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The National Association of Women in Construction South Atlantic Region



**Report of the NAWIC Safety & Health Awareness / NAWIC OSHA Alliance Committee
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Rebecca Connelly & Taylor Harrison**

Safety awareness and regulatory knowledge is an integral part of our industry, and we know it is a crucial component of your business. Implementing an effective safety and health plan, reporting throughout the year and staying informed of regulatory changes is proven to reduce and prevent loss while fostering a safe and productive work environment. As SAR Committee Chairs, we are eager to serve NAWIC South Atlantic by sharing OSHA, Safety & Health information with you throughout the year.. **Your NAWIC SAR 2017/2018 chairs are :**

Rebecca Connelly Safety & Health Committee Chair, rconnelly@husseygaybell.com. Rebecca Connelly has been an active member of NAWIC for 8 years and working in the construction industry for over 20 years. Rebecca has served as the President of Columbia Chapter and as a Columbia Chapter board of director. Before making the construction industry her career she worked as an EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic for six years.

Taylor Harrison OSHA Alliance Committee Chair, tharrison@scnsc.org. Taylor Harrison serves as Business Development & Marketing Specialist at the Southeastern Chapter – National Safety Council (SCNSC). Taylor is actively engaged with each safety department including OSHA/Workplace Safety, Defensive Driving and First Aid/CPR. Relationships with training development coordinators and instructors at SCNSC, as well as research available through the NSC/OSHA Alliance and the NAWIC/OSHA Alliance, provide her with access to the latest workplace safety resources available.

Through the Alliance, OSHA and NAWIC will work together to provide NAWIC members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to ergonomic hazards, sanitation hazards, and issues related to personal protective equipment selection in the industry, with the focus on a subset of construction workers with unique needs.

The South Atlantic Region Safety and Health/ OSHA Alliance Committee objectives for 2017/2018:

- Raise awareness of OSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives
- Outreach and communication
- Training and education
- Spread the news
- Encourage members to read our monthly report in the Connection
- Remind members that regardless of what position they hold or what their company does, if it's construction related and there are more than 10 employees, knowing about OSHA should be a part of their business plan.
- Chapter and regional events related to the Alliance

Look for the upcoming articles in future South Atlantic Region Publications

- OSHA's Crystalline Silica Rule
- Updated Safety & Health Management System Guidelines
- National Opioid Epidemic
- Top Ten OSHA Violations for 2017 (as of Sept. 2017)

As we begin our new membership year, we hope that you will turn to NAWIC as a resource for your safety and health needs. We look forward to sharing the latest information with you including training opportunities, resources and updates from OSHA and NAWIC National. If you have not already, be sure to follow our Facebook page where we will share upcoming events and articles relevant to you and your business.

Thanks for commitment to safety in the workplace!!

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