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**UTAH WORKPLACE FATALITIES DECREASE TO 37 IN 2013**

Salt Lake City - Utah recorded a preliminary count of 37 work-related fatalities in 2013, down from 39 in 2012. Nationally, the preliminary count of 4,405 fatal injuries was down from the revised count of 4,628 in 2012.

Trade, transportation, and utilities incidents remained the most frequent type of fatal work-related events and accounted for 9 (24 percent) of the 37 fatal occupational injuries in Utah workers in 2013. Following is a list of other causes of workplace fatalities:

- Seven fatalities occurred from assaults and violent acts, 19 percent of the total.
- Five fatalities occurred from falls, slips or trips, 14 percent of the total.
- Contact with objects and equipment also accounted for eleven fatalities, 30 percent of the total.

Out of the 37 workers fatally injured in 2013:

- 33 were men
- 30 were white (non-hispanic)
- 3 were self employed

The age categories with the highest number of workplace fatalities included:

- 45-54 years old, with 14 deaths (38 percent)
- Followed by 25-34 years old, with 8 deaths (22 percent)

The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) study includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether they are covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act or other

federal or state agency regulations, or are outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Data for 2013 are preliminary.

The CFOI, conducted throughout the nation, is part of a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) program that provides a complete count of fatal work injuries in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Utah Labor Commission BLS unit compiles detailed information on all work-related fatalities that take place within the state of Utah and works in close proximity with the Federal BLS Program. Fatality statistics are used to fulfill a commitment to increasing safety in the workplace.

The BLS unit annually releases total fatality counts and descriptive data in an effort to provide the most accurate information to assist employers, safety departments, and employees in identifying occupational safety and health issues in the state.

Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data are available at <http://www.laborcommission.utah.gov/divisions/IndustrialAccidents/bls.html>

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