2015 Safety Seminar Recap

The OTA 2015 Safety Seminar was a one day event that took place on November 18th at the Comfort Suites Airport in Salem.

Kicking off the seminar was David Briggs, Partner at Saalfeld Griggs, P.C. who presented “Drugs in the Workplace: A Review of Safety Concerns Port-Measure 91.” David reviewed what the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes means for your workplace, and what you can and should be doing to ensure a drug-free workplace. David covered what Measure 91 does and does not do with respect to employment laws, and provided practical advice for handling issues that arise when crafting a lawful drug use and testing policy. He also addressed the struggles companies face in light of the use and abuse of prescription medication, including those employees in safety-sensitive positions.

See Safety Recap
ITA Showcase Northwest 2016

Beginning the Big Build Year

March 2 and 3
Holiday Inn / Portland Airport Hotel

for more information visit www.itashowcase.org

DON’T MISS IT!!

Coming soon........the 2016 Outside Plant Seminar!

Please plan to join us for discussions on:

Grounding & Bonding  •  Fiber Characterization  •  Joint Pole Usage: Shared Conduit and Shared Facilities
WiFi  •  Bonded Pairs & Loop Extenders  •  Regulatory & Legislative Report
Whole Home Automation & Monitoring

The seminar brochure and registration materials will be distributed via e-mail mid February. Watch your in-box! On-line registration will be available the end of February at www.ota-telecom.org.
James Rennard Appointed Western Region Division Manager for GVNW Consulting Inc.

Tualatin, OR (December 29, 2015) - GVNW Consulting is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2016, James Rennard will be assuming the position of Division Manager for GVNW’s Western Region.

James joined GVNW in 2009 after positions with AKT’s audit group and at Canby Telcom as its CFO and VP - Finance & Regulatory.

Jeff Smith, GVNW President and CEO shares the following: "James brings energy, enthusiasm and insight to his new role and responsibilities. I look forward to working with Jim in meeting the needs of our rural broadband clients."

Mr. Rennard will be based in GVNW’s Western Region office in Tualatin, Oregon. He can be reached at 503.612.4410 or jrennard@gvnw.com.

About GVNW Consulting, Inc.
GVNW Consulting is one of the leading telecommunications-consulting firms in the nation specializing in applications to enhance the delivery of telecom products and services to rural areas. Established in 1970, GVNW currently serves over 200 client companies around the world, both incumbent and competitive, with the majority consisting of smaller companies located in high cost rural or insular areas. Please visit www.GVNW.com for more information.

APRIL 2016

7 OTA Accounting Committee Meeting
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – AKT’s office – Salem, OR

13 OTA Outside Plant Committee Pre-Seminar Meeting
Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. – Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

28 OTA Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – OTA – Conference Rm A – Salem, OR

Safety Recap, continued...

Mike Hetzel, Director-Risk Management Services for Unitel Insurance talked about “Work and Home Safety and Security.” Mike covered how to enhance your safety at work as well as take what you have learned and apply it to your personal life at home or play.

Laurie Holien, Deputy Director at the Oregon Office of emergency Management (OEM) offered a presentation on “The Cascadia Threat and Emergency Coordination with the Telecommunications Sector.” Laurie described how the State of Oregon is coordinating with the private sector owners and operators to streamline response efforts and describe how service providers can develop business continuity plans.

Daniel Multop, owner of Multiple Computer Solutions joined the group to discuss “Security Threats and Best Practices,” covering what the most common cyber threats are, how to avoid them, and how to deal with them if they happen to you. He also discussed different types of scams such as FBI-related scams, identity theft, computer crimes, untrustworthy websites, and the latest scams in the news.

Michael Van Wormer, Loss Prevention Consultant with Great American Insurance finished off the day’s sessions with “Outside Plant Safety and Ergonomics.” Michael talked about material handling issues (proper ergonomics), slips, trips and falls, driver controls, outside elements (heat and cold), ladder safety, proper tool selection, controls for entering a customer’s home, fall protection and safety controls for trenching, boring and excavation.

Thank you to our exhibitor’s for joining us for the day!
Oregon Telecommunications Association & Washington Independent Telecommunications Association

Joint Annual Meeting, May 16 – 18, 2016

1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle

Call the MOTIF today at (855) 515-1144
Please be sure to ask for the “OTA/WITA Annual Meeting” group rates.
All room rates are non-commissionable, net rates, subject to tax, which is currently 15.6%, and/or state or local mandated tax, which is currently $2.00 per night. Room rates are subject to change.

Hotel Reservation deadline is April 15, 2016
www.motifseattle.com Group code: OREG0515

Conference brochure and registration materials will be distributed and on-line registration available at www.ota-telecom.org in early March.
OTA EVENT CALENDAR

ITA Showcase
March 2 – 3, 2016
Holiday Inn Portland Airport Hotel – Portland, OR

Outside Plant Seminar
April 14 – 15, 2016
Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

OTA- WITA Joint Annual Meeting
May 16 – 18, 2016
“Motif” (formerly the Red Lion Hotel) on Fifth Avenue – Seattle, WA

Central Office & Information Technologies Seminar
September 8 – 9, 2016
Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

Accounting Seminar
October 13 – 14, 2016
Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

Consumer Services & Marketing Seminar
October 27, 2016
Oregon Garden Resort – Silverton, OR

**Notification of OTA President of Any Antitrust Concerns**

OTA members, representatives and attendees should promptly bring any antitrust concerns to the attention of OTA President. Because antitrust law and policy is legally complex (especially in view of the heavily regulated nature of the telecommunications industry), all OTA members, representatives and attendees are expected and instructed to seek promptly the advice of counsel for OTA in the event that there is any question as to whether any contemplated action, activity, proposal, or other course of action may be in conflict with applicable law.

OTA members, representatives and attendees should terminate any discussion, seek legal counsel’s advice, or, if necessary, leave any meeting or discussion where improper subjects are being discussed and explain the reasons for departure to those still in attendance.

For a copy of OTA’s Antitrust Policy in its entirety, please contact the OTA office.

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**www.ota-telecom.org**

Check it out today!
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New Members
The OTA would like to welcome the following companies who have recently joined the association.

For contact info and links to their websites, please visit the OTA website.

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