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Talking points for Tim Irving

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Suicide and Opioids in Construction

- I'm very happy to be here in my new capacity as Deputy Director, Directorate of Construction, National Office.
- Thank you for this opportunity to speak . . .
- To find out what kinds of outreach OSHA is doing in these subject areas, and how many activities are occurring, we did a search in OIS, the OSHA Information System. We searched using the keywords "Opioid," "Drug," "Suicide," "Recovery Friendly," and "Mental Health." The report generated showed 185 activities for the time period 2019-2020. Most activity occurred in 2019, as we would expect because of impact of coronavirus on non-essential OSHA activity.

Region	# Activities
1	35
2	0
3	8
4	1
5	12
6	7
7	119*
8	1
9	1
10	1

*includes multiple presentations at single events such as a conference

- Program areas where outreach on these topics occurred:
 - General Compliance Assistance: 137
 - Alliances: 28
 - Partnerships: 18
 - Voluntary Protection Programs: 2
- In many but not all instances, the outreach was primarily focused on another topic, for example, a falls prevention or trenching stand down. That activity was used as an opportunity to also address suicides and opioids.
- OSHA compliance assistance specialists, regional and area office officials, and other OSHA personnel engaged construction stakeholders – employers including small employers, workers, unions - in many kinds of activities. Here are some examples:

Region	Program Area	Activity
1	VPP	Training Seminar at the Region 1 VPPPA S&H Conference. ARA CSP and AFSP AD presented a Suicide Prevention and Awareness training.
1	CA	Meeting at Manchester Police Department for the Community Advisory Group. Drugs was one topic addressed.
1	CA	YouTube video. #OSHA message about nontraditional hazards such as #PTSD, #Opioid, drug use and #Suicide awareness in the workplace
1	Alliance	Connecticut Construction Industries Association Roundtable meeting. Topic: Stop the Bleed and Suicide Prevention and Opioid Awareness.
4	Alliance	Georgia Struck-By Alliance Day of Awareness Stand Down. Meeting topic: Suicide, Opioids and Mental Health in the Workplace
5	CA	Email Alert. Sent NIOSH fentanyl PPE information to emergency responder lists.
7	Partnerships	Suicide Prevention Stand Downs at the PARIC Ballpark Village construction project and the St. Louis University Hospital renovation project.
7	CA	Speech at the Workers Memorial Day meeting at St. Louis University/OSHA Ed Center. Speech included suicide awareness.
7	CA	Meeting with director of an adult day care center that serves construction workers and their families. Various topics including suicides in construction. Spanish language outreach materials, including suicide prevention.
7	Alliances	Article on suicide prevention for the newsletter, webpage, and Facebook page of SMACNA - Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Nat'l Alliance
7	CA	Live radio shows – multiple appearances, La Mega 100.5 FM Hispanic Radio Station, Kansas City and worldwide audience