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Workers' Memorial Day Events Planned Across Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO applauds passage of House Resolution 109 sponsored by State Representative Frank Burns designating April 28, 2009 as Workers' Memorial Day in Pennsylvania in memory of workers who were killed or injured on the job. Millions of workers around the nation and thousands in Pennsylvania will be observing Workers' Memorial Day holding memorials honoring fallen workers and renewing their commitment to strengthen the nation's safety laws.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 5,400 workplace deaths and more than four million work-related injuries and illnesses occur each year. More than 200 workers are killed on the job in Pennsylvania and thousands are injured.

Workers, members of the clergy, elected officials and labor leaders will join the families of fallen workers during events across Pennsylvania (see schedule below) calling for stronger laws, stricter enforcement and tougher penalties on companies that intentionally harm workers.

Allegheny County Labor Council, United Steelworkers, Labor and Religion Coalition of Western Pennsylvania, and the Washington/Greene County Labor Council Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 12:00 Noon
PLACE: Market Square, Downtown Pittsburgh
SPEAKERS: Most Reverend David A. Zubic, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Sean McGarvey, Sec.-Treas., AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades
Reverend John Welch, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Chief Chaplain
Jim Klingensmith, Exec. Vice Pres., Allegheny County Labor Council
Rich Stanizzo, Pres. Joint Board, Pitts. Building and Construction Trades
CONTACT: Joe Delale, 412-456-6851

Erie/Crawford Central Labor Council Workers' Memorial Service

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 PM
PLACE: Erie Municipal Bldg. City Council Chambers
606 State Street, Erie, PA
SPEAKERS: to be announced

CONTACT: Erie-Crawford CLC, 814-455-4752

Harrisburg Region Central Labor Council and Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers Workers' Memorial Day Ceremonies

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 9:00 AM
EVENT: Memorial Ceremony at Labor's Grove
PLACE: Riverfront Park, 300 Block of South Front St. Harrisburg, PA
SPEAKERS: Mayor Stephen Reed, City of Harrisburg
State Rep. Ron Buxton, D-103
CONTACT: Harrisburg Region CLC 717-561-7830

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 11:00 AM
EVENT: PA Fed. Of Injured Workers (PFIW), Press Conference/Ceremony
PLACE: State Capitol Rotunda Gallery
SPEAKERS: Dennis Straub, President, Berks County Chapter, PFIW
Ron Stabinsky, Berks County Chapter, PFIW
State Sen. Christine Tartaglione, D-2
State Sen. Lawrence Farnese, D-1
State Rep. Frank Burns, D-72
Prime Sponsor HR 109 - Workers Memorial Day Resolution
State Rep. Marc Gergely, D-35
CONTACT: Dennis Straub, PFIW, 888-376-7942 or Bob Scholeck, PFIW, 570-366-8660

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 12:45 PM
EVENT: Workers' Memorial Day Lunch
PLACE: United Steelworkers Local 1688 Hall, 200 Gibson St. Steelton, PA
SPEAKERS: To be announced
TICKETS: Lunch tickets are \$7.00 per person; phone 717-561-7830 or e-mail
hbgclc@verizon.net
CONTACT: Harrisburg Region CLC, 717-561-7830

Indiana/Armstrong/Clarion Central Labor Council Workers' Memorial Day Ceremonies

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 12:00 Noon
EVENT: Indiana/Armstrong/Clarion CLC and PA Center for the Study of Labor Relations Indiana Univ. Workers Memorial Service
PLACE: Indiana University of PA.
SPEAKERS: to be announced
CONTACT: Cynthia Spielman, 877-314-0581

Greater Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council 20th Annual Workers' Memorial Day Banquet and Essay Contest

DATE/TIME: Friday, May 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM
PLACE: Christ the Savior Educational Center
307 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA
SPEAKER: John DeFazio, Director, Dist. 10 United Steelworkers
Essay Scholarship Contest winners to be announced
Scholarship Co-sponsors: Congressman John Murtha; Ameriserv Financial; USW

Local 6521; and Cambria County Commissioners
CONTACT:Ernie Esposito, President Greater Johnstown CLC 814-535-7621

Lehigh Valley Labor Council Workers' Memorial Day Observance

DATE/TIME:Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 1:00 PM
PLACE: Workers' Memorial Monument, Bethlehem Rose Garden
8th Avenue and Union Blvd.
SPEAKERS: Brief speakers program followed by reading of names of 700
workers
who lost their lives while at work in Lehigh Valley
CONTACT:John Werkheiser, 610-513-9969 or jw1776@aol.com

Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO
Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health (PhilaPOSH)
21ST Annual Workers' Memorial Day Breakfast and Memorial Service

DATE/TIME:Friday, April 24, 2009 at 8:30 AM Registration and at 9:00 AM
Breakfast
PLACE: Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia
March to the Great Plaza Penn's Landing for Memorial Ceremony at 10:45
AM
SPEAKERS: PA AFL-CIO President Bill George
Congressman Patrick Murphy, D-8th C.D.
Dr. Arthur Frank, Chairmen, Dept of Occupational and Environmental
Health,
Drexel University
Rosalie Hetrick, widow of fallen worker
CONTACT:Patrick Eiding, President, Phila. AFL-CIO 215-665-9800 or
Barbara
Rahke, Dir. PhilaPOSH 215-386-7000

York/Adams County Central Labor Council Workers' Memorial Day
Observance

DATE/TIME:Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 PM
PLACE:Kiwanis Lake, York, PA
SPEAKERS:Robert Garraty, Exec. Dir. PA Workforce Investment Board
CONTACTS:Clark Ruppert, Jr., Pres., York/Adams CLC 717-764-0537, 717-
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or Kittie Hake, Chair Workers' Memorial Committee 717-843-8911
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