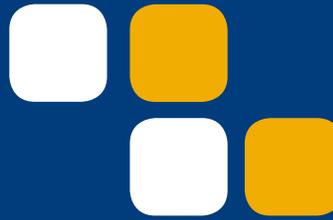


Work Comp Connection



August 2013 Newsletter

Division of Workers Compensation:
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2013 Work Comp Seminar



The 2013 Workers Compensation Seminar was a great success this year. We would like to thank the 376 attendees, 32 sponsors and 25 exhibitors.

Continuing Education Reminder: Depending on your occupation, it could be several years before you need to submit continuing education documentation. Reissuing documentation of credits received from attending a Work Comp Seminar can be done for up to five years from the date you attend. Send requests to wcseminar@dol.ks.gov.

Pictured above: Secretary Lana Gordon at conference talking with Steven Marsh, JD, Shareholder/Director, Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs, Chartered - Wichita. Right: General session at 2013 conference.



DOWNLOAD HANDOUTS
July 23 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 23

www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Seminar

Staff unable to assist 4 p.m. Aug. 2 to 1 p.m. Aug. 8

Fraud and Abuse

The Fraud and Abuse section was created in 1994 to combat fraudulent activities by claimants and abusive practices by respondents. This section is responsible for the investigation of alleged violations of the Workers Compensation Act.

If a violation of the Act is discovered, the section is willing to pursue the administrative remedies. In certain cases, the section may ask a county or district attorney to file criminal charges. Reports of fraud come into the Fraud and Abuse section from many sources:

- Kansas Insurance Department
- Insurance companies
- Employers and employees
- General public

For more information and to report fraud, visit the website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/fraud.aspx. you may also call the section at 785-296-4000 (opt. 4), toll free 800-332-0353 (opt. 3), or email wfraud@dol.ks.gov.



Fast Facts

The Employer Services section can explain posting requirements, timely submissions of accident reports, election information, insurance requirements, general compliance with work comp laws and regulations and more. Send questions to wcemployerservices@dol.ks.gov.

The Division provides both *schedule of injury* and *whole body injury* programs to help determine the amount of computation benefits due to a claimant. You'll also find a *date program* which will help you calculate the amount of time between two dates or the addition of days to a known date. Find these programs and step-by-step instructions at www.dol.ks.gov/workcomp/calculations.aspx.

The Business and Accounting section reviews applications by individual employers who wish to operate as a self-insured entity. For assistance with self-insurance, email wselfinsurance@dol.ks.gov.

To receive notices about upcoming Annual Workers Compensation Seminars, send a request to Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov.

Who's Working for You?

Derek Van is a Research Analyst in the Technology and Statistics section. He is responsible for analyzing and preparing reports on the claims data received by the Division. In addition, he handles a number of special projects primarily in the areas of database cleanup, work process automation and the digitization of workers compensation claims.



Derek worked in a variety of positions before coming to the Department of Labor a year ago, mostly in Information Technology fields. Although, his most recent job was as a Drilling Fluids Engineer for Sandridge Energy, a major oil company in the region. His education includes a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and religious studies from Southwestern College, and a Master of Arts in international studies from the University of Kansas. Derek has also recently begun studying for a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in mathematics.

The Seminar Celebrates 40 Years!

Maintaining an annual seminar that has demonstrated a continued record of success for four decades is an accomplishment, and we'd like to thank our attendees, sponsors, exhibitors and staff for their past and continued support. What began as a single-day of meetings meant to inform attorneys and others about changes in the law, procedures and forms, has grown to a two-day event which features education-based learning, exhibits and networking opportunities for more than 1,000 people each year.

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2014, the Division will host the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar at the Overland Park Convention Center. Planning members will begin work on the agenda within the next few months and we want your suggestions about topics, speakers and program changes. Use the guide located on the seminar website to nominate a speaker or submit your own interest in presenting. Send the information to Shirley.Hastings@dol.ks.gov. Hope to see you at the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar.

A promotional poster for the 40th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar. The text on the left reads: "40th Annual WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2014 OVERLAND PARK KANSAS CONVENTION CENTER". On the right, there is a chalkboard with the text "40 years of education-based" written on it, and below it, a globe and some papers on a desk.

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A photograph of a large, empty convention hall with rows of blue-clothed tables and chairs. A yellow banner is overlaid on the top of the image with the text: "Contact wseminar@dol.ks.gov about 2014 booth sales."

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