December 10, 2014

TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Temporary Amusement Ride Inspection Fees / Accident Reporting (TAR 15-3)

- The Division’s inspection fees for 2015 may be subject to change. At the present time, the fees are $125.00/hour or fraction thereof. A minimum fee of one hour will be charged per amusement ride. All accident and complaint investigations will be charged by the hour at the hourly inspection fee.

- The Division’s safety engineers will complete their inspection as expeditiously as possible. As temporary amusement rides become larger and more intricate, it is almost impossible to complete the inspection in an hour or less. All follow-ups or delays will be charged by the hour.

- All inspection fees must be paid prior to a permit being issued. All owner/operators shall be prepared to provide a check or money order made payable to the Department of Industrial Relations or DOSH to be given to the Division’s safety engineer/inspector at the time of inspection. Cash will not be accepted.

- Please note: Labor Code 7914 (c) states, “The Division shall not issue any permit to any owner/operator of any amusement ride who fails to pay any fee until the fee is paid.”

- All Owner/Operators are reminded of section 7914(a) of the California Labor Code, which requires reporting to the Division all known accidents and states the following:

  “Each operator of an amusement ride shall report or cause to be reported to the division, immediately by telephone, each known incident where maintenance, operation, or use of the amusement ride results in any of the following:

  1) A fatality.
  2) A loss of consciousness or other injury to a person which requires medical service other than ordinary first aid treatment.
  3) Major mechanical failure.
  4) A patron falling from a moving ride or from a ride that has temporarily stopped in an elevated position.

- If a fatality, reportable injury, or major mechanical failure as defined in subdivision (a), is caused by the failure, malfunction, or operation of an amusement ride, the equipment or conditions that caused the accident shall be preserved for the purpose of investigation by the Division.”

  In addition to the report by telephone required under subdivision (a), an operator of an amusement ride shall submit a written accident report to the Division within 24 hours of an incident on a form designated by the Division. Attached to this letter is the Accident Report Form as required by LC 7914 (a).

- A Division inspector may inspect an amusement ride upon receipt of the report of incident.