

**Don Cook** – Triangle Safety Services – owner and operator providing both underground, surface and contractor training to mining industry.

Mr. Cook elaborated on some of the problems Instructors face –

- Unique task training and job assignments – training needs to be developed and provided for the job or task that is to be done; training needs to be done by **certified** instructors.
- Holding interest of trainees/new employees – design class/course to keep interest – use new materials – involve those in attendance (hands-on) – training link is being broken between training given and job site.
- Repetitive accidents – caused by reluctance to change bad habits – short cuts – lack of supervisor enforcement – improper training – push for production – working too many hours (fatigue) and possibly drug use

Some statistics covered by Mr. Cook were:

- 34 or 21.4% of 159 coal fatalities were contractors 2000 – 2004
- 24 or 70.5% of contractor fatalities happened in Tri-state area KY, WV and VA
- 11 or 32.3% of contractor fatalities occurred in Southern WV