



Safety and the OSHA Regional Alliance

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Background on SWANA

- **Largest association for the solid waste & recycling sector in the U.S. & Canada**
 - Nearly 11,000 individual members in public and private sector
 - Majority of our members work for local govts and are managers or directors at a municipal agency
 - 47 chapters in U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean
 - NY chapter is growing & has 425 members
- **SWANA's core programs focus on education, research, advocacy, and **safety****
- **SWANA has a very active safety program**

Safety Initiatives and Resources

- [Slow Down to Get Around](#)
- [5 to Stay Alive](#) posters
- Safety Awards – July 1 deadline
- Safety Matters newsletter (weekly)
 - English, Spanish, French
- [Safety Pledge](#)
- Safety Alerts and data
- More info –
www.swana.org/initiatives/safety



Solid waste collection workers - 6th highest occupational fatality rate in the U.S. (BLS/2020)

- 2021 improvement based on SWANA data
- Solid waste collection trucks are involved in thousands of crashes each year
- Workers are dying/injured on the route and at disposal sites
- This creates a lot of claims and legal exposure for solid waste companies and local governments

**Safety –
Nothing we
do is more
important!**



OSHA Alliance

SWANA and our NY/NJ chapters recently entered into a 2 Year “Regional Alliance” with OSHA to improve worker safety

- Share information on OSHA initiatives and rulemakings
- Share information on worker safety/health rules, including rights of employers and employees
- Speak at OSHA & SWANA events
- Convene/participate in forums/meetings on solid waste industry hazards
- Share information on best practices
- Encourage worker participation through formation of an advisory committee



OSHA Alliance



Potential Deliverables

- New training materials on leading hazards in collection and post-collection
- Provide training at industry forums, conferences, and meetings
- Communications – short safety videos
- Worker Involvement – important to have front-line workers involved in Alliance to help SWANA and chapters identify hazards

OSHA Alliance

SWANA and OSHA held kickoff call last week to start the process

- Creating a worker advisory committee will be an important first step
- Needs to be small enough to be effective but large enough to be sufficiently diverse
 - Geography – NYC/LI, Upstate NY, NJ
 - Companies and local governments
 - Union/non-union
 - Collection and post-collection



Holding Hauler Safety Outreach programs at disposal facilities could be an effective way to reach more solid waste employers and employees with Alliance products

Safety Initiatives & Resources

- [Hauler Safety Outreach](#) - 2019 in 3 NY counties



**Sims in
Brooklyn – on
Earth Day!**



**WM Jersey City
Transfer
Station – May
10**



THANK YOU

