Workers' Compensation Officer/Owner Average Wage for 2017
$11,443.23/quarter; $3,814.41/month

Unemployment Insurance Taxable Wage Base for 2017
$25,400

Workers' Compensation Safety & Risk (WCSR)
The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services has a program called Workers' Compensation Safety & Risk (WCSR). Currently, the staff consists of 10 Safety & Health Specialists located throughout Wyoming. This group collaborates with employers to conduct on-site health and safety audits at the employers' request. With no federal oversight, the group is able to work with companies who are registered with Workers' Compensation, including public agencies. WCSR's focus is to help companies identify physical or health hazards, correct those hazards, and lower the number of injuries and illnesses in the workplace. With reduced injuries and illnesses employers will see a savings in their workers' compensation rates. In addition, WCSR offers visit discounts of up to 10%. These discounts are valid for three (3) years and could lead to additional savings for the employers.

WCSR is a voluntary program for employers and free of charge. The goal is to provide a safer work environment for their employees. There are no fines associated with this program and all information remains confidential. Hazard findings are reported to the employer only.

For more information about the program or to speak with a Safety Specialist, please contact our Cheyenne office at (307) 777-8901 or go to our website at wyomingworkforce.org.

Workplace Safety Contracts – Safety Improvement Fund Success Story

Company: Auto Inn Repair, Inc.
Location: Kemmerer, WY
Employees: 5

Auto Inn Repair, Inc. out of Kemmerer, Wyoming has been working hard to focus on safety and proficiency within their business. Auto Inn Repair, Inc. specializes in truck repair and car/auto towing. This field of work often puts them in the middle of winter storm traffic accidents, including pile-ups, which is where their Safety Improvement Fund contract comes into play. Auto Inn Repair, Inc. applied for the Safety Improvement Fund in July of 2016, requesting Sonetics Communication Cases with a portable wireless system, hoping that the communication cases would improve their safety and efficiency when doing heavy duty vehicle recovery.

Shortly after their application was approved and funding was received, Auto Inn Repair, Inc. got to...
put their new communication method to the test. Auto Inn Repair’s office manager, Annemarie Albins, states that the company “had the opportunity to use the headsets during the winter storms. One case in particular was a semi wreck in Nugget Canyon. This wreck happened on a blind curve.” Annemarie went on to explain that the headsets came into specific use when traffic lanes had to be blocked off. Since law enforcement cannot be present the whole time, the employees of Auto Inn Repair often have to provide traffic control. “By using the Sonetic’s headsets we acquired through the safety grant, the people on traffic control were able to talk to each other and know when to open and close a lane of travel,” states Albins. Not only did it help those on traffic control, it allowed the entire team from Auto Inn Repair to keep open lines of communication; including the riggers and wrecker operator.

Prior to their Safety Improvement Fund contract for the communication cases, workflow was often interrupted to attempt communication between the employees with the use of a middle man. This meant that traffic was less effectively controlled and there was higher potential for miscommunication, which could lead to accidents. Annemarie has reported that the employees “were very impressed with the equipment. Everyone liked that we could hear what was going on, even if they were on the other side of the truck. No more looking for hand signals or straining to hear the directions above the wrecker and traffic noise.” A year later, Auto Inn Repair continues with their impressive safety record with an EMR below 1.0 and a strong internal safety culture.

To learn more about the Workplace Safety Contracts - Safety Improvement Fund please visit wyomingworkforce.org/businesses/workerscomp/sif/ or contact the program manager at BusinessRisk@wyo.gov.