

# “The CHASE REPORT”

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## The Chief's Corner

Hello CHASE participants and welcome to the third volume of the CHASE REPORT. I'm excited to announce our program has inducted a new member into CHASE—Davis Constructors. You can read more about Davis in the Spotlight section of this newsletter.



This year's National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is May 2-6, 2022.

Events are posted at:

[https://www.osha.gov/stop-](https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down/events)

[falls-stand-down/events](https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down/events). If you plan to host a free event that is open to the public and want to post your event on OSHA's webpage. To register an event go to:

<https://www.osha.gov/form/stop-falls-stand-down>

### What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention". Employers of companies not exposed to fall hazards, can also use this opportunity to have a conversation with employees about the other job hazards they face, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for employees to talk to management about fall and other job hazards they see.

### Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. In past years, participants included commercial construction companies of all sizes, residential construction contractors, sub- and independent contractors, highway construction companies, general industry employers, the U.S. Military, other government participants, unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, employee interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

## How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers/supervisors are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace.

Remember NO SAFETY SHORTCUTS—EVER.



*Elaine Banda*, Chief of Consultation and Training

## Words from CHASE Program Manager

As the construction season begins, it's a good time to remind everyone about hazards on construction jobsites. Scaffolding was one of the top 10 most cited safety violations for FY 2021. Tips for proper scaffold usage:

- Inspect scaffolds daily, before each work shift, and after any event that may have caused damage.
- Check if powerlines near scaffolds are de-energized or that scaffolds are at least 10 feet away from energized powerlines.
- Make sure that tools and materials are at least 10 feet away from energized powerlines.
- Verify scaffold is the correct type for the loads, materials, employees, and weather conditions.
- Check footings to see if they are level, sound, rigid, and capable of supporting the loaded scaffold.

*Tony Robinson*, CHASE Program Manager

## CHASE Spotlight



Each quarterly newsletter will spotlight one CHASE Partner. The idea is to highlight a company that provides critical infrastructure to our state. As the CHASE program continues to grow, AKOSH Consultation expects to highlight other partners that work with our program, as well as various associations. This quarter we are shining the spotlight on Davis Constructors and Engineers.



*Davis Constructors and Engineers*

**Davis Constructors and Engineers Inc.** was founded in 1976 and provides preconstruction, new construction, renovation, master planning, and tenant improvement services. Davis tailors services to meet the specific needs of each client from design inception to construction completion and beyond. The team takes great pride in maintaining its reputation of quality workmanship, while completing safe projects ahead of schedule and within budget parameters. They have completed projects which cover a full range of material and methods of construction, from cast in place concrete and structural steel, to precast concrete panels and wood frame structures. Davis Constructors has extensive experience in school construction, both urban and rural, special housing projects, hotel construction, retail stores, multi-story office buildings and highly specialized construction such as aerospace facilities, cold storage facilities and hospitals. The company's leadership fully supports all aspects of the safety program and

provides exceptional amounts of resources to review and revise programs, provide safety equipment, and conduct hazard assessment as the projects progress. Davis Constructors' thorough written plans, support from management, and employee engagement, support a very strong safety culture on all of their project sites. Supervisory staff have foundational knowledge of safety and incorporates it into daily operations. Due to their consistent safety integration into daily operations, internal support, and exceptional record, Davis Constructors was recommended and accepted to GOLD status for the CHASE Program.



## Closing Remarks from Chief Banda



In our last issue, Tony wrote a piece entitled, "The Public is Watching." Oftentimes Consultation intercepts phone calls from the public who call to report safety violations.

We try to assist employers before Enforcement gets involved. As we gear up for the Construction season, the message of "The Public is Watching" needs to be conveyed to all employees, subcontractors, and everyone involved on a construction worksite. Being a CHASE member exempts you from programmed Enforcement inspections, however, it does not exempt you from Enforcement activity if employee complaints are filed, imminent danger is reported, or a fatality happens. **Stay safe everyone!**