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LOCAL LAW 196 OF 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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BACKGROUND

- This annual report has been prepared pursuant to Local Law 196 of 2017 (“Local Law 196”), which was passed by the New York City Council on September 27, 2017 and signed by the Mayor on October 16, 2017.
- When fully phased-in on March 1, 2021, Local Law 196 will require that certain workers at certain job sites receive 40 hours of safety training and that supervisors receive 62 hours of safety training.
- The job sites to which Local Law 196 is applicable are sites that are required to designate a Construction Superintendent, Site Safety Coordinator or Site Safety Manager.
- The workers and supervisors to which Local Law 196 is applicable are workers and supervisors who engage in construction or demolition work at the aforementioned sites.

MAJOR IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

Local Law 196 phases-in site safety training requirements in three parts:

- By **March 1, 2018** workers were required to have a minimum of 10 hours of training.
- By **December 1, 2019** workers were required to have a minimum of 30 hours of training and supervisors were required to have 62 hours of training.
- By **March 1, 2021** workers will be required to have 40 hours of training.

Note: The date by which workers were required to have 40 hours of training was September 1, 2020. On August 27, 2020, the New York City Council passed a bill to extend the date by which workers will be required to have 40 hours of training to March 1, 2021.

OUTREACH

The Department has performed and continues to perform extensive outreach to stakeholders to ensure that information about the site safety training requirements reaches those who need it. Such outreach includes:

- **Visiting Construction Sites.** The Department's Community Engagement and inspectorial units have been distributing palm cards regarding Local Law 196 directly to workers at construction sites. These palm cards are available in thirteen different languages.
- **Direct mailings.** The Department has conducted multiple mailings to both permit holders and site safety professionals. The mailings to permit holders inform such permit holders that site safety training is required for work that is conducted under their permit. The mailings to site safety professionals, including Construction Superintendents, Site Safety Coordinators, Site Safety Managers and Concrete Safety Managers, reminded them that they must have 62 hours of training by December 1, 2019.

OUTREACH

- **Creating Online Tools:**

- **Website Updates.** The Department has reorganized its website to create content specific to workers, supervisors, employers and course providers.
- **Site Safety Construction Map.** The Department created a Site Safety Construction Map, which identifies the sites throughout New York City where site safety training is required. This map allows workers to search the job sites where they currently work or where they plan to work to confirm whether the training is required at such sites.
- **Course Provider Map.** The Department created a Course Provider Map, which identifies the course providers who offer site safety training in person or online throughout New York City. Additionally, workers can find out what languages are supported by course providers who offer training.
- **Training Locations Map.** The Department created a Training Locations Map, which identifies the locations and times courses are offered by course providers.

OUTREACH

- **Information Sessions.** The Department hosted eighteen information sessions to inform the public about the site safety training requirements. These information sessions were attended by more than 1,000 members of the public.
- **Worker Safety Courses.** In September, the Department held its first-ever virtual New York City construction industry conference, *Build Safe | Live Safe Digital 2020: Safety, Innovation, & Sustainability*. This conference included worker safety courses, which familiarized participants with Local Law 196. The courses also included a review of top causes of incidents and accidents to identify potential safety issues and identify prevention methods, and incidents and accidents that might occur while working with cold form steel, excavations, leading-edge, and controlled access zones.
- **Service Notices.** Since the enactment of Local Law 196, the Department has issued at least a dozen Service Notices that provide information to the public regarding the implementation of Local Law 196. These Service Notices are distributed widely, including through Buildings News, an electronic newsletter with a circulation of more than 50,000.
- **Advertising.** The Department ran subway ads and multilingual advertisements in community newspapers. Additionally, advertisements appeared on bus stop shelters and LinkNYC kiosks.

OUTREACH

- **Rulemaking.** The Department promulgated a rule to require worker information signs within construction sites that provide information to workers about site safety training in all languages spoken at the site. The Department is in the process of updating this rule to reflect the new March 1, 2021 implementation milestone.
- **Social Media.** The Department has been posting Local Law 196 updates on Social Media regularly and will continue doing so.

SITE SAFETY TRAINING WEBSITE

[SST Worker Information](#)

[SST Supervisor
Information](#)

[SST Employer Information](#)

[SST Course Provider
Information](#)

[SST Courses](#)

[SST Background,
Requirements, & Reports](#)

[SST Local Law 196 FAQ](#)

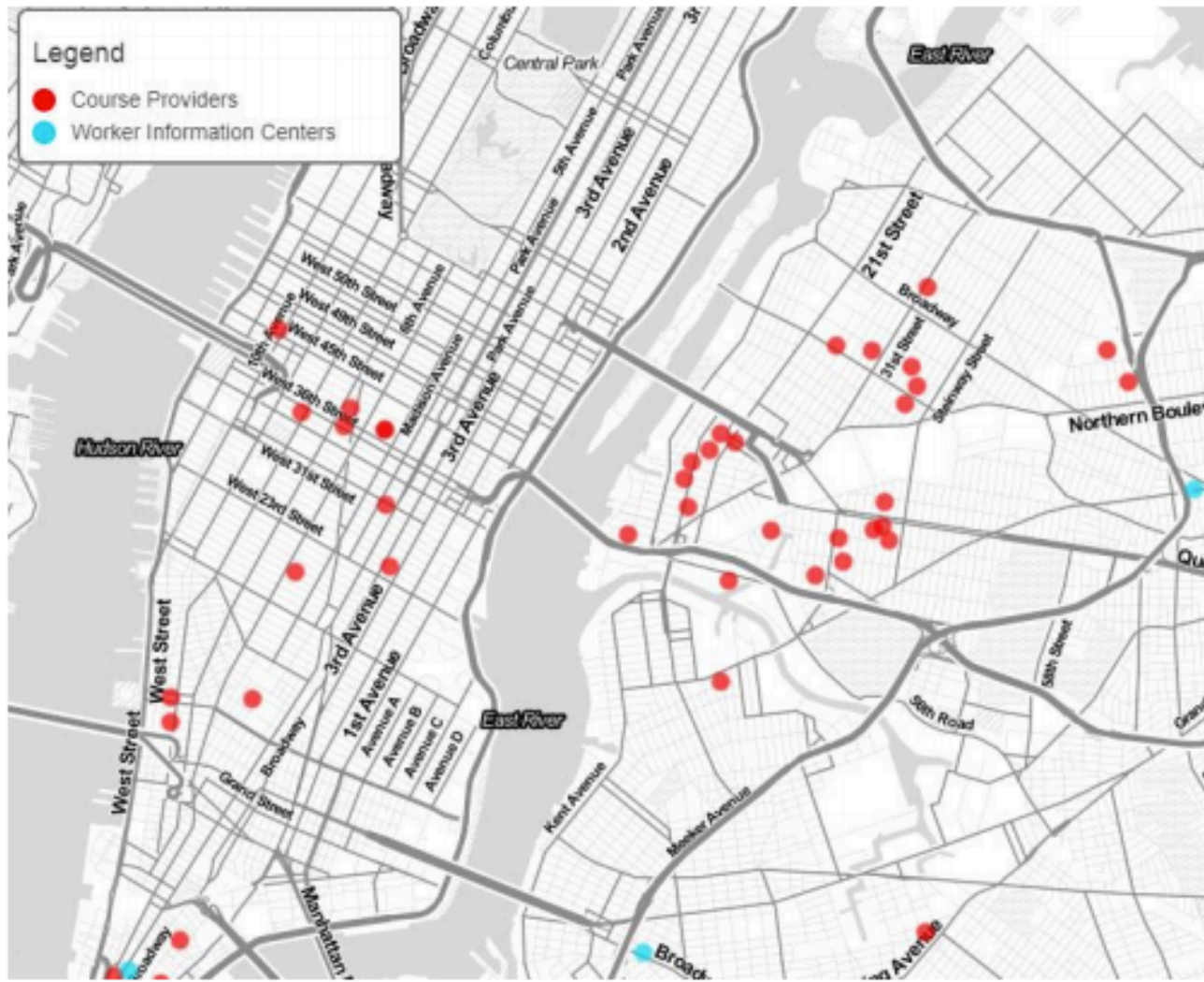
SST Worker Information



SITE SAFETY CONSTRUCTION MAP



COURSE PROVIDER MAP



WORKER INFORMATION SIGNS

As of December 1, 2019:

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 30 hours of safety training, demonstrated by an OSHA 30 card, a Limited Site Safety Training Card, or a Site Safety Training Card.**
- **Workers serving as a Site Safety Manager, Site Safety Coordinator, Concrete Safety Manager, Construction Superintendent or a Competent Person, as required by Section 3301.13.12 of the Building Code, will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 62 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Supervisor Site Safety Training Card.**

As of September 1, 2020:

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 40 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Site Safety Training Card.**

Visit www.nyc.gov/nycsafety or call 311 for more information.

**TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT UNSAFE CONDITIONS AT THIS WORK SITE,
CALL 311.**

SITE SAFETY TRAINING CARDS

Through September 2020, course providers have issued 95,698 Site Safety Training Cards. This includes:

Type of Card	Number of Cards Issued
Temporary SST Card	3,276
Limited SST Card	22,523
Full SST Card	37,932
Supervisor SST Card	31,967

Additionally, course providers have issued 411,429 OSHA 10 and 193,405 OSHA 30 cards since 2015, which may all be applied towards a Site Safety Training Card. This number does not account for the OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 cards that workers have received from OSHA-authorized trainers who are not approved by the Department.

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

There are 109 course providers offering site safety training courses. Each course provider is offering multiple courses:

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
8-Hour Fall Prevention	96
2-Hour Drug and Alcohol Awareness	94
2-Hour 'Tool Box' Talks	78
4-Hour Fall Prevention	78
2-Hour Pre-Task Meeting	75
4-Hour Supported Scaffold User & Refresher	76
2-Hour Site Safety Plan (SSP)	75

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Electrocution Prevention	64
1-Hour Handling Heavy Materials and Proper Lifting Techniques	59
1-Hour Asbestos/Lead Awareness	61
1-Hour Health and Safety Programs in Construction	61
1-Hour Job Hazard Analysis	60
1-Hour Welding and Cutting	41
1-Hour Protection from Sun Exposure	59

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Hoisting and Rigging	42
1-Hour First Aid and CPR	43
1-Hour Scaffolds-Suspended	38
1-Hour Concrete and Masonry Construction	39
1-Hour Ergonomics	61
1-Hour Risk Assessment and Accident Investigation	34
2.5-Hour Foundations of Safety Leadership	35
1-Hour Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, and Conveyors	37

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Excavations	41
1-Hour Demolition Safety	34
1-Hour Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment and Marine Operations; Rollover Protective Structures and Overhead Protection; and Signs, Signals and Barricades	32
1-Hour Repetitive Motion Injuries	34
1-Hour Steel Erection	31

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDER AUDITS

The Department is performing both course audits and training provider administrative audits.

- Course audits include investigators auditing courses as they are being held, ensuring courses are the proper length, checking sign-in logs for accuracy, and recording the names of trainers and attendees to compare against training providers' records. To date, the Department has performed 81 course audits, including audits of courses being offered online.
- Training provider administrative audits include ensuring that course providers are maintaining appropriate records, keeping the credentials of instructors on hand, utilizing an electronic database to track and readily validate training records upon the request of the Department, and that providers are issuing Site Safety Training cards acceptable to the Department. To date, the Department has performed 78 training provider administrative audits.

ENFORCEMENT

In 2018, the Department created a new unit, the Construction Safety Compliance (CSC) Unit, which is dedicated to performing proactive safety compliance inspections. The CSC Unit inspects active construction sites, reviews construction Site Safety Plans, and enforces site safety training requirements. Since September 2018, when the CSC Unit launched, the CSC Unit has conducted nearly 43,000 inspections at over 19,000 unique sites.

The CSC Unit is also responsible for enforcing Local Law 196. To date, Department inspectors have identified 900 construction sites where approximately 1,500 workers did not have their required training. This resulted in the issuance of approximately 3,000 violations to owners, contractors and employers, for which over \$2 million in penalties has been collected. The Department has also made 119 referrals to the New York City Department of Investigation where it has found workers who possess fraudulent OSHA cards or where there have been allegations of suppliers of fraudulent OSHA cards.



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