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Medical Emergency Preparedness

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Purpose of Being Prepared for Medical Emergencies:

To ensure our field & office employees have the knowledge and training necessary to execute life saving actions.



Initial Takeaways From Recent Incidents:

- Employees on the jobsite were knowledgeable on how to operate lower boom controls of the bucket to descend injured employee to the ground.
- Employees knew how and where to access the AED on the jobsite.
- Crews knew how to effectively utilize their training and deploy the AED and administer CPR.
- Through training, these crews saved employees lives.



Understanding Mobile Equipment within your work group(s)

- Organizations have the potential to operate different types of machinery including but not limited to:
 - **Backhoes**
 - **Overhead Transmission Equipment**
 - **Tower Wagons**
 - **Bucket Trucks**
 - **Manlifts**
 - **Scissor Lifts**
 - **Etc.**
- Vehicle/Equipment placement & positioning on the jobsite to enhance rescue capabilities.
- With equipment that have satellite emergency controls i.e., lower boom controls on bucket trucks, do all employees on your team have the experience of operating and becoming comfortable with them ?



Emergency Rescue Equipment:

- Emergency Rescue Equipment is incorporated into the initial setup of the jobsite before work begins.
- How are employees trained to operate this type of equipment ?
 - New Hire Training Programs
 - Annual Refresher Training



Where can AEDs Be Found ?

- Company vehicles
 - Inspecting AEDs during monthly inspection checklist.
 - Identification of AED on vehicle.
- Office settings
 - Included on evacuation
 - Communication plan with employees



First Aid Kits:

- Some First Aid items have expiration dates:
 - Antibiotic Ointment
 - Burn Gel
 - Eyewash
- Who is responsible for inspecting First Aid Kits within your organization?



Training:

- Who conducts your organizations training ?
- Who is involved in the training ?
 - Field Personnel
 - Office Personnel
 - Both
- How often is the training completed ?



Summary:

- Confirm that employees are familiar with operating emergency controls on mobile equipment.
- Confirm that employees are familiar with operating Emergency Rescue Equipment specific to your workgroup.
- Review AED locations for your service buildings.
- Inspect First Aid items including First Aid Kit & Burn Kit within vehicles & office settings to ensure that all items with expiration dates are removed and replaced.
- Inspect First Aid Kits within vehicles to ensure that all items with expiration dates are removed and replaced.