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Disaster Preparedness and Response: Is Your Business Ready?

CRANSTON – Thursday, September 28th, a free *Disaster Preparedness and Response: Is Your Business Ready?* seminar for employers will be held at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston.

The Department of Labor and Training's Workers' Compensation division, with assistance from the RIght Safe Coalition, a Rhode Island-based group of government and private organizations involved in workplace safety and health, is sponsoring this seminar and vendor fair.

Presenters will help employers plan for fire, hurricanes, floods, winter storms, toxic spills, workplace violence, and acts of terrorism. Attendees will learn how to prepare and implement an emergency plan that can protect their business and their employees.

Speakers include: Nathan Rodgers, Stakeholder Manager, RI Emergency Management Agency; Angie Moncada, Director of Community Relations, Red Cross; L. Anthony Cirillo, MD, FACEP, RI Department of Health; Maryann Pacholski Medeiros, MPH, Certified Safety Professional Compliance Assistance Specialist, US Department of Labor/OSHA; and Joannie Collins, Personnel Administrator and Environmental Health and Safety Supervisor, NBC 10.

Pre-registration is required. Call (401) 462-8100 and select "option one" or go to www.dlt.ri.gov/EmployerSeminars.htm for more information. Registration opens at 8:00 AM at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. The seminar runs from 8:30 AM to noon and followed by a vendor fair.

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The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job or a career change. Rhode Island's workforce is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and workplace health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to unemployed, sick or injured workers, and a comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to those injured on the job.

DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

For more information on the innovative programs and services available to all Rhode Islanders at the Department of Labor and Training, please call (401) 462-8000 or visit the web site at www.dlt.ri.gov.

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