

S.C. Low Country Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

September 2009 Newsletter

"Your Safety.....Our Profession"

<http://www.lowcountryasse.org/>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Low Country Chapter of ASSE in Charleston is embarking on a new project – we are sponsoring a PPE drive to benefit Habitat for Humanity. After contacting Habitat, they said their most critical needs for PPE are the following:

- 1. Safety Glasses*
- 2. Gloves*
- 3. Ear plugs*
- 4. Tyveks*

Although, I would hazard to guess (pun intended) that they would gladly take any PPE/safety supplies that our companies and suppliers would be willing to donate.

So go through your closets, cabinets, desks, and cars and put aside any and all PPE/safety supplies that you would like to donate. Send me an email to let me know if you would like to drop it off, or if we need to have someone (Pat Rhea) come by and pick it up. Or, bring them to the monthly meetings.

We will be inviting a representative from Habitat to come to a meeting in early 2010 to accept the donations. The date will be announced in the Low Country Chapter newsletter.

We will be looking for opportunities for media coverage for this event and will gladly mention the names of participating companies.

We appreciate your participation in this drive and hope that if this is successful, this will be an annual event.

Thanks again,

Jayne M. Carswell, CSP

Sr. ESH Specialist

Next Chapter Meeting

September 15, 2009

11:30 a.m. Start

Meeting Location:

Northtowne Grill and Seafood

2093 Eagle Landing Blvd

North Charleston

863-1001

Meeting Topic

**“Swine Flu Update and
Impact to Safety
Professionals”**

Dr. John Inman

Medical Director,

College of Charleston

As a Prelude to this Presentation.....

How to Protect Yourself in the Workplace during a Pandemic

The best strategy to reduce the risk of becoming ill with pandemic influenza is to avoid crowded settings and other situations that increase the risk of exposure to someone who may be infected. If you must be in a crowded setting, minimize your time there. Some *basic* hygiene and social distancing precautions that can be used in every workplace include the following:

Stay home if you are sick.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.

Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.

Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with coworkers and customers.

Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.

If wearing gloves, always wash your hands after removing them.

Keep frequently touched common surfaces (for example, telephones, computer equipment, etc.) clean.

Try not to use other workers' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment.

Minimize group meetings; use e-mails, phones and text messaging. If meetings are unavoidable, avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with others and ensure that the meeting room is properly ventilated.

Limit unnecessary visitors to the workplace.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

For more information, see *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic*, OSHA Publication No. 3327, which can be accessed at www.osha.gov.

Low Country Chapter 2008-09 Membership Survey Results Are In!

The Chapter conducted its annual membership survey for the 2008-09 year. These surveys are used to help determine member expectations and shape our activities for the upcoming chapter year. We ended up with a 27% response (34 completes), which is a little low compared to past years, but still a good showing.

The majority of those who participated have been in the safety, health and/or environmental field for over 20 years. Tuesdays during lunch received the highest % for a 'very good time' to meet and there was a lot of input on meeting topics and how to more effectively serve member needs, including offering virtual chapter meetings.

The Executive Committee will take the survey results into consideration as we continue to strive to make the Low Country Chapter even better. If anyone would like a copy of the survey, you can request it from Michele McCutchen at michele.mccutchen@us.bosch.com.

THANK YOU to all those who took a few minutes to lend us your thoughts!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

This new notice will identify new members to the LowCountry Chapter since the last newsletter. This month we welcome the following:

Spring PDC

Planning for the Chapter's Spring PDC has begun and we are recruiting volunteers for the PDC Committee. Please contact Terri Sherrill PDC Chair: Ph: 843-884-0005; Fax: 843-881-6149; Mobile: 843-991-8220; tsherrill@smeinc.com

\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report \$\$\$\$\$
(As of September 1, 2009)

\$ 11,038.21


.....FYI.....

Low Country Membership Committee SOP

Goal: Membership Retention & Growth

- Membership Chair checks the Chapter Roster (In Members Only) for new or transferred members once per month. Only the Chapter President and Membership Chair have access to the Roster.
- New or Transferred members are Welcomed to the Chapter via email, sent a Low Country Chapter Informational Letter and Low Country Chapter Membership Directory
- Membership Chair dispenses Name Tags at the monthly meetings and welcomes members, especially new or transferred members
- The Newsletter Editor is notified of New Members immediately via email and sent updated email list at least quarterly
- Membership Directory is emailed to members quarterly. “Undeliverable” emails are checked to ensure updated information regarding members.
- Inconsistencies of contact information is verified with members via phone or email
- Membership Chair will recommend members update information with ASSE Headquarters or will update the information for the members
- Membership Chair contacts those members whose membership has lapsed and reminds them to contact ASSE Headquarters to renew membership
- Membership Chair notifies Low Country President of Membership Headcount for Quarterly ROC Meeting Chapter Report
- Executive members, members and etc. contact the Membership Chair with potential new members. The Membership Chair will follow up with a phone call, email and application for Membership.
- Periodically, potential members are contacted by the Membership Chair to attend meetings and consider Membership. They are included in Chapter emails to encourage joining the Chapter.





TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Trident Technical College's Division of Continuing Education offers Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety and OSHA compliance programs. To register for courses call 843.574.6152 or for further information call 843.574.6083. Visit our website at www.tridenttech.edu/ce.htm.

Environmental Compliance

Asbestos Inspector

XIET 616-502 9/14-16 MTW 8am-430pm \$525 Main Campus

AHERA Asbestos Worker

XIET 618-501 10/27-30 TWThF 8am-430pm \$475 Main Campus

Asbestos Supervisor Refresher

XIET 605-506 10/14 W 8am-430pm \$200 Main Campus

XIET 605-507 12/9 W 8am-430pm \$200 Main Campus

Asbestos Worker Refresher

XIET 609-504 10/13 T 8am-430pm \$135 Main Campus

XIET 609-505 12/8 T 8am-430pm \$135 Main Campus

Asbestos Management Planner

XIET 627-503 9/17-18 ThF 8am-430pm \$350 Main Campus

Asbestos Inspector Refresher

XIET 603-505 10/15 Th 8am-1230pm \$135 Main Campus

XIET 603-506 12/10 Th 8am-1230pm \$135 Main Campus

ISO 14001 Overview

XIET 657-501 10/21 W 8am-5pm \$225 Main Campus

ISO 14001 Internet Auditor

XIET 615-501 10/8-9 ThF 8am-5pm \$449 Main Campus

NPDES Permit Compliance

XIET 511-502 11/13 F 8am-5pm \$195 Main Campus

Mold and Fungi Control and Remediation

XIET 629-502 10/26-27 MT 8am-5pm \$350 Main Campus

Water and Wastewater Treatment

Swimming Pool/Spa Operators

XIET 510-505 9/9 W 830am-5pm \$175 Main Campus

XIET 510-506 11/4 W 830am-5pm \$175 Main Campus

Occupational Health and Safety and OSHA Compliance Programs

Hazardous Materials Responder Annual Refresher (Hazwoper and Hazmat)

XIET 505-503 9/11 F 8am-5pm \$195 Main Campus

XIET 505-504 12/4 F 8am-5pm \$195 Main Campus

Hazwoper/Hazmat (24-Hour Program)

XIET 503-503 12/7-9 MTW 8am-5pm \$450 Main Campus

Hazwoper/Hazmat (40-Hour Program)

XIET 508 12/7-11 MTWThF 8am-5pm \$695 Main Campus

The Time is Fast Approaching!!!

American Society of Safety Engineers Region VI

Professional Development Conference

September 23 - 25, 2009

Kingston Plantation Resort

Myrtle Beach, SC

What do you get for your money?

- You get nationally recognized speakers for a region-conference price, AND
- You get to hear about cutting-edge topics such as sustainability, use of technology in the profession and our careers, how to better make your data sell your case, and how your safety program protects your brand, as well as many other topics, AND
- You get to network with your peers, potential vendors, and even potential employees, as our student poster competition has graduate and undergraduate students from top universities!

Come join hundreds of your peers from around the region and beyond at the best SH&E conference around. The all-volunteer conference committee keeps the costs down and makes this conference a great value for you and your company.

To see the entire schedule paste the following link into your browser:

http://www.asse-region6.org/con_glance.html

The brochure and other information is on the web site. Feel free to contact Steve LePock (SteveM.II.LePock@vbschools.com) if you need more information to review or provide your employer regarding the conference.



South Carolina Chapter
National Safety Council



your safety training department

Occupational Safety & Health Services

SC NSC is proud to offer consulting services with discounts for members. We offer a broad range of services to meet all your safety and health needs and our consultants are Certified Safety Professionals and Certified Industrial Hygienists. Some of these services include:

- ✓ Mock OSHA Audits
- ✓ Industrial Hygiene Sampling
- ✓ Indoor Air Quality and Mold Testing
- ✓ Safety Program Review and Preparation
- ✓ Onsite Training
- ✓ Ergonomics Assessments
- ✓ Monthly Safety Training
- ✓ Off-Site Safety Director for Small Businesses:
 - Choose one service quarterly such as training, mock OSHA audit, IH monitoring, or safety program review

For questions on these services please contact Colleen Eubanks, OSH Program Director at ceubanks@scnsc.org or (803) 260-3202.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009: **INDOOR AIR QUALITY & MOLD**
9:00 AM– 3:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2009: **OSHA 10 HOUR FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY**
8:30 AM– 4:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 29, 2009: **SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR SMALL BUSINESS**
9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

* COURSE TAUGHT IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC

For more information or to register, please call (803) 732-6778 or visit our website www.scnsc.org. ASSE & SCOSC Members receive member rates!

NEW: Check us out on Facebook where you can network and share ideas with your colleagues! Go to http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home_/group.php?gid=44107117121 to join our group.

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