In case you missed the event, while driving down (or up) I-17, we wanted to share the decorating of the 115’ tall Anthem Christmas Tree.

The tree arrived at Outlets at Anthem on Oct. 20 at 6 a.m. A team of 14 spent more than eight hours a day for two weeks on aerial lifts to shape and decorate the 27-foot-wide tree which weighs approximately 16 tons when fully adorned with lights and ornaments. A total of 180 strands of LED lights stretching three miles and more than 6,000 ornaments decorate the tree, along with bows and a three-foot-tall copper star at the top.

What is ADOSH’s interest here, you may ask? Workers laboring on elevating work platforms, specifically aerial lifts! It is the Compliance Safety and Health Officer’s (CSHO) curse! We just can’t ignore elevated work platforms and we especially love to watch aerial lifts! So, now that you know that an aerial lift is a virtual CSHO magnet and...forewarned is forearmed!

Let’s go over the basics for Elevated Work Platforms (EWP):

**Only Authorized Operators:** Some confusion remains about how a person becomes an authorized operator of a elevating work platform. ADOSH does not authorize an employee to operate a EWP, even though the employee attends a safety training meeting and receives a certificate of attendance. An authorized operator is appointed by the employer after ascertaining that the operator has had sufficient training and can demonstrate safe operation of the EWP.

**What is Sufficient Training?** A qualified instructor must ensure that each operator reads and understands the specific information contained in the operators manual regarding safety and control of the EWP. (ADOSH does allow for those with language barriers or literacy deficiencies to be instructed on the points of safety in lieu of personally reading the manual.) Training must include the hazards associated with operating the EWP and the appropriate measures to take in minimizing exposure to those hazards, such as, tip over, electrocution, falls, uneven ground, debris piles and obstacles, etc. The operator must understand the limitations of the equipment and the conditions that would require recalculation or further assessment. Not recognizing a hazardous condition would indicate that the operator had not received adequate training for the assigned task being performed.

Additionally, Supervisors should be trained in the proper operation of the EWP so that they can enforce the safety rules on site. Pedestrian employees in the area should be made aware of the hazards they could encounter from work being performed overhead and to observe barricaded areas for their own safety. Retraining should be conducted as needed.
Inspection of Equipment: Prior to each shift a safety inspection should be completed by the operator; this includes both a visual inspection and a function test. A check including the operating and emergency controls, safety devices (such as, outriggers and guardrails), personal fall protection equipment, wheels and tires, and other items specified by the manufacturer. Inspect for possible leaks (air, hydraulic fluid, and fuel-system) and loose or missing parts. The manufacturer usually includes an inspection checklist in the operator’s manual that could be used for this requirement. If a deficiency is discovered, it should be documented and the EWP taken out of service if repairs are required or safety is in any way compromised. Tracking problems and maintaining a history of repairs is an essential element of responsible and effective safety management. EWPs should be inspected according to the manufacturer’s recommendations; usually every 3 months or 150 hours of use and more in-depth annual inspections by the employer/owner.

EWPs must be de-energized and lockout/tagout utilized before repairs are conducted. Repairs must be made by qualified technicians and equivalent parts installed.

Assessing the workplace: The operator must assess the work area where the lift will be used, looking for a level surface that won’t shift. The assessment must include the slope of the ground or floor; being aware of steep slopes that exceed slope limits listed by the manufacturer. Assessing for ground hazards, such as, holes, drop-offs, bumps, and debris, and overhead hazards such as power lines and other obstructions such as caught-between or dangerous struck-by hazards should be noted and planned for accordingly.

Renting Aerial Lifts: Many employers rent aerial lifts from agencies and may not know what exact model will be supplied. It is the employer’s responsibility to ensure that the lift is in safe working condition and that all required safety devices are in place and work ready, including all control markings. The operator manual must be supplied with the lift. Be sure that the lift is not modified without written permission from the manufacturer and that all attachments are approved by the manufacturer. If the employer or operator is unfamiliar with the lift, time must be allowed for review of the manual and OJT familiarization with the controls and limitations. A demonstration of proficiency should be performed by the operator, documented and maintained by the trainer. Again, it is the employer, or designee, who makes the decision that the operator is able to safely use the EWP.

Some Safety Tips:
> Set outriggers, brakes, and wheel chocks – even if you’re working on a level slope.
> Path of platform travel must be free of hazards;
> Personnel are to maintain firm footing on the platform floor; leaning over or climbing on guardrails is prohibited – methods employed for achieving additional height are also prohibited;
> To help keep workers inside guardrails or in buckets, OSHA requires either a full-body harness or a positioning device on bucket trucks or boom-supported lifts. (OSHA accepts a positioning device with a short lanyard, if there is an anchorage inside the bucket.)
> Personal protection equipment must always be worn as required;

EWPs must never be driven with occupants elevated in the platform, unless designed for that purpose;
> Platform occupants must be alerted prior to moving the platform;
> Provide overhead protection for occupants as operating conditions require;
> Work area shall be defined to warn others of work by elevated personnel and if working near traffic, set up work zone warnings, i.e., signs, cones;
> Non-electrical workers must stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
> Electrical workers must de-energize/insulate power lines or use proper personal protective equipment and tools.
> Insulated buckets protect from electrocution due to electrical current passing through you and the boom to ground. (An insulated bucket does not protect if there’s another path to ground – for instance, if you touch another wire.)

Telehandlers: Telehandlers are not intended to be used to lift personnel unless there is no other practical option, which is open to interpretation, common sense, and hazard recognition skills. The best way to ensure that a telehandler is approved for personnel lifting is to contact the manufacturer. Just because there is a basket that can attach doesn’t mean it can be used for personnel.

Scissor Lifts: Scissors lifts are efficient one-direction lifts. They provide a solid surface to work from, but the following safety practices must be observed:
> Guardrail, midrails and toeboards must be in place. The toe board can be omitted at the door.

The platform must be equipped with a mechanical parking brake that will hold the unit securely on any slope it is capable of climbing. The brake should be tested periodically.

Never use the lift’s rails, planks across the rails, or a ladder, to gain additional height.

Secure the rails or chains across the access area. They are part of the fall protection (guardrail) system.

On Scissors lifts the guardrail is considered to be fall protection. If a task requires lanyard use and tie-off, operators must use tie-offs provided by the manufacturer and not the guardrails.

Why EWP Safety Matters: On January 18, 2014, two carpenters, employed by a construction company, were engaged in exterior carpentry work at a bridge. They were in the basket of an aerial lift and removing bolts from the top edge of a concrete bulb T-beam. The lift operator was facing the control panel and had his back to the bridge. As he extended the boom of the aerial lift, he was caught between the bottom of the T-beam and the aerial lift’s control panel, receiving fatal crushing injuries.

On January 22, 2014, two workers employed by a painting contractor, were engaged in exterior painting of a building. They were operating an aerial lift with its 85-foot boom raised 90 degrees. As they drove up a 14-degree grade and made a sharp turn, the aerial lift tipped over. Both employees sustained fatal head injuries.

On July 15, 2013, a work crew supervisor employed by a medical clinic, was engaged in exterior carpentry. He was working from a personnel platform attached to the forks of a Telehandler. The machine rolled backward down a hill and struck a tree. The Supervisor and the personnel platform were ejected from the lift, falling 14 feet; the Supervisor sustained fatal injuries.
WEAR THE PROPER CLOTHING

• One of the best ways to prevent cold-related injuries is to wear the right clothing outdoors.

• It’s better to wear several layers of clothing than a single heavy coat or jacket. If possible, wear a thin layer next to your skin such as polyester or polypropylene. This will help keep the heat close to your body. Wear this under a warm layer of clothing such as wool under an outer jacket that repels water and cuts the wind.

• You should also wear a warm hat that covers your ears, gloves or mittens, dry socks, and dry shoes or boots that protect your feet against cold and dampness.

• A scarf or ski mask will also help protect your face.

More cold weather tips

1. Always dress properly for cold weather. Put on warm clothes before you go outside. Carry extra dry clothing if you’re likely to get wet.

2. Keep your skin dry. Wet skin freezes quicker than dry skin.

3. Drink plenty of water to keep from getting dehydrated.

4. If possible, do some of your outdoor work during the warmest part of the day.

5. Avoid sitting still outdoors for long periods of time. And take adequate breaks from the cold.

6. Don’t touch metal or wear metal jewelry outdoors in the cold. Metal conducts cold, thus increasing your chances of frostbite.

7. Avoid alcohol, cigarettes, coffee and other drinks with caffeine. Smoking decreases circulation; alcohol increases the rate at which your body cools.

8. Stay in good physical shape.

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Protegiendo a los trabajadores del estrés por frío

Las bajas temperaturas y el aumento de la velocidad del viento (sensación tórmica) causan que el calor salga del cuerpo más rápidamente, poniendo a los trabajadores en riesgo del estrés por frío. Cualquier persona que trabaje en el frío puede estar en riesgo, incluyendo trabajadores congeladores, la agricultura al aire libre y la construcción.

Tipos comunes del estrés por frío

**Hipotermia**
- Temperatura normal del cuerpo (96.8°F) baja a 95°F o menos.
- Sintomas leves: altera pero tiritando.
- Sintomas moderados a graves: para tiritando; confusión; hipotermia resultando en la amputación.
- Sintomas: entumecimiento, piel enrojecida desarrolla manchas grises/ blancas, se siente firme/dura, y puede ampollarse.

**Congelación**
- Tejidos corporales congelen, como las manos y los pies. Puede ocurrir a temperaturas encima de la congelación debido a la sensación térmica. Puede resultar en la amputación.
- Sintomas: entumecimiento, piel enrojecida desarrolla manchas grises/ blancas, se siente firme/dura, y puede ampollarse.

**Pie de trinchera (también conocido como “Pie de inmersión”)**
- Una herida al pie sin congela, causada por la exposición prolongada a ambientes mojados y fríos. Puede ocurrir a temperaturas del aire tan alto como 60°F, si los pies estan constantemente mojados.
- Sintomas: rojo, hinchando, entumecimiento, y ampollas.

**Factores de riesgo**
- Vestir inapropiado, ropa y piel mojada, y el agotamiento.
- Para la prevención, su empleador debe:
  - Capacitar a usted en los peligros y la prevención del estrés por frío.
  - Proporcionar controles de ingeniero, como calefactores radiantes.
  - Introducir los trabajadores al frío gradualmente; monitorizar a los trabajadores; programar descansos en áreas cálidas.

Como protegese a usted y a otros
- Conozca las síntomas; monitorear a usted mismo y compañeros de trabajo.
- Beba líquidos libres de alcohol.
- Vistase adecuadamente:
  - Capas de ropa holgada y aislante
  - Una chaqueta aislada, guantes, y una gorra (impermeable si necesario)
  - Botas aisladas o impermeables

¿Qué hacer cuando un compañero de trabajo sufre del estrés por frío

**Por la hipotermia**
- Llame al 911 inmediatamente en una emergencia.
- Para evitar una mayor perdida del calor:
  - Mueva al trabajador a un lugar cálido.
  - Cambie a ropa seca.
  - Cubra el cuerpo (incluyendo la cabeza y el cuello) con mantas, y con algo para bloquear el frío (como una lona o bolsa de basura). No cubra la cara.
  - Si el ayudo médico está a más de 30 minutos:
    - De bebedas calientes azucaradas si la persona esta altera (sin alcohol).
    - Aplique compresas calientes a las axilas, los lados del pecho, cuello, e ingles. Llame al 911 para más instrucciones de recalentar.

**Por la congelación**
- Sigue las recomendaciones bajo “Por la hipotermia”.
- No frote el área congelado,
- Evita caminar en los pies congelados.
- No aplique nieve o agua, No rompa las ampollas.
- Cubra y proteja el área del contacto.
- Intente de recalentar el área al menos que usted está dirigido por el personal médico.

**Por el pie de trinchera (inmersión):**
- Remueva zapatos y medias mojadas séquelas al aire (en un área caliente); mantenga pies afectados elevados y evite caminando. Obtenga atención médica.

**Use Ropa Adecuada**
- Una de las mejores maneras de prevenir las lesiones causadas por el frío es usando la ropa adecuada cuando está en el aire libre.

- Es mejor usar varias capas de ropa en vez de un solo abrigo o chaqueta grueso. Si es posible, use ropa delgada junto a su piel; por ejemplo, una camiseta o camisa de poliéster o polipropileno. Ese tipo de ropa ayuda a mantener el calor de su cuerpo. Use la camisa debajo de un suéter o camisa más gruesa y abrigada y después pongase una chaqueta de tela impermeable y que proteje del viento.

- Usted también debe usar un gorro abrigador que le cubra las orejas, guantes o mitones, calcetines secos y zapatos o botas secas que le protejan los pies contra el frío y la humedad.

- Una bufanda o máscara de esquiar también sirve para proteger la cara.

**Otros consejos para el clima frío**

1. Siempre vistase en forma adecuada durante los meses de frío. Póngase ropa abrigada antes de salir afuera. Lleve ropa extra si cree que se va a mojar.

2. Mantenga su piel seca. La piel mojada se congela más rápido que la piel seca.

3. Tome mucha agua para evitar la deshidratación.

4. Si es posible, haga gran parte de su trabajo al aire libre durante las horas más calientes del día.

5. Cuando esté al aire libre durante periodos largos muévase constantemente. Descanse con frecuencia si trabaja en el frío.

6. No toque metales ni use joyas de metal si trabaja al aire libre cuando hace frío. El metal conduce el frío y aumenta la posibilidad de congelar la piel.

7. Evite fumar, tomar alcohol, café y otras bebidas que tienen cafeína. El tabaco disminuye la circulación; el alcohol aumenta la rapidez con que se enfriá su cuerpo.

8. Manténgase en buen estado físico.

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ANSI Z358.1 is intended to serve as a guideline for the proper design, certification, performance, installation, use and maintenance of emergency equipment. It is recognized by the safety and health industry as the most comprehensive guide to emergency showers and eyewashes. ADOSH often uses this guideline to measure eyewash stations in workplaces as to their effectiveness.

LOCATION: In general, the ANSI standard provides that emergency equipment be installed within 10 seconds walking time from the location of a hazard (approximately 55 feet) and must be installed on the same level as the hazard (i.e. accessing the equipment should not require going up or down stairs or ramps). The unobstructed path of travel to the eyewash should be maintained and designed to be as straight and direct a path as possible. (A door is considered an obstruction to access.) Where strong acids or caustics are being handled, a unit should be located adjacent to the hazard.

WATER and TEMPERATURE: Plumbed and self-contained units must perform as follows:
- Eyewash: 0.4 gpm (1.5 liters) for 15 minutes;
- Eyeface wash: 3 gpm for 15 minutes of tepid water. “Tepid” water is defined as water between 60°F and 100°F which may require mixing valves to blend hot and cold water. For portable units, consideration must be given to ambient temperatures in the workplace, especially in the summertime as the water temperature could exceed 100°F. In some areas of Arizona even tap water may be too warm to qualify as “tepid”. If the eyewash is located outside, consideration also must be given to freezing temperatures. A plumbed eyewash must be connected to a potable water supply line and a drainage system is recommended to prevent creating further hazards.

TRAINING for Employees: Employees must be trained regarding the location and use the eyewash station; and how to maintain the eyewash station in a useable condition. As shown above, eyewash stations are frequently used and abused for other purposes. Training should include flushing requirements for highly hazardous substances such as corrosives, and the company’s emergency response procedures for exposures requiring eyewash. For eyewash use, employees have to be instructed to hold their eyelids open and roll the eyeballs to permit adequate flushing. It may be useful to plan a drill for eye emergencies.

Employees with occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials should be given training specific to their exposures, as indicated by the company’s Exposure Control Plan.

SIGNAGE: A highly visible sign must mark the unit location. Shower areas have to be well lighted. ANSI recommends that an alarm be attached to warn others that the unit is in operation. Be sure to deactivate the alarms during weekly maintenance checks and then reactivate when tests are completed.

MAINTENANCE and inspections: Activate eyewash/drench hose units at least weekly. Inspect all eyewash/drench hose units annually for compliance with standard. In summer months, encourage twice daily flushing if the water reaches over 100°F or relocate eyewash station to a cooler location. Portable eyewash stations may be an answer to some of the dilemmas encountered, including the cylinder type shown below, such as are used in construction and on temporary worksites. In the case of portable eyewash stations, employees must be alerted to any changing location so that the eyewash is readily available. I have seen a flag mounted on an antennae whip that was to indicate the location of moveable eyewash stations.

If you are wondering about the requirement for supplying an eyewash station, ADOSH recommends consulting the Safety Data Sheet(s) of the chemical(s) employees are using at work. If the first aid section (Section 4) requires a 15 minute flush upon exposure, best practice would be to provide an eyewash station that can deliver the 15 minutes flush. ADOSH officers often see wall-mounted eyewash bottles used in lieu of a plumbed or mounted eyewash unit. These rinsing bottles are helpful for removing debris, such as sawdust, dirt or other particles from the eyes; but hazardous substances require that the employer provide an eyewash that can deliver 15 minutes of flush, with a hands-free stay-open valve that activates in one second or less, leaving both hands free to hold the eyelids open.
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### Recordkeeping Requirements Class:

This course is designed for the new OSHA Recordkeeper or a Recordkeeper who needs refreshing. The new OSHA Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements will be included during this instruction.

The Recordkeeping Workshop is a hands-on workshop with YOUR records. Bring YOUR Company's:
- >Report(s) of injury (OSHA 101 or 301), 300 Log, and 300A;
- >The average number of employees, (including part-time or seasonal workers) for 2015;
- >And the total hours those employees worked during 2015.

Even if your 300 and 300 A are blank, bring them and we will take you from start to finish; calculate your DART Rate and compare your company to the National BLS Rates. Don't have the blank logs? We do! So bring your injury reports & the data listed above. Let's git 'er done!

### Join us for WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS!

Check the schedule, log on to Ezregister, sign up, and join us on the day of the webinar in the comfort of your own home or office via GoToMeeing.com! Follow instructions included in your confirmation email. Training at your finger-tips!

### Join us for WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS!!

Register at ezregister.com/promoters/1607

**FREE TRAINING!**

**JANUARY:** All Classes 9:00—11:00 am
- 27 — Fall Protection in Construction

**FEBRUARY:**
- 3 — Confined Spaces in Construction
- 17 — Fall Protection in Construction
- 23 — Confined Spaces in Construction

**MARCH:**
- 16 — Fall Protection in Construction

**NOTE:**
- EZRegister Instructions: Just type in www.ezregister.com/promoters/1607 in your URL address bar and enter. All of ADOSH’s classes will be listed and you can click on the class you want to attend. Fill in the form and save it to your calendar! Simple and time-saving. If there are any changes we will let you know. Webinars are scheduled and when you sign up for the class, a return email will include materials for the class and log-on information. Please register early for training classes and leave contact information. Some classrooms may be limited in size and will require us to limit enrollment. If there are not enough enrolled for the class (10 or more) or if there is an unexpected emergency or illness, the class may be cancelled. While ADOSH tries to contact each student in the event of a cancellation, we encourage you to call the day before the class to confirm that the class will still be held as scheduled. Call the number listed on the roster.

Finally, please be courteous during cold and flu seasons and do not attend the class if you are suffering symptoms of illness. Viruses are highly contagious and we want to keep all students and instructors healthy during all times of the year.

See you in class!
2016—A New Year, New Regulations, and Guidance

As we welcome in the New Year, I want to share with all Arizona employers an overview of ADOSH Consultation’s planned activities for 2016. Many updates to current regulations are proposed, and some guidance documents are being enhanced, to aid companies as they strategize for stronger workplace safety and health programs. As you develop goals and strategies with employees, we look forward to assisting your company’s efforts to reduce the number of workplace incidents, primarily by updating information in five areas of interest:

The first update concerns OSHA’s Recordkeeping and Reporting Rule and the new requirements on notifying ADOSH/OSHA. An employer is required to notify, or report to, ADOSH within 8 hours if there is a workplace fatality, a rule that has been in effect for many years. The additional reporting rules require an employer to contact ADOSH within 24 hours if an employee experiences an amputation, the loss of an eye, or if one (1) employee is hospitalized due to a workplace incident or exposure. When ADOSH receives a report from the employer, a determination will be made regarding the need for further investigation by a Safety or Health Compliance Officer. The employer will most likely be contacted via a phone call, by a Compliance Supervisor, to gather information about the incident; then the decision will be made regarding whether to handle it administratively or if an accident investigation will be pursued. ADOSH will be enforcing the new reporting requirements in January 2016.

The second update introduces OSHA’s Construction Confined Space Standard (29 CFR 1926.Subpart AA.) For many years construction companies have turned to the General Industry Confined Space Standards (29 CFR 1910.146) for compliance guidance to ensure safety while working in the numerous and varied confined spaces found in construction. If you are familiar with the GI Confined Space Standards, most of the Construction Confined Space Standards may not seem new to you at all; but there are some new requirements that must be met by General Contractors and sub-contractors, separately and collectively, to prevent injury or illness to employees who are exposed to confined spaces. The multi-employer citation policy is discussed to ensure all employers are communicating the hazards and entry procedures during the confined space entry.

The third update focuses on the high-hazard industry of Primary Metals. This industry group is large and complex, involving various operations, including blast furnaces. Blast furnaces chemically reduce and physically convert iron oxides into liquid iron. Numerous hazards confront workers in the industry including: burns and eye injuries from slag draw-off and metal pouring; struck-by/crushing hazards from materials handling equipment in ore and scrap metal receipt and storage; heat stress from furnace charging and operations; respiratory hazards from exposure to metal fumes, dust and silica; sprains and strain from manual handling of materials and heavy loads; and fall hazards from elevated furnace walking-working surfaces. We will direct resources to the industry to help increase hazard awareness and reduce employee injuries.

The fourth update emphasizes our work with temporary or contract laborer workers. The exploding growth in the temporary labor industry continues in Arizona and throughout the nation, bringing some unique concerns to the forefront. Both host employers and labor providers will have to assess and communicate about the hazards the temp employee will be confronting in the workplace and determine the training elements to be taught and who has the responsibility to do that training, before the temporary employee arrives on site for work. Temporary employees continue to experience an inordinate number of injuries and fatal incidents, which reminds us here at ADOSH that we still have a vital message to deliver!

The fifth and final focus is on Workplace Violence. Workplace violence is one of the leading causes of death in the workplace. Each year, millions of employees are assaulted at work, resulting in pain, suffering, lost productivity, and increased lost work time and health costs. How can workplace violence hazards be reduced? In most workplaces where risk factors can be identified, the risk of assault can be prevented or minimized if employers take appropriate precautions. By assessing their worksites, employers can identify methods for reducing the likelihood of incidents occurring. ADOSH believes that a well-written and implemented workplace violence prevention program, combined with engineering controls, administrative controls and training can reduce the incidence of workplace violence. We will be working with knowledgeable companies and consultants to bring some viable solutions for Arizona’s workforce.

We look forward to the New Year and hope to see you at our Summits! We have three scheduled for this year: Tucson in April, Northern Arizona in July, and the Phoenix metro area in the fall!
Back to Basics

Classes and Webinars on 29CFR 1926 Subpart M

Fall Protection in Construction

Classes: Every Third Thursday* 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Industrial Commission of Arizona Buildings
800 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 and 2675 E. Broadway Rd. Tucson, AZ 85617

Webinars: Third Wednesday* at 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Training resources will be distributed (or mailed for webinar attendees) to help you train your own employees about fall protection in Commercial and Residential Construction!

*Check with ezregister as some dates are changed to accommodate holidays or venues.

Enroll at https://ezregister.com/promoters/1607
Arizona reports concurrent West Nile, St Louis encephalitis outbreak

Arizona residents are experiencing the first known outbreak of concurrent West Nile virus (WNV) and St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) infections in the United States, and most cases involve neurologic disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported today in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). The viruses, both flaviviruses, are carried by Culex mosquitoes. As of Nov 24, 117 cases of flavivirus disease had been reported to the Arizona Department of Health Services, including 75 WNV, 19 SLEV, and 23 unspecified flavivirus disease cases. In addition, during the summer the Maricopa County Vector Control Division identified 60 pools of C tarsalis or C quinquefasciatus mosquitoes that tested positive for SLEV RNA by polymerase chain reaction, and 97 pools that tested positive for WNV RNA.

Among all cases, 103 (88%) occurred from July through September. Seventy-nine patients (68%) had neuroinvasive disease, such as meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid paralysis, including 47 (63%) with WNV infection, 17 (89%) with SLEV infection, and 15 (65%) with unspecified flavivirus infection. Of the patients, 86 (74%) were hospitalized and 5 (4%) died. Eight (53%) of the state’s 15 counties reported cases, and 45 WNV cases (60%) and 18 SLEV cases (95%) were in Maricopa County, the CDC said.

The authors warn, “Because of the similarity in clinical presentation for WNV and SLEV disease cases, cross reactivity between WNV and SLEV antibodies, and the lack of availability of a commercial SLEV test, SLEV disease cases could be incorrectly diagnosed as WNV disease cases or remain undetected if clinicians only request WNV testing and no confirmatory testing is conducted.”

CDC Dec 11 MMWR report
The ADOSH Leadership Summit, held on November 4-5, 2015 at the Thunderbird School of Global Management pulled together some very experienced and motivational speakers to present leadership ideas in order to recharge safety manager’s and business owner’s commitment to bringing safety to their employees! In addition to our Keynote speakers, 16 presenters from many safety disciplines were instrumental in making the Summit a well-rounded and inspirational event. Guest Speaker Fletcher Rich from R&R Lotions instructed attendees on the hazards of sun exposure especially for outdoor workers. Guest Speaker Dr. Tom Renner, Corporate Injury Management Associates brought his expertise in reducing on-the-job injuries and improving workforce health. Gina Kesler, President of D&A Experts, instructed about the laws regarding Marijuana in the Workplace and Assessing for Drug and Alcohol Use. Lisa Padgett, Lead Investigator over Youth Employment Laws for the State of Arizona, spoke concerning the special considerations in hiring teenagers. ADOSH Director Bill Warren reviewed the 2014 Fatalities investigated by ADOSH and the lessons learned. ADOSH Consultant Bryce Rucker’s Legitimate Concern: OSHA’s Discrimination Cases was well attended and many questions were answered for safety professionals. An overview of the VPP / SHARP programs was lead by Assistant Director Jessie Atencio. ICA Claims Division Trainer Gregg Morgan helped attendees navigate through the “claims process.” ADOSH was pleased to welcome ICA Commission Chairman Dale Schultz to the Summit. We hope you will join us in our next Summit, to be held in Marana in April!
VPP and SHARP News

Are you wondering if your company has what it takes to qualify for SHARP or VPP Status? Assistant Director Jessie Atencio or Consultation Supervisor Babak Emami can advise all interested companies wanting to know what they need to do to get ready for SHARP or VPP! If you are your company’s lone Safety Officer or you have an organized safety committee, schedule a VPP planning meeting with Babak Emami and ask all the questions you have about the process. ADOSH is seeking to honor companies with exemplary safety programs. You don’t have to be perfect, just working toward providing your employees with a safe workplace with management commitment and employee involvement, hazard recognition and control, and safety training. ADOSH can help you achieve your safety goals! Call Corina Trujillo at 602-542-1769 to start the ball rolling.

Performance Contracting Group, Inc. in Tempe, Arizona celebrates receiving SHARP status with ADOSH Consultation Supervisor Babak Emami. They received their SHARP certification on June 22, 2015. Their commitment to safety, as stated on their website, is: “Within the construction industry, real, inherent risks and dangers exist. Our goal is to ensure our employees are completely aware of, and comprehensively trained in, the processes and procedures to prevent all injuries. We believe each and every employee is accountable to create a safe environment for the protection of the health and well-being of all our employees. The safety of our employees is our primary objective and is more important than productivity, quality, and profit. Safety is paramount in our culture and must be an integral part of our thoughts, communications and actions. Safety is first, always, every day – nothing less!” Congratulations to Performance Contracting Group, Inc. for achieving this level of commitment to safety and qualifying for SHARP!

Assistant Director Jessie Atencio was on hand to congratulate CARF International on their SHARP Recertification. Left) In the group shot, from left to right: Cindy Johnson, Dov Ariew, Veronica Frisina, Kent Thompson, Brian Boon, Linda Pitney, CeCe Wilson, Betty O’Keefe, Jessie Atencio, Laura Thompson. CARF International is an independent, non-profit organization that provides accreditation services worldwide at the request of health and human service providers. CARF International has businesses in Tucson, Washington DC, Canada and the United Kingdom. CARF Stands for “Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities,” and has been in existence since 1966. The Commission sets standards for care in many medical and rehabilitative settings. Congratulations!
The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Department presented Prudential Overall Supply with its VPP Designation on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015. The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) Consultation Department presented Prudential Overall Supply, with its "STAR Site" designation through the Voluntary Protection Program, "VPP." Companies and jobsites that are awarded the STAR designation demonstrate exemplary and comprehensive safety and health management systems.

ADOSH held a VPP Ceremony at the Prescott Service Center, where Prudential Overall Supply was awarded the STAR designation and presented with the VPP plaque and flag. During the ceremony, Jessie Atencio, Assistant Director of ADOSH, spoke on the significance of a VPP achievement and its importance to the State of Arizona.

"This is the second time Prudential Overall Supply has been recognized with the STAR designation. It’s so important for companies to receive this recognition because they become the model for top safety in the workplace," said Atencio. "Prudential Overall Supply really is a STAR site when it comes to factoring in the health and safety of every employee on the team." Congratulations Prudential Overall Supply Prescott Valley!

Concrete Designs, Inc. Celebrates their second successful SHARP audit and SHARP Recertification! The team is pictured here with CDI President Nathan Hatzel, and Fred Monreal, Director of Safety (in Safety Vest) CDI, located in Tucson, Arizona, has specialized in the design and manufacture of architectural ornamentation since 1958. The company operates in a 44,000 square-foot manufacturing facility built in 1990 which includes two state-of-the art concrete batching systems.

Congratulations Concrete Designs, Inc. on your SHARP Status!
Above: ADOSH Consultants Bruce Hanna and Anthony Carnevale (top right) participate in Arizona Construction Career Day when Jr High and High School Students visit a jam-packed festival of activities to educate them on Construction Careers, Equipment, and Materials and, of course, Workplace Safety!

Below: ADOSH Bilingual IH Consultant Luis Lopez was at the Mexican Consulate in Tucson on 09/03/2015 for Labor Rights Week. Luis presented a class to the consular staff on ADOSH Services for employees and the working community. All employees have a right to work that is safe and a workplace that is safe!
ADOSH and Graham County Sign a Public Entity Partnership Program:
(Safford, Ariz., Nov. 4, 2015) - The ADOSH Consultation Department has entered into a Public Entity Partnership Program (P.E.P.P.) with Graham County. P.E.P.P. was designed by the ADOSH’s Consultation Program in an effort to help public entities achieve a high level of safety and health awareness. Graham County is the first county to sign a P.E.P.P.; the City of Yuma was the first city to become part of the program.

“Employers recognize their responsibility to their employees to provide a safe and health workplace. Working with ADOSH helps these employers stay up-to-date and in compliance with all workplace rules and regulations,” said Dale Schultz, Chairman of the Industrial Commission of Arizona. This awareness is achieved through routine visits and training tailored to aid public entities in reducing injury and illnesses for their employees.

“We are optimistic that other local entities will get involved and participate with us in the P.E.P.P.,” said Jessie Atencio, assistant director and consultation and training program manager for ADOSH. “Working at a local level such as this will lead to a safer work environment for all employees.”

For more information on ADOSH, Consultation Partnership Programs and the Industrial Commission of Arizona, please visit http://www.azdosh.gov or call (602) 542-5795.

GRAHAM COUNTY P.E.P.P. PROGRAM
(Top Row from Left to Right: Rocky Armfield, Risk Manager for Arizona Insurance Pool; Dale Schultz, Chairman of the Industrial Commission of Arizona and Jessie Atencio, Assistant Director and Consultation and Training Program Manager for the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health) (Bottom Row from Supervisors Left to Right: The Graham County Board of Supervisors James Palmer, Chairman; Drew Johnson, Vice-chairman and Danny Smith, Member)