

Hi all,

I wanted to make you all aware of training opportunities in the division for both experienced and novice workers. First I must apologize because there is a great opportunity every year at Nelson Ledges called Safety Day. This year it was this weekend and I didn't get this out to you in time for anyone interested to attend. Saturday was devoted to non-emergency worker training and Sunday to emergency worker training. The event is put on by Lake Erie Communications in conjunction with NEOhio region and the track. This year's dates were April 5 and 6 and it is always early in April. Put it on your colander for next year.

LEC also has training offered at many of their events throughout the season. You do not have to be an LEC member to attend and the classes are quite thorough. Here is some info on the classes:

All of our trainings are open to anyone. You do not have to be nor become an LEC member. The flagging school is a two day event. Saturday is a classroom and Sunday is "on station". Both days begin at 8:00am and the student should arrive by 7:30 for morning assignments. LEC has two instructor's: Jim "Shoe" Shoemaker at Nelson Ledges & Jeff Knapp at Mid Ohio. You must sign-up prior to attending by either a phone call, email or utilizing the LEC website (lakeeriecommunications.com). There is a \$15.00 fee to go through the school. Each student will receive a training manual, one pair of orange gloves, a whistle & lanyard and a notepad & pen. For more info contact Ronda Knapp roenap@yahoo.com regarding Mid-Ohio schools or Erik Avendutti eavendutti@crestmontautogroup.com for info on schools at Nelson.

2011 Schedule TBD

On the other side of the division Michigan Turn Marshals puts on a couple of schools in conjunction with the Detroit region and Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. The events all take place at the Waterford Hills facility. Here is some info regarding the new worker training and the advanced worker training events:

April 26 & 27 New Worker School.

A Saturday morning classroom followed by actual on track experience with Teaching Captains at the station. The on track event is a drivers school. Emphasis is on personal safety and the safety of the station team, while all the functions of the corner station are taught in real time and practiced featuring buddy packs for building communications skills. Lunch and Cold Drinks will be provided both days. To pre-register contact Lynn Bertin at flagcomm@waterfordhills.com or Ed Arthur at flagging_rocks@sbcglobal.net Walk Ins are welcome but you must be 18 years old or 16 years old with a parent or legal guardian present to sign a minor waiver.

Advanced Worker Training

Medical Considerations for Motorsports Workers will be the morning classroom topic presented by a certified EMT trainer who is a corner worker himself. In the afternoon groups will rotate through three different practice exercises. Responding to cars on and across a hot track, an on track simulation. Hand Signals, a practice group to brush up on those signals for numbers, colors and situations that we don't often use at our local tracks.

Make the Correct Call, an interactive video exercise for communicators. Lunch will be provided. Class is open to all Detroit Region, Waterford Hills and MTM [flagging and communications](http://www.michiganturnmarshals.org) workers. Pre-registration is open on MTM Events at www.michiganturnmarshals.org . If you aren't a member of one of those organizations but would like to attend it is only 20 bucks for a lifetime membership in MTM so interested non members are invited to join and get all the benefits of MTM membership and enjoy a class that could easily cost \$20 anyway.

I hope you all get a chance to get out to, or send new workers to, one of the events. Remember, you all should be looking to attend a fire school at least every other year. Please contact me with any questions about training requirements or if your region has training opportunities of which I am unaware.

**Regards,
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