2014 Safety Updates
by Kerry Blankenship

SOTC can now meet all of your safety training needs with our new mobile safety training trailer. If you’re tired of sending your employees somewhere else to be trained, then let SOTC come to you. We can teach classes at your location and at your convenience to ensure your company’s compliance with OSHA Standards. Classes offered with the trailer include: Confined Space Entry (permit required), Confined Space Rescue, Arc Flash, Fall Protection, H2S Awareness, Supplied Air (SCBA) Air Packs as well as HAZWOPER. All classes successfully completed through SOTC will be accompanied with a certificate and certification card. Also, SOTC is offering GHS training updates in order to become compliant with the new GHS/HAZCOM standard.

To schedule training or for further information contact:
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News from Jason Phipps, Business & Industry Services Director

First, I would like to take a moment to thank you for being such a valued partner with SOTC. With your continued support, we will be able to accomplish our mission of securing the future of Southern Oklahoma by providing your workforce with quality education and training services. I am also very excited to report that Oklahoma’s CareerTech has entered into a renaissance of change. With the vision provided by CareerTech’s new State Director / OK Secretary of Education and Workforce Development, Dr. Robert Sommers, you will begin noticing a system-wide movement toward the Malcolm Baldridge criteria of quality excellence. However; SOTC is well ahead of the curve when speaking of quality. This year, for the second time, Southern Tech earned the coveted recognition of ‘Commitment to Performance Excellence’ from the Oklahoma Quality Award Foundation. Although this is something to definitely be proud of, this is only the beginning of our journey down the quality pathway. Thank you again for being a part of an exciting adventure!

You can contact Jason by phone at (580) 224-8218 or by email at jhipps@sotc.edu
Management Skills Series

While Southern Oklahoma Technology Center puts out a Fall, Spring, and Summer Catalog, you will generally not find Business and Industry offerings in these mailings. We have found that the best customer service is to offer you classes based on your business schedule, when and where you want them to happen. Just give us a call or e-mail, and we will be happy to set it up for you. If you are not certain of exactly what you want, we will be happy to research any topic for you and respond with options.

Develop your supervisory skills by attending SOTC’s Management Skills Series held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The topics will address career development and management skills.

**January 14** Finding Employees
**February 11** Social Security Issues and Updates
**March 11** CareerTech Initiatives
**April 8** Managing Talent
**May 13** Communication Strategies
**June 10** Workers Compensation Updates

**Time:** 8am – 10am

**Price:** $50 per person for all sessions; the same person must attend each month, no substitutes.

$300 per company for all sessions (send as many employees as you like)

**To register:** Contact Michelle Bohn, Industrial Coordinator, at (580) 504-5194 or mbohn@sotc.edu

Other Training & Services

Southern Tech also offers a wide range of industrial training courses, designed to fit the specific needs of your business. We offer customized, on-demand training--at your site or ours, and on our equipment or yours.

**Courses include:**

**Electrical:** AC/DC Electrical Systems, Ladder Logics, Motor Controls, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC),

**General:** Blueprint Reading, Hand Tools, Mathematics, Measuring Tools, and Power Tools

**Hydraulics & Pneumatics:** beginning, intermediate, and advanced.

**Welding:** SMAW, GMAW, and GTAW (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) as well as certifications.

We also offer CNC/CMM Machining and Programming, Apprentice Program Assistance, Mechanical and Millwright classes, Piping Systems and Power Transmissions. If you would like to schedule classes or want further information, please contact Tina Laxton: 580-224-8290, tlaxton@sotc.edu.

Most Facility Usage at SOTC is free to employers. If you need a great place to conduct your off-site meetings or in-house training, Southern Oklahoma Technology Center is the place. If you have not been out in a while, we invite you to come for a visit and tour our facilities.

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