



## Friday April 28th is Workers Memorial Day in the United States

This is not only a day to remember and honor those lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy, but also a day to collectively renew our commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths. Think Safety First, Think Safety Last.

Please take a moment on Friday to remember all Public Works Employees who have died on the job, but especially those from the New England Chapter.

1978: **\*\*Wally Cuhna Jr.**, Lexington, MA PW died while working at the landfill when he fell out of the machine.

2005: **Peter Brazil**, Lexington, MA PW died of medical emergency while on a parts run.

2011: **\*\*A father , Michael J Garofano**, Rutland, VT PW and his son **Michael J Garofano** died during hurricane Irene while checking the outfall tunnel and were swept away and drowned

2014: **\*\*Michael McDaniel Jr.**, Natick, MA PW - died while he was repairing a water break when a backhoe fell into the trench

2015: **\*\*David Ridzon** of Tolland, CT PW died filling pot holes when the truck backed up hitting him

2017: **Robert Cabral** from Newton, MA PW died from a medical emergency

2017: **\*\*Warren Cowles** from Longmeadow, MA PW died while plowing snow, hit by an oncoming train

2017: **David McAdams** of Newton, MA PW died of a medical emergency

2017: **Robert Callery** of Boston, MA PW died of a medical emergency

2017: **\*\*David Fiske** of Plainville, MA PW died while mowing grass on a side hill along the Highway and his machine tipped over on him

2018: **\*\*John Doherty** of Melrose, MA PW died while removing a piece of equipment from his 1 ton and he slipped landing on his head.

2018: **\*\*Chief Mechanic Angelo Turano**, Westerly, RI PW was found on the ground in front of the rear tires of an 18-wheel tractor-trailer truck. He said it appeared the truck's tires had rolled over Turano's chest

2019: **Richard Macensky**, Westerly, RI PW died of a medical emergency

2020: **\*\*Marcos A. Ruiz-Rodriguez**, Lawrence, MA PW was shot and killed while filling pot holes. He was not the intended target.

### May they rest in peace

If possible please have an all employee meeting at the start of the day or maybe after lunch to have a moment of silence and mention those names who have died.

If we have missed any employee who died in the line of duty, we apologize. Please let us know the name year and what department and we will update our records.