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Profile of Month – Lisa Rollins & Karl Schuler

At the annual Christmas party, we recognize employees who are celebrating their 10-year and 20-year anniversaries with Marion. This year, five employees have been employed by Marion for 10 years: Lisa Rollins, Karl Schuler, Mark Hunter, and Louise Schweinforth. Sue Hartline has made it to the 20 year mark. We appreciate all of our employees and their loyalty to Marion.

Lisa Rollins is an accounting assistant to Sue Hartline. She is very efficient and makes multitasking look easy. Lisa spent many years in Hawaii and makes it a point to return there annually. As an advocate of healthy diets, she is our conscience in the kitchen. One of her hobbies includes belly dancing with a fun group of ladies in the Chattanooga area.

Karl Schuler is a Geologist in our Consulting Department. Karl specializes in Phase I's and UST sites. Karl also heads our lead inspections and reports. Karl enjoys traveling and is renowned for his exotic trips. Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems.

Making *our* standard, industry standard.

Emergency Preparedness Talk

In November, Randall Woodlee, our senior chemist, gave a presentation at the Environmental, Health & Safety Summit hosted by the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association. His presentation, "Emergency Response: It Does Not Start with a Phone Call", addressed the need (and regulatory requirements) for preparedness for an emergency response. Emphasis was placed on the common elements of preparing for a response, ie: education, training, and drills/exercises.

Preplanning for emergency situations minimizes loss and liability for when something does go wrong. Most manufacturing facilities have a contract with an emergency response company, whose job it is to preplan for any potential emergency and to execute that plan when the time comes. It is vital in an E.R. situation to have a map of the facility and an evacuation plan on file, and to know the size of all tanks and containers and the chemicals contain therein.

Having a contract with a responsible, well-prepared E.R. company is not only about limiting liability and minimizing loss, it is about building relationships and trust among manufacturers, consultants, contractors, and regulators.

The presentation was well attended and concluded with a lively question-answer session.

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Training

Last month most of the Marion firemen completed an advanced confined space rescue class. They learned that mastering knots and rope skills are important tools for rescue work. The following is a partial list of knots that were covered:

Figure 8 Stopper
Figure 8 Follow Thru
Square Knot
Double Fisherman Bend
Modified Trucker Hitch
Single Loop Anchor Sling
Butterfly

Figure 8 on a bight Figure 8 Bend Overhand Bend 3-wrap Prusik Basket Sling Wrap 3 Pull twice Handcuff

Training for confined space rescue is multifaceted, but a large part of the rescue procedures involves ropes and applicable knots for specific rescues. Marion encourages our technicians to practice tying knots in order to keep their ability sharp. The skill is not one that is used every day on the job site, but when an emergency happens, it can be a vital and necessary skill to have.

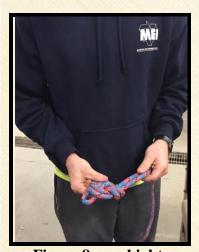


Figure 8 on a bight



Handcuff Knot



Merry Christmas from Marion

Holiday Safety Tip

Candles can create a festive atmosphere in our homes and offices, but they can also be dangerous if not used properly. Always put candles in candlesticks before you light them. Don't use lit candles near flammable decorations or curtains. Never leave candles unattended or within reach of young children.

Happenings

Marion is hosting an office party on Saturday, December 19 in Chattanooga at the Hunter Art Museum.

Official Holiday Schedule

Thursday, December 24 Office Closed Friday, December 25 Office Closed Thursday, December 31 – Half Day Friday, January 1 – Office Closed

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