



HR Highlights September 2023

The **DHRM OWC Risk Management Team** is pleased to announce that we have kicked off our Fall **Special Emphasis Project and Safety Officers Network meetings**.

The Fall Special Emphasis and Safety Officers Network meeting topic is “Powered Industrial Truck Safety (PIT).” Due to an increase in serious accidents and near-miss incidents involving fork trucks, we are reminding agencies that use Powered industrial trucks of the hazards and dangers of using fork trucks and the proper safety procedures necessary to eliminate these hazards and incidents.

The First **Special Emphasis Project** flier was emailed on September 7, with four remaining fliers going out throughout the first of October. Each flier has a different PIT safety tip.

Safety Officer Network Meetings are an excellent opportunity for those tasked with workplace safety responsibilities to build a network of contacts to discuss problems and solutions to common workplace safety issues. We will also be providing a PIT train-the-trainer course following each Safety Officer Network Meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fall Safety Officers Network Meetings are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the Powered Industrial Truck Train the Trainer class is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- **September 14, 2023 - James Madison University**
- **September 21, 2023 - Virginia Institute of Marine Science**
- **October 5, 2023 - Virginia Public Safety Training Center**
- **November 1, 2023 - Virginia Highlands Community College**

To register, scan or click the QR code below.



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PIT train-the-trainer

Please share this information with your employees.
Remember to **“Turn your attention to accident prevention.”**