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## **Chicago Southland Occupational Safety and Health Conference Debuts July 18**

**CHICAGO** -- The Illinois Department of Labor’s OSHA division will participate in the Chicago Southland Occupational Safety and Health Conference on Thursday, July 18, at Prairie State College.

“This all-day conference will provide excellent information on health and safety regulations as well as touch on timely topics such as active shooter preparedness and marijuana in the workplace,” said Ben Noven, director of Illinois Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The conference, presented in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA, will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Prairie State College Conference Center, Chicago Heights. The keynote will be “Best Practices and Preparedness in an Active Shooter Event.” Attendees will also choose from up to three one-hour training sessions on topics such as machine guarding, CDL yard safety, making the case for safety to senior management and top 10 OSHA citations.

This workshop is geared toward business professionals in both large and small firms, specifically those in the transportation, warehouse, distribution and manufacturing sectors. Those interested can register online at [www.prairiestate.edu/safety](http://www.prairiestate.edu/safety) or call 708-709-2957 for more information.

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