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Workers Memorial Day observance planned for Portland on April 28

The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) urges all Oregonians to honor those workers who died, or were injured, while performing their work. The annual Workers Memorial Day on April 28th is a nationwide day of remembrance. It recognizes the thousands of U.S. workers who die each year on the job, and the over one million people in the United States who become injured each year while at work. The observance is held on April 28th because on that date in 1970, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

A memorial service honoring Oregon's workers will be held on Wednesday April 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock in Portland. The service will begin at 7:00 pm and feature a reading of the names of Oregon workers who died on the job in 2003.

"Workers Memorial Day is a once-a-year opportunity to pay tribute to the workers of Oregon who died while at work," says Peter De Luca, administrator of Oregon OSHA. "Oregon's employers can truly honor their workers every day by making a commitment to provide a safe and healthy workplace."

Annual observances of Workers Memorial Day alternate between Portland and Salem. The Workers Memorial Day observances in Portland are coordinated by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, (503) 235-9444.

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