

# Safety Summit What is it?



**A Safety Summit is an opportunity for managers and supervisors to enhance their expertise in safety and health issues. It encourages attendees to participate in discussions focused on departmental-specific risk issues.**

**The goal of a Safety Summit is to achieve long-term risk reduction through risk recognition and safety promotion.**

**Why not offer a Safety Summit to your managers and supervisors?**

**The Probation Department did just that.**

**Managers discussed topics including trips, slips, and falls; department policies; and workers' compensation costs.**

**Their Safety Summit raised enthusiasm among department managers and provided them the opportunity to network and share ideas on improving their facility's safety performance relative to trips, slips, and falls.**

**Why were these topics selected? These are some of their leading cost drivers for workers' compensation claims.**

**At least on an annual basis, offer a safety summit so your managers and supervisors can share ideas and discuss safety topics.**

## Thoughts from Probation Department Chief Jerry Powers:

The Probation Department is committed to providing our employees with a healthy, safe, and secure work environment. In the past year our Risk Management Division and department managers have dedicated themselves to providing personnel with various tools that will assist them in creating and maintaining a safe work environment. One of these tools is the Safety Summit.

In addition, each month we publish at least one Special Bulletin that goes out to all staff via the internet. These bulletins have included: Safe Driving Habits, Proper Storage of Food, and Safe Lifting Practice, amongst many others.

We have collaborated with California State University Dominguez Hills and provided training in the areas of: Handling of Asbestos and Mold, Handling Cal/OSHA investigations, Employee Assistance Program, and Preventive Action Plans. But perhaps the most important action we have taken is to closely collaborate and work side by side with the CEO Loss Control and Prevention. And while we are at an early stage in gathering statistics, our preliminary results are very promising. The Probation Department experienced a 23% decrease in Industrial Accidents in Fiscal Year 2011-12, and current trends withstanding, it appears we will maintain the reduction for the 2012-13 year.

