

Media Advisory

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Families and Community Members to Hold Workers' Memorial Day Service to Remember Victims of Work-Related Injuries, Illnesses and Death

Lexington, Kentucky – Community members, workers and local officials will gather at the Jacobson Park on April 28 for Workers Memorial Day to hold a service remembering those who have been killed and injured while working. The events will feature a Presentation of Colors by the American Legion Man O' War Post 8, singing of the National Anthem by Zach and Courtney Day, and Brandon Clark, and remarks by Labor Cabinet Secretary Mark S. Brown, Kentucky Equal Justice Center Director, Rich Seckel, and Division of Risk Management Director, Patrick Johnston. There will also be a reading of the names of workers who died from fatal work-related injuries over the last few years in the States of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Military personnel, fire fighters and police officers from Kentucky will also be remembered

In workplaces across the country, workers continue to be exposed to well-known hazards that are poorly regulated and inadequately controlled. Last year, 4,500 workers lost their lives on the job, and another 50,000 died from occupational diseases. April 28 is the day set aside across the globe to remember the toll of workplaces hazards on working people. International Worker Memorial Day events are scheduled this year in more than 50 countries

(<http://www.hazards.org/wmd/index.htm>)

The sponsoring organization is United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities (USMWF) which is based in Lexington. USMWF was founded by Tammer Miser whose brother, Shawn Boone, 33, was gravely injured by an aluminum dust explosion in 2003. He died from his injuries. USMWF is a not-for-profit organization offering support, guidance, resources, and advocacy to empower family members who have lost a loved one from work-related injuries or illnesses. For more information and background, please visit www.usmwf.org

WHO: Community members, worker and relatives of victims of workplace-related deaths

WHAT: Workers' Memorial Day Service

WHEN: April 28th, 2012 at 12:30 pm (Press interviews available at 12:00 pm)

WHERE: Jacobson Park - Pavilion #3 – 4001 Athens Boonesboro Rd, Lexington KY 40509