

**DOCS Health and Safety Agenda for
September 26, 2007 at 875 Central Avenue,
9:00 AM**

June Minutes: Has DOCS reviewed and accepted minutes from June 2007 meeting?

Old Business:

Item 1 Hale Creek Correctional Facility

PEF ask that DOCS provide for the record action taken to implement fans to introduce fresh air into counseling rooms at Hale Creek this past June.

Item 2 Workplace Violence Legislation

PEF seeks what role it will have in establishing this initiative as stated by the Workplace Violence legislation. Will DOCS approve of a proposed pilot project at Auburn and Elmira as suggested in June meeting?

Item 3 Use Of and Reporting of Secondary Exits

Since DOCS has recognized the need of having a secondary egress drill once a year as suggested by OSHA, PEF is only aware of three facilities that have done so out of 70 facilities across the state. Great Meadow, where the need surface close to threes years ago has finally completed a secondary drill with staff only. At Altona, J. Gonyo brought it to the attention of the Fire and Safety Officer and has been doing them for two years. Auburn Correctional finally has done a secondary drill only due to the fact that J. Sroka brought it to the attention of the executive team. The executive team at Auburn was unaware that these drills should be done.

IF the drills are not being done, and DOCS has no reliable system to report the drills (KHRT Code), executive teams are unaware that they are recommended, how does DOCS expect that this initiative will be carried out?

Item 4 Personal Alarm Devices

PEF ask that DOCS provide the Health and Safety Committee with time table of implementation as promised in June meeting.

Item 5 Chemical Agents

PEF's Jonathan Rosen is to provide DOCS with a report on precautionary processes for Chemical Agents for review.

Item 6 Upgrade of Exhaust and filter systems for Vocational Shops

DOCS indicated at the June meeting it would provide PEF with details of a five year timeline for upgrading exhaust and filter systems in its Vocational Shops including its Welding Shops.

New Business:

Item 1 Tuberculosis Control Guidelines

Is DOCS making any changes based on the Center for Disease Control July 7, 2007 issuance of Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in Correctional Facilities? Are changes to occur regarding tuberculosis skin testing of staff?