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## BWC BRIEF

### [Safety grant playlist on YouTube](#)

BWC now offers a 3-to-1 match in safety grant funds.

[Click here](#) to check out our safety grant playlist to see examples of safety equipment covered by these grants.

[Find out more](#) and apply today!

## Did you receive your rebate check?

Employers eligible for rebates through the **Billion Back plan** should have received those checks by now. Each envelope contained a rebate-specific insert that explained the Billion Back plan, which included the rebates as well as enhancements to the safety grant program and a switch to a prospective-payment system.



Private employers participating in the Group Retro Program can expect to see their rebate checks in early fall.

If you haven't received your rebate yet, please contact us by calling 1-800-644-6292.

## BWC's Special Investigations Department has a new leader



A crime-fighting veteran was recently chosen to lead the BWC's Special Investigations Department (SID). Rick Gregory, who has 20 years of experience as an executive-level leader in law enforcement, public safety and criminal investigations, began at his new post late last month. He most recently served as the chief of police for the city of Provo, Utah.

Gregory oversees the 123 SID employees who work to deter, detect,

investigate and prosecute cases of claimant, medical provider and employer fraud.

“I am pleased to have Rick leading our aggressive efforts to identify wrongdoing and return dollars to the State Insurance Fund to protect injured workers’ benefits and keep employers’ premiums as low as possible,” said BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer. “Over the past year, we have stepped up our efforts to respond to allegations of fraud. Last year alone, our investigators identified \$55 million in savings.”

Follow the SID’s latest news on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Reminder: Private employer premiums due Sept. 3

Ohio private employers have until Sept. 3, 2013 to file payroll reports and submit workers’ compensation premiums for the period starting January 1 and ending June 30, 2013. To accommodate your business needs, BWC offers a number of options for reporting payroll and submitting payments. Pay online at [OhioBWC.com](#), in person at any [BWC location](#), or call 1-800-OHIOBWC.

We’re happy to report that the legislature approved our plans to switch to a prospective-payment system in late 2014. Stay tuned!

## Ohio Oil & Gas Safety Council formed, industry-specific info available

Welcome, [Ohio Oil & Gas Safety Council](#)! Our newest safety council began July 1, and is organized by the Ohio Oil & Gas Association.

BWC’s Division of Safety & Hygiene sponsors approximately 80 safety councils across the state in partnership with chambers of commerce, trade and manufacturing associations, American Red Cross chapters and other local safety-minded organizations. Programs addressing workers’ compensation and risk management education as well as occupational safety and health are offered.

BWC has a webpage devoted to industry-specific information for oil and gas industry employers, since Ohio’s workers’ compensation system may be different from that of other states where oil and gas companies conduct business. For more information, [click here](#).

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