2015 National Safety Stand-Down

GCC Organizational Report

The purpose of the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction. Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 291 of the 828 construction fatalities recorded in 2013. Those deaths were preventable. Fall prevention safety standards were among the top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards during fiscal year 2014.

GCC participated in the Stand-Down last year (2014), which was a tremendous success, reaching more than 1 million workers. During the period of May 4 – 15, 2015, construction companies across our nation once again observed and participated in National Safety Stand-Down. The national goal for 2015 is for more than 20,000 Stand-Downs involving more than 3

million workers. If we meet this goal, we will have touched almost 4 out of 10 construction workers in the industry.

Gilchrist Construction Company capitalized on this occasion as an opportunity to raise awareness within our organization and also to continue to educate our workforce regarding safety best practices.

The goals for our 2015 National Stand-Down Campaign focused on four specific areas:

- Daily safety meetings using recommended toolbox talks
- Daily risk observations and cross-project risk observations
- Educating our future workforce on the importance of safety in construction
- Celebrating the positives with our employees

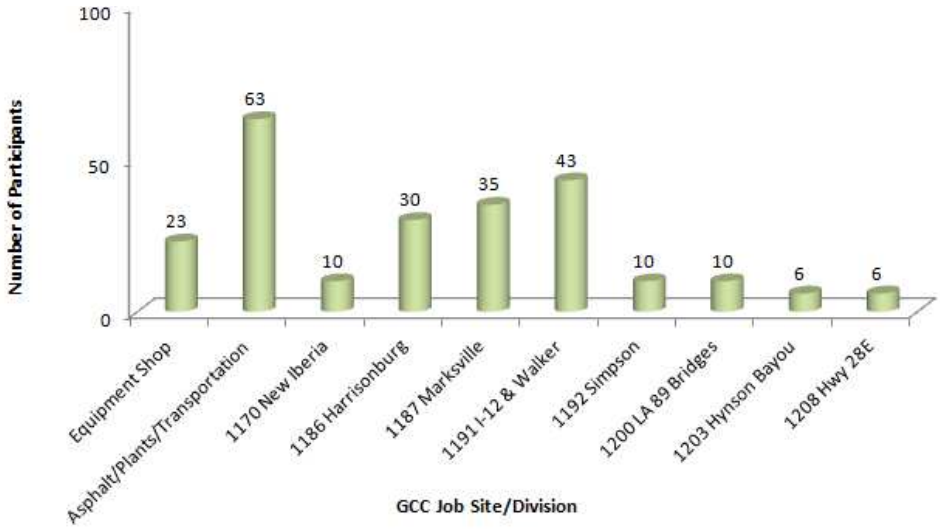
Daily Safety Meetings

At GCC, we are proud to report our active participation during this two-week period in toolbox talks with employees about fall hazards and the importance of fall prevention. Topics included:

- Duty to have fall protection
- Ladder safety
- It's the sudden stop that hurts

Over 75% of our workforce, a total of 236 GCC field employees, participated in Stand-Down toolbox talks during our campaign, as represented in the table below.

Table 1: GCC Job Site/Division Participation Toolbox Talks/National Safety Stand-Down 2015



Daily Risk Observations

Over the past two weeks, GCC teams continued our practice of documenting daily risk observations in all categories, by project and team. For the two-week period ending May 15th, GCC teams documented 960 risk observations in the following categories:

Table 2: GCC Project & Division Risk Observations by Category; May 4 – 15, 2015

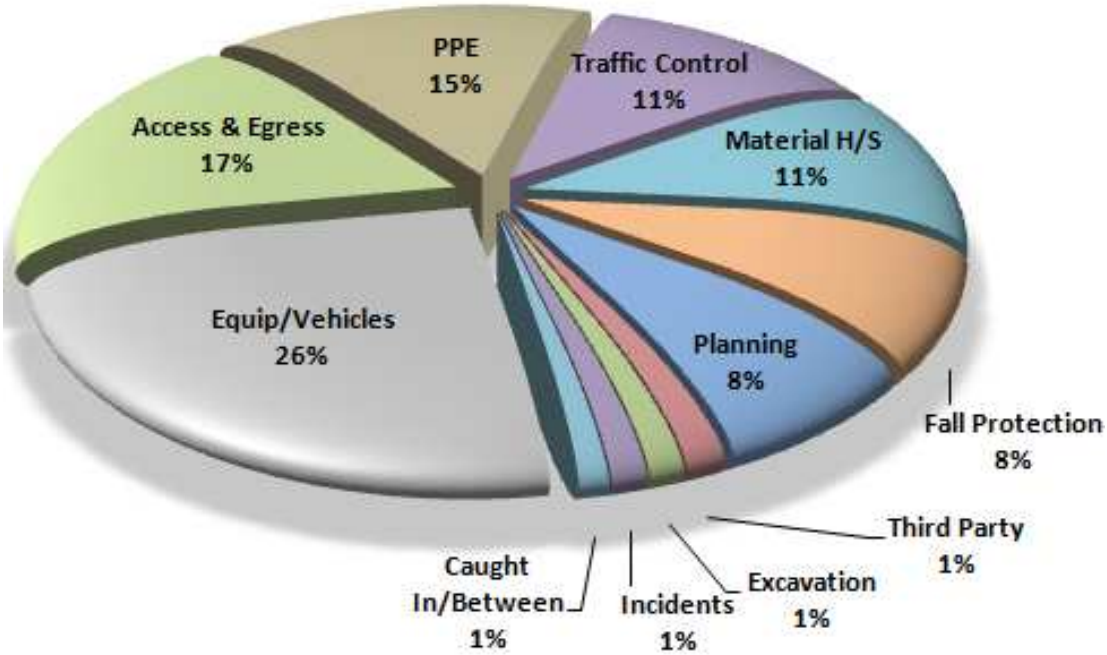
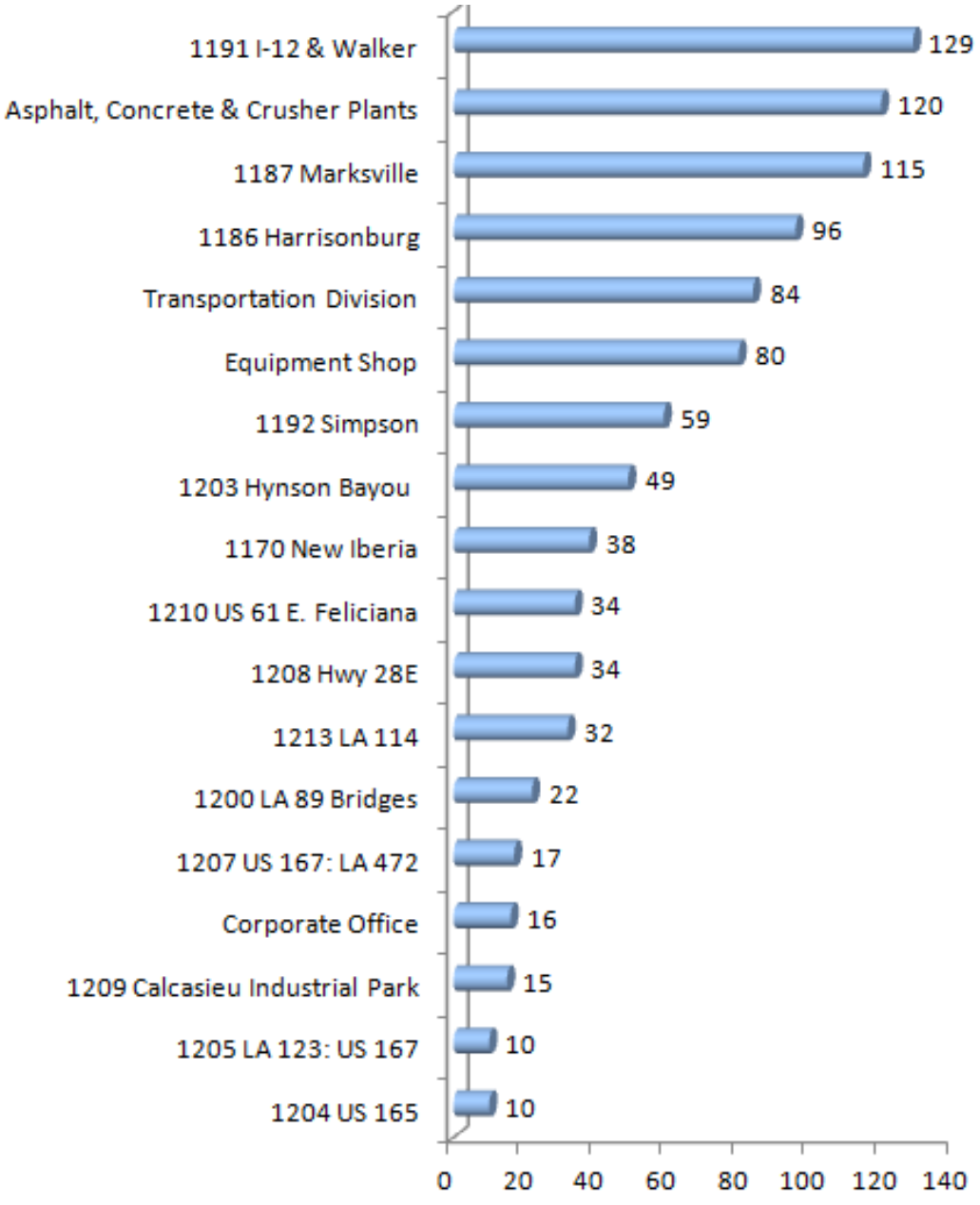


Table 3: GCC Risk Observation Count by Project/Team; May 4 – 15, 2015



Cross-Project Risk Observations

An additional element of participation involved the transfer of knowledge across various GCC projects. GCC team members visited GCC job sites, other than their own, to conduct risk observations, identify hazards, and employ solutions.

Members of our leadership team actively participated as well through project/division site visits to support our teams. This exercise was successful and contributed to improved conditions in terms of safety, risk management, and efficiency at the face of the work.

Table 4: GCC Cross-Project Risk Observations/National Safety Stand-Down 2015

National Safety Stand-Down Risk Observations		
Observer	**From GCC Project**	**To GCC Project**
J.J. Hickey, Project Manager	1191 I-12 and Walker	1170 New Iberia
Kent Burnaman, Bridge Structures Division Manager	Bridge Structures	1203 Hynson Bayou
Alsey Lachney, Project Manager	1187 Marksville	1191 I-12 and Walker
Tip Whiddon, Superintendent	1191 I-12 and Walker	1187 Marksville
Davis Bordelon, Transportation Production Manager	Transportation	1208 Highway 28E
John Paul, Production Manager	1191 I-12 and Walker	1186 Harrisonburg
Greg Branch, Production Manager	1192 Simpson	Alexandria Asphalt Plant
Jarred Williams	Project 1203 Hynson Bayou Project 1208 Highway 28E	1191 I-12 and Walker
Shane Carter, VP of Engineering	Engineering	Equipment Shop & Yard
Ken Schexnayder, Senior Specialist Construction Risk Control	Travelers	1192 Simpson 1186 Harrisonburg 1187 Marksville 1191 I-12 and Walker

Educating our Future Workforce

On Friday, May 8th, 32 Construction Technology Course (CTC) students from Alexandria Senior High School participated in a rigging demonstration, conducted at Project 1203 Hynson Bayou.

Kevin Grage, GCC Safety Director, and Brian Hattaway, GCC Production Field Manager, facilitated a session to demonstrate the importance of safety in our daily work. We received tremendous feedback from the students as well as the instructor.

Celebrating the Positives through Workforce Appreciation

Throughout our two-week safety campaign, we took some time to celebrate the positives and thank our crews and teams for the work that they do. We served breakfast and/or lunch at our project sites.

Projects 1203 (Hynson Bayou) & 1208 (Highway 28E)

Project 1192 Simpson

Project 1186 Harrisonburg

Project 1187 Marksville

Project 1170 New Iberia

Project 1200 LA 89 Bridges

Asphalt, Plant & Transportation Teams

Project 1191 I-12 & Walker Plant

Equipment Shop

In conclusion, GCC is proud to have been a part of National Safety Stand-Down and are appreciative of the opportunity to contribute to safety best practices in our industry.

The United States Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
recognizes the employees and managers of

Gilchrist Construction Company

for participating in the OSHA
2015 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction
May 2015

Thomas E. Perez
Secretary of Labor

Thanks to all of our GCC teams for your participation, and to our partners at Travelers for their support.

For additional information on National Safety Stand-Down, visit the link below:

https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/