

IFAI Safety Workshop at MATRA Conference 2008

Training for the Tent Installer

Agenda – November 4th

Description: Be a leader in the industry with safety and quality training

Objectives:

1. To increase awareness of safety for the tent professional
2. Explore how performance affects the bottom line of a company
3. Provide training for the tent installer, a journeyman's new profession.

Agenda

- 8:30 – 8:50 Time Lapse Video – J Schieffer playing before presentation begins
Welcome to Training Session – **Michael Tharpe**
Stating Course Objectives – Overview of day.
Slide show of tent installations – WOW factor
Protecting the most important company asset, the employee, the tent installer. Ten ways to prevent injury.
- 8:50 – 9:10 PPE for the Tent Installer – **Jim Reyen**
Give examples and state reasons for PPE.
Hard hats, ear protection, gloves, eye protection, footwear.
- 9:10 – 9:55 In the Beginning – The Site Survey - **Michael Tharpe**
Successful tent installations start with a solid foundation.
Learn the importance of knowing what's above and below you before you pound the first stake. Discover the how to pre-assess a job site, use correct layout methods.
- 9:55 – 10:05 Break
- 10:05 – 10:25 Layout and Squaring of a Tent; **Spencer Etzel**
Basic classroom presentation for hands-on session.
- 10:30 – 10:50 Three groups Outdoors – Tent Squaring
Group One- **Spencer Etzel**
Group Two – **Michael Tharpe**
Group Three – **Kathy Schaefer**
- 10:55 – 11:20 Tent Anchoring Outside – Holding power of tent stakes using Pullout capacity of tent stakes handout.
Visuals: types of stakes, base plates, sledge hammers.
Team One: **Pete McVey and Mike Tharpe**
Team Two: **Jim Reyen and Kathy Schaefer**
Team Three: **Steve Belliveau and Mike Morse**
- 11:25 – 11:55 Indoor session will discuss how wind affects tents, basic needs of anchoring
Michael Tharpe

Questions and Answers – Morning Topics

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 12:50 Summary of afternoon activities
Back Safety – Ladder Safety – Indoor **Jim Reyen**

1:00 – 1:30 Small Group Sessions – Tent Repair in the Field
Three round tables set up with power at two stations.
Proper preventative maintenance and timely repairs
can keep your tents looking new season after season. Learn the best
ways to clean and remove tough stains from tents as well as how to
make minor repairs.
Best ways to clean and remove tough stains from tents – **Michael Tharpe**
Repair Holes – Patch method – **Fred Tracey**
Heat Gun – **Mike Morse**
Each session is 10 minutes and repeated three times.

1:30 – 4:00 Installation of Pole Tent – **Pete McVey and Mike Morse**
Frame Tent – **Steve Belliveau and Kathy Schaefer**
Clear Span Tent (assembly of beams and raising of beams) – **Pat Moughan,**
Mike Tharpe
Each session is 45 minutes and repeated three times
1:30 – 2:05; 2:10 – 2:55; 3:00 – 3:45

3:45 – 4:00 Gather Inside

4:00 – 4:30 Final networking and evaluation; Certificate Presentation
Michael Tharpe, Jim Reyen