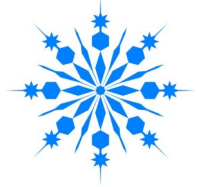




# eNewsletter



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## 2018 Annual Conference March 20-21



The Ohio Precast Concrete Association will hold its annual conference March 20-21, 2018, at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Dublin, OH.

Registration packets have been sent via email, and are also posted on our website's Events page. The conference will start with registration on Tuesday at 11:30 p.m., and conclude with the Door Prize drawing following the business meeting on Wednesday. Again this year, the door prize will be a Smart TV.

Excellent speakers and topics are

planned! The opening session, "Celebrating OPCA-Then and Now," will present a tribute to our founders, their families, and our continued spirit of cooperation among members and agencies to further advance the association and our industry. Session 2, *How to keep the Family Tree from Falling on You: Succeeding at Business Succession*, will be presented by Ron Eberhard, Business & Estate Planning Services, Unlimited. Ron calls himself "The Dream Weaver," as he has been helping clients reach business, succession, and retirement goals for over 40 years. *(Continued on p.2)*

### HOTEL INFO

**Crown Plaza**  
600 Metro PI N  
Dublin, OH  
(614) 764-2200

OPCA Rate:  
\$99/night  
through  
February 18, 2017

## Compliance 101-Don't Wait for the Fine

**Part 3 -"The top five most cited safety violations in the precast industry" by Sam Lines, OPCA Technical Consultant and Engineering Manager for Concrete Sealants.**

According to the statistics from the Department of Labor, in 2016, there were 526 citations issued under the NAICS Code 3273: cement and concrete product manufacturing. The total amount in fines levied was \$1.03 million. In this part of the series, *Don't wait for the fine*, we will highlight the

top five cited regulations in our industry. With 61 citations, Respiratory Protection (1910.134) is number one. Silicosis is a serious disease that affects the lungs. It is caused by breathing dust that contains respirable silica or silica quartz. Where concentrations of dust exceed the permissible exposure limit, action is required. Cutting and grinding concrete is a major source of dust containing silica. Controls such as the use of water to limit airborne dust, and protective *(Continued on p.2)*

**We're on the web!**  
[www.ohioprecast.org](http://www.ohioprecast.org)

# Annual Conference

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He tailors his content to the interests of his audience, so please email any questions to [info@ohioprecast.org](mailto:info@ohioprecast.org) or directly to Ron at [beesu@dreamweaving.net](mailto:beesu@dreamweaving.net), and he will anonymously incorporate your answer into his presentation.

Other topics this year will include updates from NPCA's Evan Gurley on crane operator certification, the new tax law implications, and he will join a discussion on Supplement 1073 with ODOT representative Dan Miller; Sam Lines will present "Mix Design," then facilitate a panel discussion, "Troubleshooting Your Admix" with Mike McKown (Premiere Admixtures), Gary Nielsen (Sika Corp.), and Shawn Kalyn (St. Marys Cement); a representative of PUCO will present "Legal Truck Loading;" and the IT security company SOPHOS rep will speak about a dramatic increase in Malware entering computers, networks, smartphones, and cloud storage--and ways to protect those valuable, virtual information assets. Of course, exhibitors are always a major highlight of our event, as well.

Member registration is \$25 per person, and exhibitors pay \$350 for the member rate (package includes



2017 Exhibitors Reception



table booth space, full-page color ad in the conference guide, and 2 attendee registrations). Non-member registration is \$100 per person and \$600 for the exhibitor package. Registration fees listed are for check payment. PayPal & credit card payments can be made online at <http://www.ohioprecast.org/members.html> (processing fee added). Registration forms are available on the Events page.

The OPCA guest room rate is \$99 through February 19th. Note: lower rates may be available to IHG reward members. Conference registration deadline is March 9.

Questions? Call us at 937-540-2444 or email [info@ohioprecast.org](mailto:info@ohioprecast.org). We hope to see you there!

## Call for OPCA Board of Trustee Nominations!

We are accepting nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. This individual may be elected from within the Producer, Associate, or Professional membership roll. Term is two years, beginning upon election by Producer Members at the Business Meeting immediately following the Annual Conference in March. If interested, contact Toni Thompson at [info@ohioprecast.org](mailto:info@ohioprecast.org) for the full trustee description.

# Compliance 101 *(continued from p.1)*

equipment such as a respirator may be necessary. All manufacturers are required to assess the hazards of the workplace. Fines in this area totaled \$61,354.

Coming in at number two is Hazard Communication (1910.1200) with 56 citations. This regulation had the highest level of fines levied at \$100,661. Employees have a right to know about the chemicals they are exposed to. Safety Data Sheets are required to be present for all chemicals used in the workplace. Also, employees are to be trained in understanding SDS's and container labels to know the hazards associated with each product.

Number three, with 34 citations is Powered industrial trucks (1910.178). Forklifts in the precast industry are huge and deadly. OSHA fined our industry \$74,402 for the failure to comply with this rule. All operators of powered industrial trucks must be trained and evaluated by the company. Re-evaluation is required at least every three years.

Number four is the Control of Hazardous Energy, or

Lockout/Tagout (1910.147). There were 32 citations of this regulation. This is a common top-five cited violation in all General Industry. OSHA levied a total of \$74,281 in citations. Equipment must be de-energized by an authorized person before maintenance and cleaning operations can take place. To be authorized, the person must be trained, the process must be documented, and the process must be evaluated annually by a competent person.

Rounding out the top five with 27 citations is Ladders (1910.23). This is related to the requirements for Walking and Working Surfaces in General Industry. The fines for this were the second highest at \$81,993. Walking and working surfaces is typically the second leading cause of fatalities in the workplace behind traffic deaths.

On January 17, 2017, a revised standard for walking and working surfaces became law. This standard will likely continue to be one of the top cited regulations in the precast concrete industry.

*In the final part of this series, we will review the remainder of the top ten most cited OSHA standards in the precast industry.*

### Top Five Citations

- Respiratory Protection
- Hazard Communication
- Powered Industrial Trucks
- Hazardous Energy Control
- Ladders

## 2018 OPCA Membership

**DUE**

Invoices for 2017 membership dues were mailed last month. Our rates are the same as last year. To maintain active membership, dues must be paid by January 31, 2017. Current members who have not paid by February 28th will be removed as active.

Members receive an excellent value for their investment. Benefits include: company and contact listing on OPCA's website member page, as well as the quarterly e-Newsletter; discounted attendance to the Annual Conference and training events; and access to crucial industry news blasts through our newsletter and group email server.

If you are not yet a member and wish to join, a link to the applications can be found on the OPCA website member page: [www.ohioprecast.org/members.html](http://www.ohioprecast.org/members.html)

### OPCA Membership Rates:

Precast Producer:	\$500
Associate:	\$300
Professional:	\$75

These prices reflect dues paid by check. New this year is the option to pay electronically at the member page via PayPal/Credit Card. There is a nominal fee added for processing.

## New Members: Here We Grow Again!

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association welcomed two members this quarter:

-St. Marys Cement/Votorantim joins as an Associate Member. Their Ohio operations are headquartered in Cleveland, with products including Portland, Slag, and Blended cements. Bruce Moroz, District Sales Manager, is their OPCA representative.

-Bluffton Precast Concrete Company (Bluffton, OH) joins as a Producer Member. James and Tillie Akin purchased the company in 1968. In 1990, their sons David (now President) and Michael (VP Operations) joined the company. Their products include manholes up to 96" ID, catch basins in many sizes, Meter/Valve Vaults, and 7 styles of burial vaults.

We welcome these new members!

## Safety News & Updates

- **The OSHA 300A Summary of Work Related Illnesses and Injuries must be posted from February 1 thru April 30 each year.**
- **Appeals Court Dismisses Challenges to OSHA Silica Exposure Rule. Compliance Date for Manufacturers is June 23, 2018**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rejected all challenges to OSHA's new silica standard in a unanimous ruling issued Dec. 22, 2017. The ruling means that manufacturers are required to comply with the rule as of June 23, 2018.

OSHA's new silica standards lower the permissible exposure limit to 50 micrograms per cubic meter, which is half of the previous standard. NPCA had joined with the American Chemistry Council and many other industry groups to challenge the ruling, but the judges rejected all claims in the unsigned opinion. The opinion noted that the science is uncertain, but it repeatedly emphasized that OSHA's decision is reasonable, according to an article in The National Law Review.

- **Additional Crane Operator Certification Classes offered at Mid-America OSHA Education Center in Springboro.**

Due to high demand, MAOEC has added two more class sessions: February 19-23 (only 2 slots left) and April 16-20, 2018. Each class is limited to 9 candidates. MAOEC will continue to add more sessions as demand dictates. Cost is \$1,500 for the full-week class, regardless of the number of written and practical tests needed. To register, contact Jessica Gonzalez at [gonzalez@midamericaosha.org](mailto:gonzalez@midamericaosha.org) or by phone (937) 521-1574. More details can be found on the OPCA website Events page <http://www.ohioprecast.org/events.html>

### **Sam's BAD JOKE of the Quarter**

A man walked into a bar.

When he woke up, his boss said, "Next time look where you're going!"

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## OUR PURPOSE

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association (OPCA) is a group of producer members and associated industries cooperating together as an association. The intent being to bring pertinent issues and information that impact the Precast Concrete Industry, to the attention of government agencies which participate in the origination of these issues.

The OPCA is interested in assisting these agencies by providing expert advice and counsel in the development of regulations involving the industry and the general public.

The OPCA producer and associate members whose products and services range from the construction of buildings and highways to the manufacture of precast concrete products for the treatment of commercial and residential waste water. The OPCA member products and services affect the lives of nearly every Ohioan on a daily basis.

Some specific areas of interest being pursued by the OPCA are as follows:

The introduction of new sewage guidelines relating to the specific construction and operation of home waste water treatment products (septic tanks, aerators, etc.) by the Ohio department of health and the Ohio EPA.

The introduction of programs and policies relating to the testing of materials and products being used on Ohio Department of Transportation projects.

The development of quality control procedures and inspections services training by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association will be expanding its' scope of interest as membership roles grow and diversify. The need for input, regarding issues and regulations which effect the large segment of the public which it serves, comes to the forefront.

# OPCA Member Companies (Live weblinks in red)

### PRODUCER MEMBERS

[Bluffton Precast Concrete](#)

[Carey Precast Concrete](#)

[E.C. Babbert, Inc.](#)

[Encore Precast, LLC](#)

[Everly Concrete Products, Inc.](#)

[Forterra Pipe and Precast](#)

[J.K. Precast, LLC](#)

[Lindsay Precast](#)

[Mack Industries](#)

[Michelbrink, Inc.](#)

[MW Concrete](#)

[Norwalk Concrete Industries](#)

[Portage Septic Tank](#)

[Premier Precast Products](#)

[Quaker City Concrete Products, LLC](#)

[Scioto Valley Precast](#)

[Sickels Septic Tanks, Inc.](#)

[Spoerr Precast Concrete, Inc.](#)

[Stiger Precast, Inc.](#)

[Uniontown Septic Tank, Inc.](#)

[United Precast Industries, LLC](#)

[USA Precast Concrete, Ltd.](#)

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[A-lok Products, Inc.](#)

[ALP Supply Inc.](#)

[Baughman Tile Company, Inc.](#)

[Blackthorn, LLC](#)

[Cavert Wire Company](#)

[Champion Pump Company](#)

[Concrete Sealants, Inc.](#)

[Consolidated Treatment Systems, Inc.](#)

[EJ USA, Inc.](#)

[EMH, Inc.](#)

[Engineered Wire Products, Inc.](#)

[Euclid Chemical](#)

[EZG Manufacturing](#)

[GCP Applied Technologies](#)

[Gotham Staple Co., Inc.](#)

[Hamilton Kent, LLC](#)

[Haarup North America, Inc.](#)

[Hill and Griffith Company](#)

[Infiltrator Systems, Inc.](#)

[Irving Equipment, LLC](#)

[Jet, Inc.](#)

[Lehigh Cement Co.](#)

[M.A. Industries](#)

[MEVA Formwork Systems, Inc.](#)

[Mixer Systems, Inc.](#)

[Norwalk Precast Molds, Inc.](#)

[Ohio Electric Control, Inc.](#)

[Polylock, Inc. / Zabel Environmental](#)

[Premiere Concrete Admixtures, LLC](#)

[Press-Seal Corporation](#)

[St. Mary's Cement / Votorantim](#)

[Sika Corporation](#)

[Tuf-Tite, Inc.](#)

[W.P. Hilts & Company](#)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

[Concrete Engineering Solutions](#)

[Delta Engineers](#)

[Knight Insurance, Matt Werner](#)