
Empire State Restaurant & Tavern Association

Report From The Executive Director...Scott Wexler

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Workers' Compensation Group Celebrates 25th Anniversary/Declares Dividend - The ESRTA Safety Group 554 and Sedgwick (*formerly the Risk Management Planning Group/York Risk Services*) celebrated the group's 25th Anniversary by declaring a 40% dividend for qualified and participating group members. This year's dividend is a 5% increase over last year and is the result of the consistent financial strength of the group. For the 25th year in a row, the ESRTA Safety Group has been rewarding its members with discounts and dividends that substantially reduce the cost of workers' compensation insurance. The group's 25% upfront discount (maximum allowed), an average dividend of 36%, and a proven track record and the security of a guaranteed cost policy continues to provide the most competitive Workers' Compensation coverage available. Association members not currently in the Safety Group can contact Jessica Terc at Sedgwick by phone at 516-535-4792 or by email at Jessica.Terc@yorkriskservices.com.

Statewide Series of Trainings Scheduled - We're once again conducting free trainings for owners, managers and servers of restaurants, taverns and bars in collaboration with the State Liquor Authority. Our ABC's of the ABC Law seminar educates owners and managers of on-premises establishments about their responsibilities operating a licensed premise and our ATAP training provides alcohol beverage servers with the tools they need to prevent sales to underage and intoxicated persons. We're able to make this training available at no cost thanks to the support of Anheuser-Busch, Constellation Brands, Diageo and MillerCoors. The enclosed flier includes all the details. Don't miss this opportunity to get this valuable training.

Narcan (naloxone) Training Available for the Hospitality Industry in NYS - The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) is offering free training in the use of naloxone (Narcan) to reverse suspected overdoses for groups and organizations and is seeking hosts. The hospitality industry is targeted specifically in this effort. OASAS offers this training to a wide audience and seeks to train professionals, community members and the public who are not otherwise trained through current local opportunities.

The civilian training is 90 minutes long, and can accommodate groups of various sizes. Participants will learn to recognize, respond to and reverse a suspected opioid overdose using naloxone. Rescue kits are available for those with an immediate need and for all first responders. Other participants will receive information on how to obtain free or low-cost naloxone from pharmacies using medical insurance and NYS Naloxone Co-payment Assistance Program. If you are interested in hosting this training for your organization or your community, please contact Skip Zimmerman, Naloxone Training Coordinator for OASAS, by phone (518) 485-0757 or email skip.zimmerman@oasas.ny.gov.