2008 will be even better. The confidential data collected from the survey benefits all SMACNA members through publication of the Safety Profile, a report of current year findings and previous year's trends.



SMACNA members can complete and submit their form online by going to the SMACNA Web site at [www.smacna.org/safetysurvey](http://www.smacna.org/safetysurvey). Entries may also be submitted by fax or regular mail. Visit the safety section of the SMACNA Web site for a hardcopy of the survey form. All entries must be received by May 16, 2008.

First place winners will be presented awards at the SMACNA annual convention in Maui, Hawaii. Second and third place winners, and all participants who report a "zero" injury and illness rate, will have awards shipped to them. If you have any questions about the SSEAP, contact Mike McCullion, director of safety and health, at (703)995-4027 or [mmccullion@smacna.org](mailto:mmccullion@smacna.org).



## SMACNA'S 2008 FINANCIAL SURVEY



It's time to participate in one of SMACNA's most valuable resources - the 2008 Financial Survey. All information submitted for the survey is strictly confidential - surveys are sent directly to Moss-Adams LLP. The survey may be accessed on SMACNA's Web site at [www.smacna.org](http://www.smacna.org). The deadline for returning your completed survey is May 16.

All members who complete a survey will receive a complimentary copy of the Financial Survey Report and Company Performance Report (CPR). The CPR presents your firm's financial data (financial ratios and common-size income statement and balance sheet) alongside three columns of appropriate benchmark data.

The survey takes only about 10 or 15 minutes for your accountant to fill out. In addition, the more surveys we receive, the more valuable the data becomes. Many companies count on the SMACNA Financial Survey Results to help them prepare company bids, budgets, financial statements, strategic plans, and to set benchmarks and justify financial figures.

For more information on the SMACNA Financial Survey, contact Bridgette Bienacker, director of business management and membership, at (703)803-2987 or [bbienacker@smacna.org](mailto:bbienacker@smacna.org).

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## SMACNA HARD HATS

Everyone in the construction industry knows that OSHA requires head protection based on the hazards present on the job site.

For many years, SMACNA of Southern Nevada has provided hard hats to its members. You can order hard hats during our regular business hours by contacting Kelly at the SMACNA office. Each box ordered contains 12 hats. Once you have placed your order, our office contacts Al at Fasteners Inc. and authorizes you to pick up your hats. This is the only means we have of keeping track of how many hats are still available. It is imperative that you call the SMACNA office before going to Fasteners. Fasteners Inc is located at 4170 W. Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV. They will no longer distribute hard hats to anyone unless the SAMCNA Office has been called. If you have any questions regarding hard hats or would like to place an order, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA office - 384-1894.



## OSHA ISSUES NATIONAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS FOR COMBUSTIBLE DUST AND SILICA

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently issued two National Emphasis Programs (NEP) that could affect SMACNA members and the sheet metal / HVAC industry as a whole. A NEP typically means increased and "focused" compliance inspections and enforcement actions related to the topic of concern.

### Combustible Dusts

OSHA issued a safety and health instruction that details OSHA policies and procedures for inspecting workplaces that handle combustible dusts and that may have the potential for a dust explosion. Combustible dusts are often either organic or metal dusts that are finely ground into very small particles, fibers, chips, and/or flakes. These dusts can come from metal, wood, plastic and organic materials such as grain, flour, sugar, paper, soap and dried blood. Dusts can also come from textile materials. Some of the industries in which combustible dusts are particularly prevalent include agriculture, chemical, textile, forest and the furniture industry. The main "exposure" for sheet metal and HVAC contractors would be when working in industrial and manufacturing facilities and plants that have the potential to accumulate these types of dusts. HVAC contractors who design, install, and/or maintain dust collection systems should certainly be aware of this issue. Special precautions should be taken when welding, cutting, or brazing (or other "hot work") in these areas.

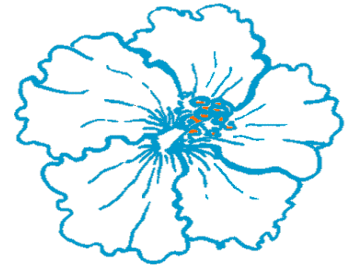
### Crystalline Silica

The second national emphasis program was established to identify and reduce or eliminate the health hazards associated with occupational exposure to crystalline silica. The sheet metal industry was one of many industries named in the program with the "potential for overexposure to crystalline silica".

The main area of concern for the sheet metal industry was identified as abrasive blasting (or sandblasting). However, any work that results in significant disturbance of concrete or masonry should be considered to be under the jurisdiction of this national emphasis program and evaluated for possible silica dust exposures.

If you have questions about the programs, please contact Mike McCullion, SMACNA's director of safety and health by telephone at (703) 995-4027 or by e-mail at [mmccullion@smacna.org](mailto:mmccullion@smacna.org).





**SMACNA'S 65th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 19-23, 2008  
MAUI, HAWAII**

Make airline, hotel room and convention registration NOW for the best rates and substantial savings. SMACNA returns to the Grand Wailea Resort Hotel and Spa on the Island of Maui for its 65th Annual Convention, October 19-23. Maui is among the most popular islands in the world, let alone Hawaii. The Grand Wailea Resort Hotel and Spa is one of the leading hotels in the world. A small block of rooms is also available at the newly renovated Wailea Marriott Resort. Hotel rooms and air spaces fill up quickly. Use these facts to help you plan your trip as economically as possible.

**Convention Registration**

Again this year SMACNA is outsourcing the convention registration to Convention Management Resources (CMR). A convention registration form is enclosed. Mail or fax the convention registration form to Convention Management Services.

**Hotel Reservations**

Convention Management Resources will manage the room block at the Grand Wailea and Wailea Marriott. A room reservation form is enclosed. A two-night deposit including the 11.46% tax must accompany your completed form. If you use a credit card the two-night deposit, plus tax, will be charged to your card closer to the convention date. A very limited block of rooms is available at the Wailea Marriott.

**Airline Information**

United Airlines is the official convention airline. You or your travel agent may contact the United Airlines Meeting Desk at 1-800-521-4041 and refer to File No. 560HW. If you do not have an official travel agent, contact MacNair Travel Management at SMACNA's dedicated number 1-703-650-5336 or 1-877-244-8735. The zoned area pricing fares can mean savings. There is only a one night minimum stay with no Saturday night required. Be sure to inquire when calling United.

**Rental Cars ... RESERVE NOW!**

SMACNA has discounted rates as follows:

HERTZ	AVIS
Call 1-800-654-2240	Call 1-800-331-1600
Refer to CV#010M0016	Refer to Discount No. T690098

In order to get the early bird rates, you must register by **August 31, 2008**.

For more information regarding SMACNA's 65th Annual Convention, please visit [www.smacna.org](http://www.smacna.org) or contact Kelly Kealey at the SMACNA of Southern Nevada office at (702) 384-1894.

# SMACNA OF SOUTHERN NEVADA SAFETY GLASSES PROGRAM



The form requires the employees name, social security number, and a SMACNA code. Any employee who does not have the SMACNA code on their form will not receive service from Gem Optical. The form must be filled out in its entirety before employees can proceed to Gem Optical to receive their glasses. Please be sure to replace your old forms with the new one that has been sent out. Please inform your employees of the location for Gem Optical. They are located at 3300 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 20, Las Vegas, NV. (in the Renaissance III Shopping Center at E. Flamingo and Pecos). If you have any questions regarding eligibility, receiving forms, or obtaining a code, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA Office - 384 - 1894.

## SMACNA of Southern Nevada Prescription Safety Glasses Program

Present To: **GEM OPTICAL**  
3300 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 20  
Las Vegas, NV 89121  
(702) 434-9919

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee S.S. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SMACNA Code:**

Please accept this authorization for the above-named employee to purchase prescription safety glasses within the guidelines of the SMACNA contractors' plan.

**THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VOID IF ANY LINES ARE LEFT BLANK**

SMACNA of Southern Nevada  
1550 Western Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102  
**(702) 384-1894 \* (702) 384-2631 (Fax)**

## SMACNA OF SOUTHERN NEVADA'S NEWEST MEMBER

**LIBERTY DUCT, LLC**  
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Las Vegas, NV 89030  
(702) 643-4786 \* (702) 643-4979 (Fax)



## JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING CENTER

On June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the International Training Institute will host a Supervisory Training 2 day seminar, from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the Sheet Metal Local #88 Training Center. This course is designed for Foremen, General Foremen, and Superintendents that are members of Local #88

The iTi Foremen and Superintendent Training Manual and the two day training seminar are a compact source of information on the leadership, communication, management and administrative skills required to supervise the workforce and produce quality performance, offering tips for handling day-to-day situations and avoiding common pitfalls. When supplemented with your company's policies and procedures and specific information about your current projects, it becomes an indispensable tool for effectively accomplishing your responsibilities, whether you're a veteran foreman or superintendent; or a new comer on the job.

If you are interested in attending this seminar, please contact your employer and RSVP to the Sheet Metal Local #88 Training Center (632-3014), as soon as possible, space is limited.. Breakfast and lunch will be provided with breakfast being served at 6:30 a.m. If you have any questions about this seminar or would like more information about the Apprenticeship Program, don't hesitate to call. Thank you.

*Daniel Rose*

Training Director  
Local #88 Training Center

### BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

**SCOTT CHATELAIN**  
**RAPID MECHANICAL**

**FRANK VUCKOVIC**  
**IDEAL MECHANICAL**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday - May 11, 2008**  
*Mother's Day*



**Wed. - May 21, 2008**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
*Board of Directors Mtg.*  
**SMACNA Board Room**



**Monday - May 26, 2008**  
*Memorial Day*  
**(Recognized Union Holiday)**



## SMACNA Duct Talk

Duct Talk is issued twelve times a year. If you have an idea for an article, please call the SMACNA of Southern Nevada office at (702) 384-1894. We want to hear from you! Deadline for submitting articles is the 25th of each month.

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