

Montpelier, Vermont, March 28, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- In anticipation of the Vermont construction season, AGC/VT will be hosting a "Stand Down for Safety." On April 2, AGC/VT members and nonmembers will conduct a 30-minute safety stand down on their jobsites between 7am and 8am that morning.

AGC/VT will provide the safety stand down materials for all participating contractors. After reviewing VOSHA citations and warnings from the past few years, the AGC/VT Safety and Education Team realized that to be proactive and help create safer workplaces, members and non-members need to remind their employees of the importance of personal protective gear.

During the stand down, all construction teams will receive additional training on safety practices, proper procedures and personal protective equipment requirements. This additional training will supplement ongoing safety training seminars that contractors attend at the start of the season. Production will be halted on jobsites in order to conduct the training.

"AGC/VT believes that any citations or injuries are too many. So we asked our contractors to participate in this stand down to reinforce safe construction practices and provide additional training in safety and personal protective equipment requirements," said AGC/VT's Executive Vice-President Cathy Voyer.

Associated General Contractors of Vermont has previously conducted company-wide safety stand-downs with member organizations, and has expanded the program to include non-members to emphasize the need for all Vermont contractors to host safer jobsites.

Lt. Gov. Phil Scott, co-owner of DuBois Construction in Middlesex, will be conducting a stand down safety talk at the Connor Construction job site on Stone Cutters Way in Montpelier. Lt. Gov. Scott commented, "I've recently spoken out about the need for Vermont state government to provide more pro-active consultation and education to help Vermont businesses comply with state regulations. I commend AGC/VT for taking the same initiative to keep Vermont's construction workers safe, and I'm proud to participate in this effort."

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