

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, October 19th, 2004

Time: 11:30 AM “network” with your fellow members! Lunch is promptly at Noon.

Please bring a guest/potential new member, your boss or co-worker.

**Speaker: Fred Miller,
Region VI Vice President**

Topic : Open Forum

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE ATTEND

**Place: North Towne Seafood and Grill,
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 863-1001**

**Please email me if you are attending the meeting.
mtroeschert@tidewaterskanska.com**

Treasurer's Corner

As of September 30th, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$7,854.21. There were 23 members and guests present at the September 21st, 2004 meeting.

Michele

This year's Region VI PDC was the most successful Regional PDC we ever had!

We excelled at everything!!!

We had over 15% more registrants (close to 250), almost 50% more vendors, tripled the number of student presentations and sponsorships from the other chapters, over 150 night out participants and over 80 wellness event attendees, 20 participants at our first ever ASP preparation course and we collected over \$3,000 for the Foundation, up 50% from last year!

I attended the Region VI PDC as our Chapter Liaison. Because of this support, our Chapter was eligible for 2 member \$225 discounts and about \$1,000 from the profits for the Low Country Chapter treasury. I networked with 7 other Low Country members and learned a little.

Next year we will get two \$225 discounts for liaisons. We should support and send a student, send gifts for the Foundation Auction and plan a Chapter “night out”.

For our Chapter, the travel is several hours and I would like to encourage more members to consider next year's PDC.

Stephen Haynsworth

Future Meetings and Speakers

November 16th, 2004 11:30 A.M.

North Town Restaurant & Grill
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
843-863-1001
Across from Northwoods Mall

Topic Supervisor Liabilities

Guest Speaker Pam Tompkins, CSP, CUSA
President/CEO
SET Solutions, LLC

December 14th, 2004 6:30 P.M.

Sticky Fingers
N. Charleston, SC
More details will be published in the
November Newsletter.

Always Looking for a Meeting Host

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? Perhaps you know someone who would enjoy our company and great lunch – what better way to present what they represent. When one hosts a meeting, we request that you provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with your logo.

In exchange for hosting a meeting, there will be a space for free advertisement provided to you at no charge in that month's newsletter. Just let us know when you would like to host a meeting.

Free Ergonomics Resources

Go to <http://hfes.org>

Search the experts in this on-line Directory for help with work site analyses, job analysis/design, cumulative trauma/repetitive stress and OSHA compliance. **Click on "Directory of Consultants".**

Just a Reminder

About the upcoming ROC in Columbia, SC.

Reservations must be made by October 18th, 2004.

Wednesday afternoon, November 17th, is the Golf Wellness Event and Wednesday evening all Chapter leaders are invited to attend the Chapter Meeting/Pool Party.

November 18th, PDC Committee Meeting

November 19th, ROC Meeting

Safety Conferences

November 11-12, 2004

Safety Training Symposium & Expo
Scottsdale, AZ
For more info call 847-699-2929 or
Visit www.asse.org

November 30 - December 3, 2004

10th Annual National Ergonomics Conference and Exposition
Las Vegas, NV

January 5, 2005

ASSE Executive Program in Safety Management
Nashville, TN

It's Flu Season

The best way to prevent the flu is to get the flu shot or the nasal-spray vaccine.

October & November is the best time to get vaccinated.

Influenza can be spread by coughing and sneezing – also be careful what you are touching throughout your travels, if you touch something with the virus on it and then not realizing it, touch your mouth or nose it will be too late.

We should also change our air conditioning filters often.



Sound Level Monitor and Alarm

Extech introduces its New Type 2 Sound Level Monitor and Alarm, Model SL120, which assures occupational safety and protection by providing a warning when sound levels exceed the programmable set point. The set point, adjustable between 30 and 130dB, is easily seen (from over 30 feet away) on the large LCD along with the "OVER" limit indicator. The SL120 can also send a signal to an optional relay module to illuminate large warning signs or any remote "noise exceeded" indicators. The Sound Level Monitor is ideal for the workplace, classroom, hospital, library and even as an applause indicator.

For more information, visit <http://www.extech.com>

Did You Know?

NIOSH recommends all workers entering construction employment receive a baseline audiogram within 30 days of being hired, and annually thereafter. Few companies are heeding NIOSH's advice. One informal survey of 1,800 contractors uncovered only one company that does audiometric testing on an annual basis.

OSHA has cited a Dallas construction company, MFC Construction, for 2 alleged willful and 5 alleged serious violations following the investigation of the death of a carpenter.

OSHA's inspection found that the concrete formwork was inadequately braced and did not support the weight of the poured concrete and they also permitted employees to work at elevations without fall protection.

The serious violations were failure to provide high visibility attire to workers directing traffic, lack of a back-up alarm on earth-moving machinery, failure to maintain a copy of the shoring plan at the job site, failure to provide sound bases for the elevated patio formwork and inadequate ladders.

Needless to say they are facing over \$100,000 in fines but the horrible fact is that someone had to lose their life.

Quest Technologies Inc., Oconomowoc, Wis. Manufactures monitoring instrumentation and software for occupational and environmental health & safety applications - For more info you can contact Cliff Wolcott, VP, Marketing at cwolcott@Quest-Technologies.com.

Member Directory & Job Line

Jane Lyons will continue to update the member directory as needed. If you have not sent her your updated information, please email her at: Jane.Lyons@us.bosch.com

Jane also maintains a Job Line by email notification. Please email her if you would like to be on the distribution.

If you are a member of ASSE, you may want to update your information at:

www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm

WORKPLACE DEATHS UP IN 2003

A total of 5,559 fatal work injuries were reported nationwide in 2003 compared to 5,534 in 2002.

Fatal injuries involving homicides, fires and explosions, and being struck by objects increased while deaths from highway incidents, falls, and electrocutions were all lower in 2003.

The number of self-employed fatalities jumped 11%. The number among Hispanic/Latino workers fell although with respect to the racial/ethnic statistics they still have the highest rate in their group.

Tractor deaths on farms or vehicle fatalities at industrial facilities rose. The number of workplace homicides rose. Workplace suicides were also higher. Fatal injuries resulting from fires and explosions were 20% higher.

The Construction Industry is responsible for the largest number of fatal work injuries – specialty trade contractors recorded about 56% of the construction total.

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting recorded the third highest among industry sectors.

While private construction had the highest number of fatalities, the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting sector had the highest fatality rate. The mining sector had the second highest rate. Followed by transportation and warehousing and then construction.

The number of fatal injuries rose for workers under 25 years of age and workers 65 years of age and older continued to record the highest fatality rate of any age group. Workers 25-44 recorded fewer.

Fatality rates among self-employed workers rose.

Fatalities were higher in the Northeast and South and lower in the West and Midwest.

The 2003 BLS fatality census data can be viewed at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cfoi.nr0.htm>

Occupational Health & Safety Products



Incident Investigation

This course provides participants with a thorough understanding of the causes and effects of loss through the use of creatively developed workshops and case studies. Emphasis is placed on pre-accident planning and preparation, evidence gathering, the methodologies of root cause analysis, and remedial actions necessary to prevent incident recurrence.

To learn more, visit <http://www.dnvtraining.com/oh6>.

In Jacksonville, Fla., Ace Constructors, Inc. was issued 2 allege willful citations for failing to provide workers with proper cave-in protection, such as a trench box or proper shoring and sloping; and for placing excavated material too near to the edge of excavations, exposing workers to being engulfed by falling soil.

The company was also cited for allegedly failing to provide proper PPE, such as rubber gloves and boots to employees working in an excavation where raw sewage and rainwater had accumulated. Employees were also allegedly exposed to “struck-by” hazards from soil-filled buckets being lifted over their heads

and from excavating machinery operating too close to the edge of the excavation.

OSHA is proposing three separate standards that cover exposure to hexavalent chromium (CrVI) in general industry, construction and shipyards. The agency is accepting public comments on the proposed standards until January 3, 2005.

Hexavalent chromium (CrVI) compounds are widely used in the chemical industry in pigments, metal plating, and chemical synthesis as ingredients and catalysts. CrVI can also be produced when welding on stainless steel or CrVI-painted surfaces. The major health effects associated with exposure to CrVI include lung cancer, asthma, nasal septum ulcerations and perforation, skin ulcerations (or chrome holes), and allergic and irritant contact dermatitis.

OSHA is proposing to lower its permissible exposure limit (PEL) for hexavalent chromium and for all CrVI compounds in construction, shipyards and general industry from 52 to one microgram of CrVI per cubic meter of air as an 8-hour time weighted average.

Just a Reminder #2:

New Technical Conference Call from the ASSE, A10.4 "Safety Requirements for Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators for Construction and Demolition Operations" will be on Wednesday, October 20th 11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. You can call 847-699-2929 or visit us at <http://www.asse.org/a104call.htm>

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