



**Forging Industry Association
Safety & Health Committee
2008 / 2009 Year End Report**



**Safety & Health
Committee**

I Objective: Translate Eye, Back and Hand Laceration Safety Tip Sheets into Spanish

• **Goals:**

1. **June 2008** – Translation of Eye Tip Sheet

Results: Completed

2. **September 2008** – Translation of Hand Laceration Tip Sheet

Results: In Progress: Due to a delay in OSHA approval for the translated Tip Sheets, the Committee is running behind schedule on this project. Revised completion date is **June 2009**.

3. **January 2009** – Translation of Back Safety Tip Sheet

Results: In Progress: As above, due to a delay in OSHA approval for the translated Tip Sheet, the Committee is running behind schedule on this project. Revised completion date is **June 2009**.

II Objective: OSHA Alert

• **Goals:**

1. **Ongoing** - Keep FIA members apprised of OSHA issues that may affect the industry.

Results: Ongoing Program: The Committee sent 34 OSHA Alerts for the 2008 – 2009 Committee Year.

III Objective: FIA – OSHA Safety Alliance

• **Goals:**

1. Develop and distribute four new Safety Tip Sheets

- a. **June 2008** - Manual Material Handling

Results: Completed: The Material Handling Tip Sheet has been completed, approved by OSHA, posted on the Safety Committee Website, and sent to FIA members, via the Safety Newsletter.

- b. **September 2008** - Heat Stress

Results: Project Discontinued: As OSHA recently developed a Heat Stress Tip Sheet that was very inclusive, and very adaptable to the forging industry, the Committee felt that it was not necessary to develop a competing product.

- c. **January 2009** - Fork Lift & Pedestrian Safety

Results: In Progress: The point person on this project is no longer a Committee member, which left the Committee realigning its resources to work on this project.

d. **April 2009** - Carpel Tunnel Trauma & Repetitive Motion

Results: Project Discontinued: After discussions with OSHA, it was suggested that this topic could present some challenges, and require resources, that the Committee could not address.

IV Objective: Distribute and Promote the 2008 Injury and Illness Survey

- **Goals:**

1. **January 2009** - Update the I&I Survey Form, and have it mailed to FIA Forging Producer companies.

Results: Completed

2. **February 2009** – Call all safety contacts that do not return their Survey Form.

Results: Completed

3. Have “95” Plants Participate

Results: Completed: A record **112 Plants Participated** in the Safety Survey for 2008.

V Objective: 2008 Occupational Injury and Illness Report, and Annual Safety Awards

- **Goals:**

1. **March 2009** – Compile data from the I&I Survey, and generate the Occupational Injury and Illness Report.

Results: Completed: Note, the 2008 Injury & Illness Survey also reported a record low DART Rate of 5.18, (**Days Away from work job Transfer**).

2. **April 2009** - Determine Safety Award Winners.

Results: Completed

3. **April 2009** - Contact *Forging Magazine* with the list of winners, for their annual FIA Safety Awards article.

Results: In Progress

4. **May 2009** - Present Awards at the FIA Annual Meeting.

Results: In Progress

VI Objective: Safety & Health Newsletter

- **Goals:**

1. **Safety Newsletters** - Publish Quarterly Safety Newsletters

Results: Completed

VII Objective: Safety Star Program

- **Goals:**

1. Promote the Safety Star Program so as to receive “**10**” award participants.

Results: Completed: The Safety Committee received 16 Safety Star Program recipients this Committee Year.

VIII Objective: Safety Resource for FIA Members

- **Goal:**

1. **Ongoing** - Continue to be a safety resource for FIA members to ask questions regarding safety issues.

Results: Completed

IX Objective: Take Safety Home Flyers

- **Goal:**

1. **Quarterly** - Develop and distribute “4” Take Safety Home Flyers.

Results: In Progress: Due to other commitments, this project was moved back in priority. The Committee will decide if it wants to continue it.

X Objective: Online Presentation, “Introduction to OSHA for Small Businesses in the Forging Industry”.

- **Goals:**

1. **January 2009** - Develop a PowerPoint Presentation that introduces forging producers to OSHA’s small business aids.

Results: Completed

2. **April 2009** – OSHA approval of course

Results: In progress: The Committee is awaiting OSHA’s approval

3. **May 2009** – Post Presentation on FIA Web Site

Results: In Progress: After working with OSHA, we now know that the approval process from OSHA is much longer than originally thought. The launch date for the Presentation is on hold until we hear from OSHA.

XI Objective: OSHA Editorial Board of Reviewers

- **Goals:**

The Committee has volunteered to be on OSHA’s Editorial Board of Reviewers, for the following topics:

1. September 2008 - Machine Guarding
2. January 2009 - Making the Business Case for Safety and Health
3. April 2009 - Noise and Hearing Conservation
4. May 2009 - Eye and Face Protection

Results: In Progress: This is an ongoing process. The Committee is continually working with OSHA to help review these e-Tools.

XII Objective: Pandemic Flu Procedural Guide

- **Goals:**

1. September 2008 – Develop a rough outline of the Procedural Guide
2. January 2009 – Review and approval of the Procedural Guide
3. April 2009 – Post Procedural Guide on the Safety & Health Web Site

Results: Redefined, In Progress: The Committee is developing a Pandemic Flu Resource Center that will be posted on the Safety Committee’s Website, and will act as resource guide for visitors that are looking for answers and guidance.