

# PESH Occupational Injury Reduction Strategic Plan

The goal of the PESH Strategic Plan is to partner with public employers in specific high hazard industries to reduce the occupational injuries and illnesses within their workplace. Currently PESH has three Strategic Plan committees with a cross section of safety and health professionals from across the state. The three Strategic Plan committees include:

- Healthcare (Acute care [Hospitals] and Nursing Homes)
- Fire Service (Volunteer and Paid Fire Departments)
- Police Protection (County and Local Police Departments)

## Healthcare:

The goal of this committee is to decrease the injury and illness rates in the covered facilities. Topics addressed with employers include:

- Safe Resident Handling principles and practices
- Bloodborne pathogens
- Workplace violence prevention
- Slips, trips, and falls

## Fire Service:

Committee members focus on reducing the number of injuries and illnesses within the local fire protection agencies. Some topics of interest include:

- Promoting wellness programs within fire services,
- Assisting fire service agencies with safety and health programs, and
- Developing strategies to reduce the causes of injuries and illnesses.

## Police Protection:

The Police Protection Strategic Plan was formed in 2010. The committee members work with Police Departments by improving occupational injury and illness recordkeeping, identifying major causes of injuries, and implementing injury prevention strategies specific to this sector.

## Services offered by the Strategic Planning Group include:

- Injury data analysis and development of site specific prevention strategies
- A consultative walk-through of the facility for hazard recognition
- Assistance with development of required PESH/OSHA written programs
- Training
- Industrial Hygiene Sampling and Monitoring

## Benefits to participating in a Strategic Plan Partnerships include:

- Reduced injuries to employees
- Decreased number of days away due to injuries
- Decreased Workers Compensation Claims
- Improved morale and increased productivity

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