



Patrick Ostrenga is currently the Compliance Assistance Specialist for the Milwaukee OSHA office. From 1994 to 2001 he was the Assistant Area Director / Safety Supervisor for the Milwaukee OSHA office, and the construction co-coordinator for the Wisconsin OSHA Offices. He served as a safety compliance officer with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from 1977 to 1994, prior to his becoming the Assistant Area Director. Over the years he has conducted over 1000 inspections and has investigated over 100 fatalities. He has been involved

with all aspects of OSHA litigation and was the primary investigator in the 1988 S.A. Healy tunnel explosion. This case was a precedent setting case for both Civil and Criminal violations of the OSHA Act, which was argued to the Supreme Court. His current position is out of the enforcement arena and he is now working to promote safe and healthful workplaces through voluntary compliance.

Graduate UW Madison 1975

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He believes that a safe and healthful workplace coupled with the proper training of the employees and monitoring of their actions are the preferred method to protect employees. He would prefer that the employers and employee do the job correctly in the first place. In order to facilitate this, Mr. Ostrenga has taught numerous classes and seminars for OSHA, EPA, T. A. Edison Institute, Corps of Engineers, MATC, NARI, NAHB, AGC, ABC, VPPPA, UW (Madison, Whitewater, Milwaukee, and others), Marquette University, numerous other institutions of higher learning, professional and labor organizations. He has presented at the National Safety Council on several occasions. He has participated in both Discovery channel and History channel coverage of the Miller Park Disaster.

He believes that prevention is far better than cure.