

WILL TODAY BE THE DAY? (SHERIFF)

OBJECTIVES

- Staff will learn the importance of working safely everyday

A worker is injured, suffers a disabling injury or is killed in the workplace every few seconds 365 days a year in the United States. In fact, a law enforcement officer dies in the line of duty every 53.5 minutes in the United States. "Will today be the day?" Every day is a beautiful day; it holds promise, opportunity for greatness and success. However, each day on the streets also holds countless opportunities to suffer skin ripping, bone crushing, back cracking, and life altering injury. "Will today be the day?"

Will today be the day you forget to follow a safety rule? The day you let your guard down when contacting a subject?

Will today be the day you fall victim to a bad habit? The day when you fail to wear your reflective vest on or near the roadway?

Will today be the day you make a deadly assumption? Will today be the day you assume that other motorists see your car or that traffic will yield to your emergency equipment? The day you suffer severe head trauma.

Will today be the day you're in a hurry to finish a job or go home? Will today be the day you're in a hurry and try to lift a heavy object without assistance? The day that caused severe back pain for the rest of your life.

Will today be the day your family gets the call that changes everything? The day in which you are severely injured and transported by ambulance to a hospital or morgue.

Will today be the day when a split second decision changes and affects your life forever? Will today be the day you decide to act on a serious law enforcement matter without backup?

Don't let today be the day. Always follow safe work practices, and remember that nothing you do is worth getting hurt or killed. With your attention, care and respect for safety, neither this nor any other day will be the day for you.

CLOSING

- *Encourage discussion about this presentation and the need to work safely and follow safe work practices at all times.*
- *Remind employees that working unsafely or circumventing a safe work practice could put them in an injurious position.*