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October 13th Meeting

Lunch Meeting

Occupational Medicine

Interesting Case Studies

Occupational medicine is an interesting field. You see the routine the routine physical exams, fitness for duty, and medical surveillance cases. But you also see the occupational diseases, accidental injuries, and other workplace safety and health issues. Come here about a few of the more interesting ones.

Our speaker is Dr. Michael Miller from University Occupational Health. Dr. Miller is taking over for Dr. Polak, who has moved over to the Savannah River Site. Dr. Miller is retired from the Army and the Veterans Administration. He holds two doctor's degrees:

Medicine and Optometry. He attended Wake Forest Univ undergraduate; trained in Chicago (Optometry), and Eisenhower Army Med Center and Emory University (Family and Occupational medicine). He is Board Certified in Family Medicine, Optometry, and Occupational Medicine. He is also Certified as a DOT Examiner, Medical Review Officer, and FAA Aviation Medical Examiner. He has enjoyed working as the as the company doctor for Union Camp/IP, Target, Lenox, Westvaco, Lazy Boy, Nucor, Alcoa, et. al.

Tuesday, October 13th, 2015

11:30am-1:30pm

Lunch Meeting

Bobby's BarBQue

**1897 Jefferson Davis Hwy (Hwy 1)
Warrenville (Between Aiken and Augusta)**

RSVP at the website www.asseaugusta.org
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IH Corner Vacation Fumigation

In March, a family of four vacationing at a condominium resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands was exposed to methyl bromide when the pesticide, which has been banned in the U.S. for use in residential settings, was used to fumigate an unoccupied housing unit below the one in which they were staying. Two days later, the family was transported to a hospital with a 24-hour history of progressive neurologic symptoms, including generalized weakness, severe myoclonus, fasciculations, altered sensorium, and word-finding difficulty. Three family members had life-threatening illness and required endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation.

A recent CDC report details the investigation of the exposure that caused the family's severe illness by the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Health, the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, and EPA. The report also covers the subsequent public health response and discusses other individuals' potential exposures to methyl bromide.

The agency urges pest control companies to ensure that their employees receive proper training for applying products like methyl bromide in a safe manner, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment and appropriate signage. For more information, see the report at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6428a4.htm?s_cid=mm6428a4_e



President's Message

Hey Everybody! You spoke and we listened. Some of you told us that an evening meeting was too hard to do; others said something closer to Aiken might encourage them to attend. Well we are going to address both of those this month. The board has decided to hold the October meeting as a LUNCH MEETING on October 13th. We will be at Bobby's Bar B Que on Hwy 1. Please make an effort to attend. Yes, a genuine effort!!! That means planning NOW to be there. This professional association cannot thrive without you. Everybody can benefit from the topic we are going to have. No matter what industry you represent, Occupational Medicine is a part of it. Whether its pre hire physicals, fitness for duty, substance abuse testing, or workers compensation claims management; you WILL benefit from this meetings topic.

Did you see the officer list on the front page? Go ahead, scroll back and look at it, I'll wait. Did you see that we need two volunteers? The chapter experienced a major challenge this summer. We lost both the rising President and Vice President. We held the special election last month and filled those two positions, but that now leaves the secretary and government affairs positions open. I NEED YOU!!!! If you haven't been involved in the executive committee, NOW is the time. If you have benefitted from the meetings, the newsletter, the society website, the emailed job ads...it is time to give back!!! If you have already served, its time to do another term. If you are interested in serving the chapter please let me know ASAP.

On the slim chance you won't be there next Tuesday, please put November 20th on your calendar too. That's the date of the Combined ASSE/LEPC Conference. It will be a full day meeting with multiple speakers. It's a GREAT event. Don't miss it!

See you on Tuesday!

Matthew Parker, MS, CIH, CSP, ARM
ASSE Augusta Chapter President

Call for Speakers

We are seeking nominations, referrals, suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc for speakers for the ASSE meetings. Please contact any of the board members with your thoughts!!!

Newsletter Stuff

We will soon be migrating this distribution list to Yahoo Groups or Mail Chimp. Stand by.

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? Don't know how? You can apply online:
<http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

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Next Meetings

Friday, November 20th 2015, at 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – ASSE/LEPC Summit – More information coming soon!

There is no meeting in December

Tuesday, January 12th, 5:30pm
Topic TBD
Industrial Rubber and Supply

Fire Extinguishers

Are you training your employees as frequently as required? Have you designated employees who are expected to stay behind? Have you trained them to know when they should not attempt to fight a fire because it is too large?

Fire departments emphasize that employees should not fight a fire that is larger than a desk in size, one that is producing black smoke, or when its flames are reaching the ceiling. Also, they should never use a fire extinguisher before the local fire department has been called via 911 and they know that the building is being evacuated.

When fire extinguishers are provided for employees' use, OSHA requires the employer to educate them on the general principles of extinguisher use and the hazards involved in fighting an incipient stage fire—a fire that is limited to the original material ignited, is contained (such as in a wastebasket), and has not spread to other materials.¹ The extinguisher training must be provided when employees are first hired and then annually thereafter. Employers who have been designated to use fire fighting equipment in the emergency action plan are to be trained when first given that assignment and then annually after that. (29 CFR 1910.157(g)(3) and 29 CFR 1910.157(g)(4)).

OSHA in Georgia

HOMERVILLE, Ga. - A 33-year-old woman had two fingers amputated as she used a mechanical power press for the first time without proper training or safety guards at the Homerville facility, federal inspectors have determined. Inspected by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration 27 times previously at its facilities in seven different states, Bway has received 54 citations for various violations, including operating unguarded machinery and not providing a workplace free of recognized hazards.

The most recent OSHA inspection found that the woman attempted to install a latch on a metal ammunition box when the amputation occurred. The agency cited Bway Corp. for four repeated, 15 serious and three other-than-serious safety violations on Sept. 28. OSHA also cited SMX LLC, the staffing agency that employed the injured worker, for three serious and two other-than-serious safety violations. Proposed penalties for both companies total \$217,720.

“A worker suffered a permanent, avoidable injury because two companies failed to provide a safe workplace. That is tragic,” said Robert Vazzi, OSHA's director of the Savannah Area Office.

OSHA issued serious citations to Bway and SMX for the employers' failure to train the press operator on safe work methods and to guard machinery properly. Bway also received citations for inadequate exit route lighting, exposing workers to falls, not inspecting equipment at required intervals and improperly storing oxygen and gas cylinders together.

The agency also issued repeated citations to Bway for failing to ensure proper machine guarding and for several electrical deficiencies. OSHA cited the company previously for similar violations in 2011, 2012 and 2014 at its facilities in Macon; Dayton, Ohio; New Jersey; and Bryan, Texas.

To view current citations, visit:

http://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/BWayCorporation_1051410.pdf*
http://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/SeatondbaSMXLLC_1051375.pdf*

SMX has had four agency inspections since 2010 and previously received citations for not reporting a workplace injury and using an unsafe forklift.

Bway Corp., a metal and plastic container manufacturer, has headquarters in Atlanta and operates 26 facilities throughout North America. The company employs more than 4,000 workers. Seaton Corp., doing business as SMX LLC, has headquarters in Chicago. It employs more than 15,000 workers worldwide, with 88 employees at the Georgia facility.

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Picture of the Month



Well, at least the emergency exit isn't locked.

Jobs

<http://jobs.asse.org/>

<http://jobs.bcpsp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/>

Be sure to scroll/click through the entire list, the date ordering does not work correctly.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

Safety 2016

The ASSE's annual conference will be held in Atlanta June 26-29, 2016. The Georgia Chapter in Atlanta is the host chapter. They will need volunteers to audit the sessions and other duties. Contact the Chapter President David Brani (dbrani@atslab.com) or the Conference Liaison Stanley Reid (sreid@mbci.com) for more information

Conference info is available and will develop at <http://www.safety2016.org/>

If a Fire Starts in Your Home, Are You Prepared?

You undoubtedly hear on the news about house and apartment fires but may think it could never happen to you or your family. According to a recent National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) survey, only one in four Americans have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Did you know that in 30 seconds, a small flame can get out of control and turn into a major fire, leaving family members in the upper levels of multi-story homes trapped. To know if you are truly prepared to escape from a fire in your home, there are a few questions you can ask yourself:

1. Does your family have a fire escape plan?
2. Have you drawn a map of your home showing all windows and doors?
3. Have you practiced your fire escape plan during the day and at night?
4. Do you have a sticker on your door identifying how many people and pets reside in your dwelling?
5. If you live in a multi-level home, do you own a fire escape ladder?
6. Have you tested your fire escape ladder in a fire drill?

If you answered no to any of these questions, then your plan is not complete. Remember, having a plan is the first step to fire safety and being prepared in the event of an emergency.

As October is Fire Prevention Month, below is a summary of critical fire safety and escape tips to help you be prepared, courtesy of NFPA: Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily; have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet; practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year; practice using different ways out; teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them; close doors behind you as you leave. One important option to help your family feel confident they can escape a fire, should it strike, is having an escape ladder solution in place.

OSHA extends comment period on recordkeeping proposal

OSHA has extended to Oct. 28 a comment period on a proposed rule that would specify that employers have a "continuing obligation" to keep and maintain injury records. The proposed rule would require employers to enter every recordable case on their injury log and update logs with cases not previously recorded. These obligations remain for the five years employers are required to keep and maintain records. The rule amends text in the current recordkeeping rule to clarify this duty without adding new obligations. The agency published the proposal in response to a 2012 case in which an appellate court ruled that the agency has a six-month statute of limitations to issue citations from the date when employers fail to record an injury. The ruling went against OSHA's long-held position that the agency has five-and-a-half years to cite employers

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Chapter Education Assistance

The Augusta Chapter Educational Assistance Program provides money to individual members for educational assistance in the fields of environmental, safety or health. The money must be used for training, education or certification in these fields. The Chapter will issue annual awards to approved recipients in the amount of \$250 or \$500. The amount and approval will be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. Any request must be accompanied by a complete and separate application questionnaire. Recipients must be an active member in good standing. Monies will be paid to the institution/organization providing the training or certification. The Application form is provided below

Request for Financial Award Questionnaire

By completing this questionnaire, I am applying for financial assistance, which may be awarded from the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter. I understand this award is to be in the amount of monies to be determined by the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter and will be donated once per year. Future awards will be considered by the American Society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter by separate applications.

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Are you an active member of the local ASSE & National ASSE? (*Attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings per year*)
2. Are you working in an Environmental, Safety & Health job at this time?
3. Are you pursuing certification or a degree in the Environmental, Safety & Health field?
4. What training/certification or degree are you pursuing?
5. Does your employer pay for any of your educational expenses? How much?
6. What is your current mailing address?

Home: _____ Business: _____

7. Please give a brief summary of your immediate and long term goals as related to the profession and professional development.

8. What institution/organization are you enrolled in for pursuing this certification or degree?
