



State of New York/ Public Employees Federation
Joint Labor–Management Committees
Statewide Health & Safety Committee

To: Agency/Local Health & Safety Chairs and Management Health & Safety Reps

Date: August 26, 2010

Re: Register for the two-day **Safe Patient Handling Conference sponsored by the Department of Labor** Scheduled for: **October 4 –5, 2010 in Syracuse NY**

We are happy to announce that under Article 18 of the NYS/PEF 2007-2011 Contract, the Article 18 Committee has approved a proposal to pay the \$100 Registration Fee for labor and management personnel to attend the Safe Patient Handling conference that is being sponsored by NYS Department of Labor, the New York State Zero Lift Task Force and Upstate Medical University. in Syracuse, New York on October 4 - 5, 2010. The aim of this conference is to increase labor and management collaboration in preventing back injuries and related workers' compensation costs due to patient lifting and prevent patient injury as well. The program will be offered to up to three (3) labor and three (3) management representatives in facilities operated by agencies that provide direct patient care including OCFS, OMRDD, OMH, SUNY, DOCS, DOH and Roswell Park Cancer Institute. The program will be offered to direct care staff, physical therapists, health and safety committee members, business officers or other personnel who would be involved in safe patient handling programs. Participants may also include agency health and safety committee members and other personnel who have a role in safe patient handling programs.

We have enclosed a Safe Patient Handling registration application for your convenience. You can also find this on the PEF web site at: www.pef.org and click on "Health and Safety". In order to qualify for the \$100 registration fee, please complete the NYS/PEF registration form and the additional break out form for tracks that you would like to attend and return to PEF as instructed on this form. PEF will process your application and registration fee with NYS Department of Labor.

Subject to operating needs, agencies may provide two [2] days of release time on October 4 – 5 2010 without charge to leave credits for designated employees to attend. In addition, agencies may authorize up to 3 hours of travel time on October 3rd for those who must travel more than 125 miles to attend the conference.

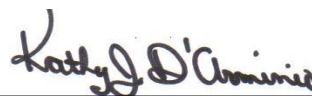
Please note that payment of mileage reimbursement and other related travel costs for conference attendees is subject to state and agency policies regarding travel expenditures. Any policies requiring pre-approval for such expenses must be followed.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in completing the application, please feel free to contact Larry Enoch at GOER at 518-474-0568 or Kathy D'Arminio at PEF at 518-257-6983.

Sincerely,


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NYS co-chair

Kathy D'Arminio : 

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