DWC Announces Recipients of 2015 Carrie Nevans Community Service Award

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Carrie Nevans Community Service Award. This year’s award recipient in Southern California is Donald Marshall, Zenith vice president. Dr. Lee Snook, a pain management specialist, is the Northern California recipient. The awards will be presented at the upcoming 22nd annual DWC educational conference luncheons.

Donald C. Marshall is the vice president and national director of the Anti-Fraud Program for Zenith Insurance Company. He was elected the chair of the State of California Fraud Assessment Commission in November 2011. Over the past 20 years, he has worked at a number of insurance carriers including Progressive, California Casualty, Nationwide (GatesMcDonald), CalFarm and Zenith. His efforts detecting and preventing workers’ compensation fraud have helped combat fraudulent practices, resulting in reducing insurance costs and protecting California employers and employees.

Dr. Lee Snook is the vice speaker of the California Medical Association House of Delegates and president of Metropolitan Pain Management Consultants in Sacramento. Dr. Snook has served as a qualified medical evaluator (QME) since 1995 and, since 2012, as the Pain Medicine expert on the Medical Evidence Evaluation Advisory Committee (MEEAC). He continues to play an active role in developing MEEAC’s recommendations for the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule, which forms the evidence-based guideline for treating workers in California. His reasoned, thoughtful approach balances practical patient management experience with scientific evidence from the medical literature.

The DWC’s 22nd annual educational conference is the largest workers’ compensation training in the state and allows claims administrators, attorneys, medical providers, return to work specialists, employers, and others to learn about the most recent developments in the system as well as ongoing DWC programs. The Los Angeles conference (February 9-10) is almost sold out; registration is still open for the Oakland training (February 19-20) at the Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel.

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