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- Analyze accident and incident data to identify common causes for:
  - fatalities
  - injuries
  - and illnesses suffered by linemen, apprentices, and other appropriate job classifications.
- Develop recommended Best Practices for each identified cause.
- Develop implementation strategies for each Best Practice and share these strategies among the partners.

Partnership Goals (cont’d)
- Identify training criteria for workers:
  - foremen
  - general foremen
  - supervisors
  - linemen
  - apprentices

Includes training to promote industry culture change to place value on safety and health.

Structure of the Partnership
- Executive Team
- Steering Team
- Working Groups (Task Teams)
  - Task Team 1 - Data
  - Task Team 2 - Training
  - Task Team 3 - Best Practices
  - Task Team 4 - Communications
**Executive Team**
- Policy-setting body of the Partnership
- It is made up of:
  - company presidents
  - senior representatives of other member organizations
- Chairman of the Executive Team:
  - Rod Henkels, CEO, Henkels & McCoy, Inc.,

**Steering Team**
- Operational arm of the Partnership.
- It is made up of:
  - safety vice presidents
  - safety directors of member organizations.
- Chair of Steering Team: Frank Richard, (MDU)

**Working Groups (Task Teams)**
- Where the real work of the OSP gets done
- The working groups were formed to address specific tasks
- Tasks are ongoing and responsive to identified needs

**Task Team 1 — Data Analysis**
- Objectives
  - Gather statistical data
  - Identify cause factors
  - Identify training needs
  - Monitor data trends
- Accomplishments to Date
- Current Activities
- Future Goals

**Task Team 2 — Training**
- Objectives
  - Develop training as needed
  - Promote training and continuing education
  - Monitoring of training workforce
- Accomplishments to Date
- Current Activities
- Future Goals

**Task Team 2 — Training Courses**
- OSHA 10-Hour Training Program
- OSHA 20-Hour Training Program
- Exploring other ways to provide and track training
Task Team 3 — Best Practices

- Objectives
  - Develop Best Practices through consensus
  - Communicate Best Practices to the field
  - Implement methods to monitor BP implementation
- Accomplishments to Date
- Current Activities
- Future Goals

Task Team 3 — 8 Best Practices

- Administrative Controls
- Job Briefings
- Pre-Use Inspection of Rubber Protective Equipment
- Qualified Observer
- Insulate and Isolate Safety Performance Check
- Cradle-To-Cradle Use of Insulating Rubber Gloves
- Lock-To-Lock Use of Insulating Rubber Gloves & Sleeves
- Rubber Insulating PPE for the Live Line Tool Method on Distribution Lines

Task Team 4 — Communications

- Objectives
  - Communicate the safety messages to line industry
  - Foster relations with related industry partners
- Accomplishments to Date
- Current Activities
- Future Goals
- Website: www.powerlinesafety.org

Future Objectives

- Monitor injury and death data and trends
- Identify additional cause factors
- Expand the training efforts and resources
- Develop additional Best Practices
- Promote industry culture change to place value on safety and health
- Increase communication, education, involvement

Summary

- Key industry groups have common safety interests and objectives
- Needs were identified for a partnership effort to improve safety for line workers
- Development of the partnership increased safety awareness
- OSHA participation has been a valuable contribution
- The commitment and work continues
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