

# NE Ohio Trenching and Confined Space Safety Conference



You and your employees are cordially invited to attend this important and lifesaving training. This is a joint project between The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Youngstown Service Office and the American Society of Safety Professionals – Northern Ohio Chapter

This high impact training will be led by experts in the excavation, trenching and confined space professions.

8:00 am- Introductions

8:10 am – Asst. Chief James Sapp Howland Fire Department – Incident Command

9:00 am – Capt. Brian Hitt: Orange Village Fire Department – Permit Confined Space and Rescue

10:00 am - Dana “Buck” Buchholzer: SCT – Trench Soil Characteristics

11:00 am - Adam Fries: Cleveland OSHA – Trenching Requirements

12:00 pm – Lunch and Networking

1:00 pm – Drew Williams and Anna Bell: Great Lakes Construction- Confined Space in Regards to Excavations

2:00 pm - Travis Bower: Kundel Industries – The Kundel Difference

3:00 pm - Chuck Green: OHIO811 – Trench Safety

3:30 pm - John Nouse: Ericson - Confined space and explosion proof products

4:00 pm Conclusion

**When:** Wednesday February 12, 2020: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Where:** Avalon Inn and Resort 9519 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio 44484

**Cost:** \$35.00 which includes Continental breakfast and lunch

**To Register On-Line Visit:** <https://nohio.assp.org/events/safety-conference-i-2020/>

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## Trenching accidents from this past year

Three workers died in trench collapses between April 2 and 8 – two in Ohio and one in Tennessee. Then on April 10, two men died in a trench collapse in Idaho, one of whom was a father of five with another child on the way.

In Ohio, where a \$20 million lawsuit was recently filed following a 2017 fatality, two workers died in separate cave-ins within two days of each other. On April 6, a worker was working on a residential sewer installation in Sugarcreek Township Ohio when the 14-foot-deep trench he was in collapsed. The second fatality was where a neighbor saw that a backhoe at the site had been left running and saw someone at the bottom of the trench. Emergency responders determined he had died before they arrived. The trench had not been shored.

Another worker, 43 years old was married and a father of three was working for a Dayton, Ohio employer which has a history of trench safety violations. OSHA fined the company \$7,606 for four serious violations stemming from excavation safety violations on May 3, 2017. OSHA later fined the company \$10,670 for violations on September 4, 2018, including two repeat violations for trench safety.

Two days after later another worker died in a 20-foot-deep trench in Marysville, Ohio. He was working for an employer out of Urbana, Ohio. On April 8 he was on a project to relocate a water line. Fire officials reported the trench was not shored, and it took two hours to recover the workers body. The employer was fined in the past for trench safety violations. The company was fined \$1,428 for a serious violation April 29, 2015, according to OSHA records. The worker is survived by two children and his fiancée.

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