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## **PEORIA BECOMES P.E.P.P. CERTIFIED**

***The City of Peoria takes the next step in workplace safety***

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(Peoria) - The Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA) has been working collaboratively with stakeholders and the community to promote the consultation department within The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH). The consultation division within ADOSH allows businesses and worksites to become compliant with OSHA standards before an accident occurs without fear of being cited for violations identified and abated. In Arizona our consultation services have advanced to the next level allowing public entities to receive the benefit of ADOSH consultation visits. Now public entities can enter into our Public Entity Partnership Program, also known as PEPP, and take the next step in workplace safety.

The ICA is pleased to announce ADOSH and the City of Peoria have signed a Public Entity Partnership Program agreement for employee safety. As the 11th PEPP certification, this three year agreement will allow ADOSH, City of Peoria safety professionals, department managers, and employees to proactively look for ways to improve safety through best practices. Best practices are those that industries use to go above and beyond OSHA Standards and thus have a higher safety culture than the industry average.



The PEPP program was created by ADOSH to engage with public sector employers and help improve and enhance current safety and health practices at all levels within the public entity. Through the program ADOSH will implement the best industry practices and improve upon existing safety programs as well as highlighting programs that are working well in other departments. With the help of Peoria's Human Resources Department, ADOSH has established five goals to improve safety in the workplace which will be measured on a yearly basis. The City of Peoria follows an unwavering adherence to the principles of safety and this is another step in the right direction.

To be considered for a PEPP partnership, public entities must determine what departments will be focused upon and what goals will be measured. PEPP members are evaluated on an annual basis. ADOSH Consultants and a Compliance Assistance Officer will be assigned to help the public entity reach their agreed upon goals.

### **Injury Rates in Arizona**

Arizona has seen a steady reduction in injury and fatality rates thanks to the ICA's dedication to workplace safety and our cooperative partnership programs. Arizona's fatality and injury rates are not only lower than other State Plan averages but also Federal OSHA averages. There is always work to be done and the ICA will continue to drive injury and fatality rates down.

### **About ADOSH**

The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health operates under an approved plan with the U.S. Department of Labor to retain jurisdiction over occupational safety and health issues within Arizona, excluding mining operations, Indian Reservations, and federal employees. This jurisdiction encompasses approximately 2.1 million employees and 154,000 public and private establishments. For more information on ADOSH, Consultation Partnership Programs and the Industrial Commission of Arizona, please visit [azica.gov](http://azica.gov) or call (602) 542-5795.

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