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PCSI Team at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Crosses the “Red” Line

While the National Football League (NFL) and most colleges across the country struggle to take the football across the goal line this Fall, our Environmental Services (EVS) team at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP), Virginia, crossed the red line on July 6, 2020. The eight year contract awarded to PCSI on March 31, 2020 added new work requirements to clean the Main Operating Rooms, the Labor and Delivery Operating Rooms and the Ophthalmology and Dental clinic procedure suites.

For the uninitiated, the “red” line in the hospital is a vivid red marking on the floor and/or walls where the hospital goes from being accessible to being off limits to all but a special few. Team 700 promoted 11 EVS Technicians (Housekeeper) to EVS Technicians (Housekeeper II) designating them as part of the “special few”. These newly Certified Surgical Cleaning Technicians began work behind the red line on Monday, July 6, 2020 following a week of classroom and familiarization training provided by Andrea Orlando, who recently completed requirements to be a designated trainer of the Certified Surgical Cleaning Technician Program (T-CSCT). This is a tremendous opportunity for PCSI and opened the door to adding 22 new positions for individuals with disabilities. Congratulations to our team at NMCP!

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In April, the San Antonio PCSI Community Employment Program (CEP) achieved an amazing milestone of 300 job placements!

JP Amaya, 23, won the prize as our 300th Placement and now is an employee at Amazon. JP (and that’s his full name), is a long-term CEP client referred by Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Amaya has been working at the Amazon SAT5 warehouse as a Sorter under PCSI’s AWSP Program. JP is a former student of Krystal Tillotson, who now serves as PCSI’s Project SEARCH lead at Christus Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital. Krystal and the CEP Team are very proud of his maturity and progress over the years as JP has overcome incredible odds to become as independent and successful as he is today.

The San Antonio CEP Team has 3 PCSI Job Developers; Todd Foreman, Ken Berg and newest member, Julia Stotts who brings many years of teaching experience in Special Education as well as serving as a staunch advocate for our exceptional young men and women in and outside the school setting. In April, when jobs were very scarce, Julia was a critical player helping the CEP achieve an all-time record of 24 job placements in one month.

Under the tutelage of Vanessa Ferguson, as of the end of May, the team is proud to have been able to assist in the development and placement of 306 individuals. We’re looking forward to reaching 400!

Detroit Tank Arsenal Contributes to Heart 2 Hart Organization to Help Curb Area Homelessness

On June 28, Russell Swiecki, PCSI Quality Control Manager at our Detroit Tank Arsenal jobsite and current Volunteer of the Year, presented a check to Heart 2 Hart Detroit. The check was a philanthropic donation on behalf of PCSI. Heart 2 Hart Detroit, a 501(c)(3) public charity, was founded in June 2012 by Larry Oleinick to help address the homeless problem in the Detroit Metropolitan area. The organization’s vision is to uplift individuals in crisis and help end homelessness. Their mission is to provide and distribute food, clothing, toiletries, and helpful information to the homeless, veterans, and people in need in and around Detroit. They also make deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays including food, clothing and toiletries to the men and women living on the streets or in shelters. Congrats and thank you to all those involved in this important effort!

Kurtis Shaw Named PCSI Employee of the Quarter

We would like to congratulate Kurtis Shaw, our PCSI Employee of the Quarter for January – March 2020 from our worksite at Detroit Tank Arsenal. Kurtis serves as an Environmental Health Specialist and recently received his award from Project Manager, Dale Brocious. Congratulations to Kurtis and thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our company and our mission!
Rehab Department at Detroit Tank Arsenal Expands PSCI’s Efforts to Support Veterans

Our PCSI jobsite at Detroit Tank Arsenal is undertaking new and expanded efforts to honor its veteran staff members for their military service and commitment to our current mission, and provide additional support for our PCSI Veterans Support Group. The Rehabilitation Department at this site, led by Abdul “Karriem” Muhammad, has been saluting Veterans by highlighting them in the site’s monthly newsletter. In the past, the newsletter was produced to highlight a featured employee, along with educating the employees about various topics related to disabilities and disability awareness. The proposed follow-up will include highlighting all the hard-working employees at jobsite 760. Below is a sample front page of their new newsletter. Also, to view the new Veterans Support Group site, visit: https://vetsupport.group/
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Selects PCSI as 13th MVAA Certified, Gold Level Veteran-Friendly Employer

We’re very proud that PCSI has been selected as the 13th MVAA Certified Gold Level Veteran-Friendly Employer by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Less than 4% of their employers achieve this status and PCSI joins great companies like GM, Consumers Energy, Roush and Quicken Loans in this elite group. This designation is due in large part to efforts by PCSI employee Karriem, who has been there every step of the way. In a letter from the Michigan VA to Abdul “Karriem” Muhammad, they state: “Your involvement in our efforts such as the Veteran-Friendly Employer Breakfasts, our MiVEC meetings, our National Veteran Workforce Development Conference are really appreciated. Your high percentage of veteran employees are reflective of your outstanding efforts.” Thank you Karriem for all your hard work and dedication to our mission!

EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – EL PASO, TX

PCSI Team Member at El Paso International Airport Gets Creative During COVID-19

Without a doubt, our PCSI employees are multitalented. We’d like to highlight Olga Gallegos, one of our staff members from our site at the El Paso International Airport, who cleverly repurposed old PCSI uniform shirts to make masks. We’re very grateful to all our essential employees for all that they do. Thank you, Olga, for your resourcefulness and creativity during these important times.

Olga Gallegos
EVANS ARMY HOSPITAL – FORT CARSON, CO

Fort Carson Team Utilizes New Technology to Disinfect Against COVID-19

Meet Barry, he has been trained to use the TRU-D: UV Light Disinfection machine. This machine has become a vital part of our daily cleaning in the COVID-19 units located at Evans Army Hospital. Tru-D, is the only device with intuitive Sensor360 technology that accurately calculates the precise dose of UVC light needed to kill up to 99.9% of harmful pathogens. It will zap the germ, adding an extra step in our cleaning process and is the last step in disinfecting our rooms. Join us in thanking Barry for all his work to help keep others safe and healthy!

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JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD (JBLM) – TACOMA, WA

JBLM Provides Support for Veterans Memorial Museum

On June 6, 2020, Project Manager Janet Smith and Assistant Project Manager Raul Nieves presented a donation check to the Director of the Veterans Memorial Museum (VMM), Chip Duncan, on behalf of PCSI and the Brothers in Arms Motorcycle Club at the VMM in Chehalis, WA. Each year, the Brothers in Arms Motorcycle Club holds a benefit run to raise money for the VMM, which runs solely through donations and PCSI has participated for several years now. The VMM was built in 1995, housing an event center and numerous displays with military artifacts from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War.

JBLM Provides Support for Veterans Memorial Museum

JBLM Receives Exceptional Ratings

For the tenth straight year, performance period 3/1/2019 – 2/29/20, JBLM 690 received all “exceptional” ratings on its annual Contractor Performance Assessment Report (CPAR). Since 2010, we have performed minor maintenance and furnishings management on 114 barracks and dormitories on JBLM, while going through several contract changes and challenges. Every year, we have met and exceeded in the performance of our contract with our customer rating our work as “exceptional”. Congratulations to our JBLM 690 team for their continued hard work and excellence, representing PCSI extremely well for the last 10 years!
The motorcycle club is comprised of veterans who donate their time supporting veteran and community causes. Due to COVID-19, this year’s 9th Annual Benefit Run had to be canceled. The Brothers in Arms Motorcycle Club is committed to their support of the VMM and are looking for other opportunities to raise money for them during this difficult time. Thank you PCSI for providing the much needed, financial support to the VMM.

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On May 29, 2020, we celebrated our Furnishings team with a Farewell cookout. Sadly, this portion of our contract permanently ended on May 31, 2020, after 10 years. The furnishings contract began on June 1, 2010, providing the removal and replacement of furniture and appliances of 114 barracks on Lewis Main and Lewis North, then expanding in September 2011 taking on the McChord Field Warehouse operations, furnishings removal and replacement for the dormitories.

The team: Furnishings Supervisor, Wayne Morris (10 years with PCSI, 11 ½ years combined with previous contract); Supply Technician, Raymond “Scott” Lessard (8 ½ years with PCSI, 20 years combined with previous contract); Warehouse Specialist, Aaron Walker (8 ½ years with PCSI, 15 years combined with previous contract); Warehouse Specialist, Greggory Wansley (8 years with PCSI); Material Handling Laborer, Arron Mininger (6 ½ years with PCSI); Johnboy Buyak (3 years with PCSI); Joshua Gardner (2 years with PCSI); and AT Aoelua (5 mo. with PCSI).

JBLM Wishes the Furnishings Team Farewell

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This team worked tirelessly day in and day out moving over 46,000 pieces of furnishings yearly both meeting and exceeding our contract requirements year after year, but most importantly taking care of our Joint Base Lewis-McChord service members. A big thanks to our Rehab Specialist, Yvonne McClurkin for her hard work and support of each team member, assisting them in finding employment by the end of the contract. Five of the eight team members secured employment, two of which were able to stay on with PCSI as a General Maintenance Worker and a General Clerk III. Both Wayne and Scott were forced into an early retirement and we are hoping to have the opportunity to bring back Gregg, very soon.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day allowing us to set up tables both inside and outside to accommodate the required distancing. We enjoyed Kalbi ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade lumpia, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, roasted brussels sprouts, pasta salad, veggie tray, Pico de Gallo, chips, fruit and for dessert, cake, cookies, and donuts. We had some special guests, family, friends, and government attend. Each team member that was not able to stay on with PCSI, received a framed photo with an engraved plate that all the employees could sign. Our government counter parts, Property Book Officer, Faiva Faiva and ABMP Housing Specialist, Richard Perilli, attended with Faiva giving a heartfelt farewell speech. Thank you to our furnishings team for all you have done for our contract, JBLM Service Members and PCSI. You will be greatly missed, and it won’t be the same without you!
Multiple Employees Celebrate 10 Year Anniversaries at JBLM

A group of PCSI Employees from our jobsite at Joint Base Lewis-McCord in WA, recently celebrated 10 years with PCSI. The employees celebrating anniversaries include: Dispatchers Jeremy Leatherwood and John Lauterbach; GMW’s Jessie Thompson, Timothy Edwers and Bruce Strandberg; Furnishings Supervisor Wayne Morris; Supply Technician Lesa Stone, PM Janet Smith; and GMW Lead Kevin Joyce. They received a recognition letter from President & CEO Carroll Schubert and a 10 year pin. Congratulations on reaching such a major milestone with our organization and thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Check Presentation for PCSI Volunteer Program

On May 16, 2020, Furnishings Supervisor, Wayne Morris, presented Founder of CityLink Ministries, John Adams, a check due to his volunteer efforts under PCSI’s Volunteer Grant Program. Wayne volunteers 5 to 6 hours a week to support the homeless community in Olympia, Washington, through CityLink Ministries. Wayne provides practical support through collecting and distributing food and basic necessities, as well as providing them with emotional support and guidance. Thank you Wayne for the example you set for us all, by continually contributing your time, energy and efforts to support community organizations, even during this COVID-19 crisis.

(L-R) CityLink Ministries Founder, John Adams and Furnishings Supervisor, Wayne Morris.
On May 16, 2020, The 6th Annual Univera Serve First 5K Run/Walk was scheduled to take place. JBLM 690 has participated in the event and PCSI has sponsored it for 5 years. Due to COVID-19, the actual race was cancelled, and it was turned into a virtual race, where people could personally donate, run/walk their own race, document it, post it and tag #UniveraVirtual5k on social media. QCM/SM, Michelle Avery and PM, Janet Smith and son, Preston Smith, completed their individual 5K’s along with many others.

Despite COVID-19, through the Virtual 5K, enough money was raised to exceed their goal of 100,000 meals for our local food bank, Nourish Food Bank of Pierce County. To date, this event has now raised over a half a million meals for homeless children and their families. Additionally, the local National Guard stepped in to fill an urgent need. Nourish relies on 1000 volunteers annually to provide service at their 26 distribution sites throughout Pierce County. Most of their volunteers are over 60 years old, and, based on recommendations from the CDC, are staying at home to safeguard their health. The National Guard packed boxes and distributed them to clients at Nourish locations throughout the county, filling in for their regular volunteers to help keep our neighbors fed during the COVID-19 pandemic response. Thank you PCSI for your continued support!
Lewis Community Spouses’ Club Event Continued Supporting Military Families, Despite COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, the Lewis Community spouses’ Club (LCSC) was set to host their Annual Charity Event “Night Circus”, but due to COVID-19, it was canceled at the last minute. This is the LCSC’s largest fundraiser of the year, where PCSI has been a sponsor on behalf of JBLM 690 for the last 3 years. The LCSC provides local grants and scholarships to military and community families each year through this event. PCSI turned their sponsorship of the event into a donation and the other sponsors followed suit. Those that had purchased tickets to the event allowed those monies to be turned into donations.

Because the event was all set and planned at the time they had to cancel, they decided to make the event an online auction that took place on April 3, 2020. Despite COVID-19, the LCSC was able to raise, through donations and the online auction, close to $32,000 and $42,000 for the year. We received a hand written thank you note from April Johns, LCSC’s Ace Night Chair, that stated, “We can’t thank you enough for your very generous donation to our Annual Charity Event, ACE Night. Altogether, you helped the LCSC give away $42,000 in local grants and scholarships. Thank you.” We thank PCSI Corporate for their support of JBLM 690, as we continually seek to support volunteering, sponsorships and support our service members and those out in our community!

One Year Anniversaries Celebrated at JBLM

On April 16, 2020, Rehab Specialist/Office Manager, Yvonne McClurkin and General Maintenance Worker, Stephen Paul, celebrated their one-year anniversary with PCSI. Congratulations on your achievement, we look forward to your many more years with PCSI team at JBLM 690!

John Lauterbach Named Employee of the Month

During an all staff meeting, we presented one of our Dispatchers, John Lauterbach, with his award for being selected as PCSI Employee of the Month for March 2020. Great job John, we’re so proud of you!
On January 31, 2020, we celebrated the retirement of our GMW, Tom O’Dell, a veteran, who has worked with PCSI since the start of our contract at JBLM in 2010. Tom was celebrated with food, gifts, and special guests, including his wife Kae. For lunch, all enjoyed Kalbi short ribs, chicken, chili, BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, greens, chips and some healthy choices; fruit, veggies and salad, courtesy of the Wellness Committee. Tom, definitely a “mister fixer,” was very involved with safety, and a collector of all kinds of gadgets, especially flashlights. In deep appreciation of his excellent work and service, the gifts Tom received included: a picture frame with photos during his time at PCSI, an engraved plate signed by employees, an engraved multi-tool, a 6000 lumens, rechargeable spotlight, a wood American Flag made by his partner Paul Olson, a retirement safety vest and hat, and a framed picture of building 31340, presented to him by SSG Rickards and SGT Hag Elaagib, Barracks Managers. Thank you, Tom, for your service. We hope you enjoy your retirement, you’ll be missed!
Honoring Sidney Lewis for Commitment to Volunteering to Support Youth in His Community

In memory of the Charles Peete legacy, the Charles Peete Little League was launched in Portsmouth, VA in 1968. For the past seven years, while employed by PCSI, Sidney Lewis, EVS Technician (HK), has served the youth of his community by volunteering over 2900 hours of his personal time. During the season, he works with a group of kids ages 4-7 years old. During the off-season, he can be found tending to the tasks required to keep the ball field in order. Congratulations, Sidney!

Charles Peete grew up in Portsmouth, VA and at the age of 27 years helped break the color barrier in the minor league Piedmont Baseball League. He hit .350 and won the American Association batting crown in the 1956 season. Prior to the 1957 season, Charlie was called up to the major league St. Louis Cardinals for a life seemingly full of promise. Sadly, on November 27 that same year, Charlie, his wife and their three children were tragically killed when their airplane hit a mountain peak obscured by clouds.

Wanda Griffin Honored for Heroic Action

On June 23, 2020, the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, honored Ms. Wanda Griffin for her heroic act. The Navy Command joined by leadership from Base Operations Medical Installation, witnessed Captain Mulligan present a Navy Coin that signifies Excellence on Duty. Captain Mulligan proudly honored Ms. Griffin and stated, “You helped a Shipmate in distress and conducted yourself perfectly in an emergency situation, job well done”.

The details of the potential tragedy that was diverted is as follows: approximately two weeks prior, EVS Employee Phillip Sykes was enjoying his lunch in the PCSI Breakroom when he began choking on his Chinese food lunch. EVS staff member Evelyn England, noticed that Mr. Sykes was in distress, and hurried from the break room to go to ED to obtain help. EVS Employee Wanda Griffin, also noticed that Mr. Sykes was having difficulties, and took matters into her own hands by performing to perfection the Heimlich maneuver. The food was discharged and by the time hospital medics arrived in the break area, Mr. Sykes was in full recovery thanks to Ms. Griffin’s efforts.
Reynolds Army Hospital Celebrated 3rd Annual Army Health Clinic Chili Cook Off

Anticipation was high as we planned for our 3rd annual Reynolds Army Health Clinic Chili Cook off. The staff excitement grew each day as we moved closer to the day of the challenge. The event was held on February 27, 2020. We had 6 entries this year and they were, Frances Davis, Connie Guibert, Carol Olson, Donna Botha, Karen Evans and Violet Lee who also made corn bread with the hope of swaying a few judges. Our judges were neutral members of Reynolds staff and one Army officer. We had seven judges and several of them enjoyed it so much last year, that they requested to participate again, and we welcomed them. The tasting went well, ballots were tallied and the winner was Donna Botha. Congratulations Donna and thank you for the tasty, award winning Chili!

Congratulations to Billy Roberts, A True Success Story

We’d like to celebrate and feature a success story. In March 2018, Billy Roberts gained employment with PCSI at our Ft. Sill jobsite as a Maintenance Trades Helper (MTH). Through perseverance, hard work and dedication, in a short time, he was promoted to a General Maintenance Worker position. On Sept. 9, 2019, he took the State Boilers exam and successfully received his Boiler Certificate of Training by Vocational Employment Specialist Dana Lunsford. By October 2019, Billy was promoted to Boiler Tender. We’re incredibly proud of Billy and his continued growth and all he has accomplished. Thank you, Billy, for your hard work and dedication to PCSI!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We encourage you to “like” and “follow” PCSI’s social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Please submit current activities and important events to Public Affairs. The photos should be of good quality with bright lighting and avoid images showing closed eyes. Thank you!
Front Line Workers Keeping Our Communities Safe: Meet Veronica Ochoa

Veronica Ochoa from our jobsite located at Schriever Airforce Base, was recognized by staff in her building for doing a great job in maintaining a clean environment and helping to keep everyone safe during this time. She is one of many from our team, who are providing valuable services during this critical new world. We extend our appreciation too ALL our employees who are considered front line workers and have the incredibly important job of keeping everyone at their jobs feeling safe. Thank you for all that you’re doing!

Strong Team Collaboration During Times of COVID-19
PCSI Headquarters and Schriever AFB

Our team was contacted by Matthew Fleharty, Major USAF Schriever Air Force Base (AFB), in search of hand sanitizer. The call initiated over a weekend between Chris Zvoch, Operations Director and Andrew Cooke, Senior Contracts Manager at PCSI Headquarters.

The reason for the call was to discuss multiple items in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We discussed the need to complete additional frequency of “Touch Point” cleaning of surfaces (i.e. door knobs, hand rails, push plates, key pads, turn styles – entry/exit, light switches, etc.) And one of the most urgent requests was for hand sanitizer.

Before the Coronavirus Outbreak, hand sanitizer was plentiful, which made it easy to acquire. Once the Coronavirus Outbreak began there was an immediate shortage of the product almost overnight. At that point, the manufactures/distributors began to allocate products based off historical orders from the past. Which meant if you’re a first-time buyer, you were last on the priority list and lead times were a couple of months out or unknown.

Chris Zvoch and Elvejito “Mel” Melgarejo began the search for a supplier. They identified Travis Association for the Blind (Austin Lighthouse). Mel began quick work with Nonie Fenter Senior Sales and Marketing Manager, and Nonie identified current availability of the hand sanitizer product. The team was able to acquire the product on behalf of Maj Fleharty and it was shipped out and received in a few weeks. This was great collaboration on all parties in making the product available when others could not. This strong team effort has played a pivotal role in keeping staff and clients safe at Schriever AFB.

Playing in the Dirt

With the start of the summer season, Site 630 at Schriever AFB, quickly discovered that they had a need for some significant irrigation repairs. Upon approval from the government and completion of the appropriate dig permits, management quickly set a plan into action. With the rental of a mini excavator, a knowledgeable team, and a bit of help from management, the team proved that there is no job that they cannot handle.

Playing in the Dirt
Paul Franklin, Employee of the Month

We’d like to recognize Paul Franklin from our worksite at Tinker Air Force Base for recently being named Employee of the Month. We also held a brief staff meeting with the Ground Transportation team in new social distancing style. Congrats to Paul and thank you to our full team at Tinker AFB for all that you do!

Tinker AFB Named One of Best Fleets in the Americas by Governing Magazine, Eight Times in a Row!

Once again, our team at Tinker Air Force base was selected as one of the 100 best fleets in North and South America by Governing Magazine. We’ve received this honor for several consecutive years. We’re incredibly proud of our Tinker staff, go team!
Wishing Perry Tumlin and Wista Williams Farewell

One of our loyal PCSI employees Perry Tumlin, has retired after 23 years of service at Winn Army Community Hospital (WACH) in Georgia. We held a small celebration to wish him great luck in his next life chapter. Thank you, Perry, for all your great years of service!

![Image of Perry Tumlin with balloons]

BEST OF LUCK PERRY
YOU’LL BE MISSED!

One of our long-time employees, Wista Williams retired at the end of February. We gifted her a picture that was signed by staff with the hospital at the center. She will be deeply missed!

![Image of Wista Williams]

Staff Recognized with Pizza While Practicing Social Distancing

We recognized all our staff for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic, by hosting a small pizza party. Without a doubt, we followed and respected the CDC guidelines regarding social distancing as well as keeping the gathering to less than 10 people.

![Image of staff at pizza party]

R-L: Paulette Johnson, Robyn Ramsey, Bobby Stafford, Ana Ruiz, Loudes Rodriguez, Mildred Diaz and Shanteria Davis.

L-R: Casey Spry, Julissa Blackwell, Ruby Wilson, Gaby Beanum, Sandra Brown, and Leone Beckford.
Farewell to Quality Control Manager Mitchell DelDuca

Our staff had the opportunity to stop by the auditorium, to say farewell to Mitch. We enjoyed cake, mini subs, and honey buns, Mitch's favorite treat. We wish Mitch all the best on his next journey!

330 Gallon Disinfectant Delivery

This was our back-up plan for disinfectant. It arrived at the end of April and within weeks we started receiving our normal disinfectants. We are prepared for the next emerging pathogen!
COVID-19 Message from our Safety Team

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency to combat coronavirus. On or about March 19, 2020, state Governor’s across the US began issuing stay-at-home orders for all non-essential workers. This resulted in the closure of restaurants, bars, school closings, etc.

It is hard to believe more than 16 weeks have passed since President Trump declared a National Emergency over COVID-19. It is also hard to believe that states like Texas and Florida are now reporting more than 10,000 new COVID-19 cases a day, since states started their reopening phases. With these staggering numbers, some states are pausing their reopening efforts.

It is understandable that we want to go out to eat, visit with friends, have celebrations and get togethers, however we must all remain diligent and responsible. We all have a responsibility to our family and to our co-workers to be safe and remain healthy during these times.

We have seen how we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and now is not the time to let our guard down. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person during close contact.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

There is a higher risk of COVID-19 spread when a person closely interacts with others and the longer that interaction takes place. This is why social distancing and wearing a face covering is very important.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Though this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The following steps should be taken to slow the spread.

- **Maintain good social distance** (about 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ** Routinely clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a cloth face covering when around others.

Thank you for being safe and please contact Barbara Curd, Vice President of Safety and Loss Control, with any questions or concerns.

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IT’S SUMMER, AND THE HEAT IS HERE

It’s that time of year again when heat illness is a particularly important safety concern. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), workers may experience longer or more intense heat exposures and are more likely to engage in strenuous physical activity in the heat than the general public.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP COOL?

All these heat-related illnesses can be easily prevented by taking the following steps while working in hot conditions:

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Security Corner

Watch Out for Smishing!

What It Is... Many companies, products, and services have started offering text message alerts to keep you up to date. Scammers are aware of these alerts and they’re taking advantage of unsuspecting individuals. They send a text with dangerous links, or prompt you to respond with personal information by posing as your bank, an online account, or other service—to name a few examples. This Short Message Service (SMS) or text-based phishing scam is called Smishing, and the bad guys have taken a liking to it.

How It Works... The following are only a couple of examples. The bad guys are constantly coming up with new ways to “smash” you:

Use This Link... Scammers pose as a familiar company or service and send shocking alerts such as—“Your account has been locked due to multiple failed logins”—accompanied by a link to supposedly resolve the issue. Smishing links could contain malware that instantly installs if you made the mistake of clicking. This malware can contain keystroke-loging software or permit access to your applications and files—making it easy to steal your identity or hold your files for ransom.

Call This Phone Number... Smishing attacks often try to persuade you into calling a number by telling you there’s been an issue with your account or that suspicious activity has been detected. A scammer will be ready to take your call and persuade you to provide personal information or make a payment.

Think Before You Tap!

- Remember that government agencies, banks, or any other legitimate business will never request sensitive information over a text message.
- Take your time. Much like email phishing, texting scammers will often use the social engineering tactic of creating a false sense of urgency in their message.
- Never click on any links or call any phone numbers in unexpected texts. Contact the company directly if you’d like to verify the text message.

Stop – Look – Think – Don’t Be Fooled!

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- Drink plenty of water throughout the day. In hot conditions, you should aim for about 1 cup every 15 to 20 minutes.
- Wear a hat and light-colored clothing.
- Drink sports drinks to help replace the salt you lose when you sweat.
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol, which can both cause dehydration.
- Take frequent breaks in a cool, shady place.
- If the temperature spikes suddenly or you are new to working in hot conditions, take more frequent breaks, and gradually build up your workload while your body adapts.
- If you notice yourself experiencing symptoms of heat illness, tell your supervisor, and take a break in a cool, shaded area.

-Emory Sutton, Corporate Safety and Loss Control Specialist

“Oh, yeah. The heat’s starting to get to me.”
We are pleased to announce the PCSI Scholarship Award recipients for the Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 school year. The scholarship program is designed to help students attend college when lack of finances might have been a determining factor. Scholarships are awarded to new and current students based on financial need, and academic achievements. And to further the mission of PCSI, individuals with disabilities are given priority consideration for scholarship awards. PCSI will distribute scholarships to three students who have demonstrated their educational success, career aspirations, and commitment to personal excellence.

We wish to thank everyone who has applied as we strive to assist the dependents and families of our PCSI employees; we value your contributions and pride in service.

Abigaile Craft
Univ. Science & Arts of Oklahoma

Antonio Dorrell
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Stefani Giles
Western Kentucky Univ.

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For more information about the PCSI Scholarship Program, please visit the Employee Programs page on the HR SharePoint or email Scholarship@pcsi.org.
Duna Alhinayti, is the daughter of Zaidon Alhinayti who is the Planner Estimator for Detroit Arsenal. Duna was awarded the PCSI Scholarship back in 2018 and Graduated from the University of Michigan with an Engineering degree, in May 2020. She currently resides in Canton, MI. Duna is very grateful for the PCSI Scholarship which provided an opportunity to graduate with less student loans and a large amount of debt. Since graduation, Duna continued to work with DTE Energy as a student co-op employee. She chose the field of engineering because she is passionate about continuous improvement and enjoys problem-solving. Being an engineer allows her to be a part of changing the world to be a better place and improving lives for generations to come. We are extremely excited to announce that she has accepted an offer as a Quality Engineer for Boeing Defense, Space, and Security in Huntsville, AL starting September 11, 2020. In the future Duna plans to head back to school and pursue her MBA. We are proud to support students such as Duna who demonstrate educational success, career aspirations and commitment to personal excellence.

“I’m very thankful for the PCSI scholarship opportunity that I had which supported me for a couple of years and allowed me to graduate with less student loans. For students and recent graduates like myself, we appreciate these opportunities that help us during the times in which we needed it the most. Since I graduated, I continued to work with DTE Energy as a student co-op/temporary employee. However, I’m so thrilled to announce that I have accepted an offer as a ‘Quality Engineer’ for Boeing Defense, Space, and Security in Huntsville, AL. My first day will be September 11th, 2020. My future plan is to go back to school in about a year and pursue my MBA.”

- Duna Alhinayti
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