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October 11th Meeting

Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder” Awareness Training

The objective of this presentation is to speak to industry leaders, who are responsible for ensuring operational safety within their organizations. Statistical data will show past and current trends with respect to “Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder” events within industry. Understanding these challenges is important, but having a clearly defined plan in place is equally important. Let Pinnacle Training Academy help you and your organization recognize understand and develop a SOP regarding “Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder” events.

Michael Lipscomb

United States Air Force Security Specialist	6yrs
Department of Energy Facility Sgt. Protective Force	5yrs
South Carolina Law Enforcement Sgt./Road Patrol	8yrs
Force Protection Technologies Inc. Ballistics/Explosives Technician	5yrs
Firearms Instructor NRA/SLED Certified Instructor SC CWP / Utah - Permit Instructor	4yrs

DINNER MEETING – 5:30^{PM}

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016

Industrial Rubber, 3326 Mike Padgett Hwy

\$7.50 Members \$10.00 NonMembers

MANDATORY RSVP at the website www.asseaugusta.org
or call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE)

Take Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) to exit 9 (Mike Padgett Highway). Turn towards downtown. Industrial Rubber and Supply is the first building on your right.

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IH Corner Updated AEGLs

The National Academies Press (NAP) has released the 20th volume of *Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Selected Airborne Chemicals*, a publication that covers the acute exposure guideline levels (AEGLs) for extremely hazardous substances that have been identified by EPA. AEGLs are exposure levels below which adverse health effects are not likely to occur. These threshold exposure limits are for the general public and are applicable to emergency exposures ranging from 10 minutes to eight hours.

The chemicals covered in the latest volume of *AEGLs for Selected Airborne Chemicals* include methyl chloroformate, allyl chloroformate, *n*-butyl chloroformate, isobutyl chloroformate, *sec*-butyl chloroformate, benzyl chloroformate, phenyl chloroformate, 2-ethylhexyl chloroformate, and ethyl chlorothioformate. The publication also contains updated AEGL values for ethyl chloroformate, isopropyl chloroformate, and *n*-propyl chloroformate.

The previous volume of *AEGLs for Selected Airborne Chemicals* was published last year and included AEGL values for cyanide salts, diketene, methacrylaldehyde, pentaborane, tellurium, hexafluoride, and tetrafluoroethylene.

OSHA Streamlining

In an effort to ease burdens on employers, OSHA has issued a proposed rule that would “remove or revise outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, and inconsistent requirements” in 18 standards concerning recordkeeping, general industry, maritime and construction.

The Standards Improvement Project – Phase IV rule is in response to Executive Order 13563, which called for regulations that are “accessible, consistent, written in plain language, and easy to understand.”

One of the proposed changes is the removal of the word “unexpected” when referring to servicing and maintenance operations “in which the unexpected energization or startup of the machines or equipment, or the release of stored energy could cause injury to employees” in the agency’s Lockout/Tagout Standard.

Other changes would include, as worded in the standard, the updating of three standards to align with current medical practice, including a reduction to the number of necessary employee X-rays, updates to requirements for pulmonary function testing, and updates to the table used for decompression of employees during underground construction. Additionally, the proposed revisions include an update to the consensus standard incorporated by reference for signs and devices used to protect workers near automobile traffic, a revision to the requirements for roll-over protective structures to comply with current consensus standards, and updates for storage of digital X-rays and the method of calling emergency services to allow for use of current technology. OSHA is also proposing to remove from its standards the requirements that employers include an employee’s social security number on exposure monitoring, medical surveillance, and other records in order to protect employee privacy and prevent identity fraud.

“The changes we propose will modernize OSHA standards, help employers better understand their responsibilities, increase compliance and reduce compliance costs,” OSHA administrator David Michaels said in an Oct. 4 press release. “Most importantly, these revisions will improve the safety and health protections afforded to workers across all industries.”

OSHA claims the proposed revisions would save employers an estimated \$3.2 million annually.



NACOSH promoting careers in safety and health

OSHA has scheduled a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health's OSH Professionals Pipeline Work Group to be held Oct. 18 in Washington, D.C. The meeting will allow the work group to hear from representatives of professional safety and health organizations and other stakeholders about their initiatives, best practices and model programs to promote careers in occupational safety and health.

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Future Leader

What are you doing this week??? Are there any future leaders out there that would like to attend the ASSE Leadership Conference in Lombard Illinois. The meeting is this coming week October 13-15. The registration is free and the chapter will pay for the travel. Please contact David Beckum if you are interested. <http://lc.asse.org/>

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

If you are not receiving this from matthew.parker@allnex.com please send me an email

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? You can apply online: <http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

Future Meetings

Nov 18, 2016 – Full Day

ASSE/LEPC Summit

December 2016

No Meeting

January 10, 2017 – TBD

Topic TBD

February 7, 2017

OSHA Update

Bill Fulcher - OSHA

March 14, 2017 – TBD

Topic TBD

April 2017 – No Meeting

Masters Week

May 9, 2017 – TBD

Topic TBD

Quote of the Month

“Safety saves sickness, suffering, and sadness”

OSHA in Georgia

Employer name: Columbia Recycling Corp.

Inspection site: 2410 S. Dixie Highway
Dalton, Georgia 30720

Citations issued: The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued citations to Columbia Recycling Corp. for five repeated, three serious and one other-than-serious safety and health violations. Acting on a complaint, the agency initiated the inspection on April 26, 2016.

Investigation findings: OSHA issued the repeated citations for the employer's failure to:

- Administer an effective hearing conservation program.
- Ensure nameplates were maintained in a legible condition.
- Protect petroleum gas storage tanks with crash rails or guards.
- Store and handle liquefied petroleum properly.
- Outline clear and specific energy control procedures for shutting down and securing machines and equipment.

The serious citations relate to:

- Improper storage of compressed gas cylinders.
- Not ensuring an employee successfully completed training to operate a powered industrial truck.
- Not allowing sufficient access and working space around electrical equipment.

One other violation was cited for failure to report a work-related amputation within the required 24 hours.

Proposed penalties: \$317,814

The citations can be viewed at:

https://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/ColumbiaRecyclingCorp_1142848_1137767.pdf

America's Safest Companies 2016

EHS Today has named 10 companies – American Bridge Co., Club Car LLC, EnPro Industries, Hunter Site Services, Leprino Foods Co., Middough Inc., Ryan Incorporated Central, Saulsbury Industries, South Dakota Wheat Growers and South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co. – to the list of 2016 America's Safest Companies.

Did you read that? Our local **Club Car** was selected as one of this year's winners. CONGRATULATIONS to them!!!! Please read more here.

<http://ehstoday.com/safety-leadership/america-s-safest-companies-2016-there-s-no-finish-line-when-it-comes-safety>

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Photo of the Month



Don't Drop a Hint!

Jobs

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

<http://jobs.bbsp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/> There are 41 listed for Georgia and 21 for South Carolina.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

A Local OSHA Case

In response to a worker complaint and as part of the agency's Regional Emphasis Program on Safety Hazards in the Auto Parts Industry, OSHA conducted an inspection at HP Pelzer Automotive Systems Inc. in March 2016. OSHA cited the company and Sizemore Inc., a staffing agency it employs, with 24 safety violations for fall, amputation, and electrocution hazards, including 12 repeated citations for HP Pelzer. "This is the third inspection of the HP Pelzer plant where OSHA has identified numerous hazards, many repeated, related to unsafe working conditions," said William Fulcher, OSHA's area director in the Atlanta-East Office. The two companies face a total of \$704,610 in penalties, including fines of \$49,884 for the staffing agency. Sizemore had approximately 300 temporary employees assigned to HP Pelzer at the time of the inspection, but terminated its contract in May 2016 for reasons including safety concerns.

Workplace Fire Facts

There are approximately 6,000 office fires in the United States each year. Major causes of workplace fires are Arson, Smoking, and Electrical Problems.

Arson

Pay close attention to security measures. Keep doors and windows locked after business hours. Keep areas around the building, especially alleys and loading docks - well lit and clear of combustibles. Pay attention to housekeeping within the building as well.

Smoking

In areas where smoking is allowed, use large, non-tip ashtrays and make sure everything in them is cold before they are emptied. Be sure that no one leaves smoldering cigarettes on furniture or in a wastebasket.

Electrical

Designate an employee to turn off or unplug all appliances - including coffee makers - at the end of each working day. Do not overload outlets, and make sure to replace any broken or cracked electrical cords.

Fire Preparedness - Evacuation

It's very important to have evacuation procedures in place in the event a fire occurs in the workplace or office building. Disorganized evacuations may result in injuries, property damage, and confusion, according to the OSHA. No matter what type of building you work in, there are specific evacuation procedures to follow

Offices and buildings should have designated evacuation maps and routes. They need to indicate all exit locations, group assembly points, and safety equipment, such as first aid kits and fire extinguishers. The exit routes should be well lit and clearly marked, as well as wide enough to accommodate large groups of evacuating personnel. These routes need to be unobstructed and clear of objects at all times, and there should be more than one way out of the building. The areas should also have protections, such as handrails on stairway exit routes, that will prevent your employees from other hazards. Many management teams practice fire drills so employees know where to exit and gather if a fire happens.

If a fire does occur, the majority of your employees should be instructed to evacuate the building immediately. Some companies designate critical personnel to shut down equipment that may be damaged if it is left in operation or that may present a hazard for emergency workers. Employers must review their needs before deciding if this type of activity is necessary in the event of a fire. If it is determined a necessary procedure, the critical employees must be trained to follow specific shutting-down procedures, as well as how to recognize when to abandon the procedures and evacuate. Most small offices do not need employees to stay behind to shut down systems. Emergency response personnel are trained to shut down utilities, including gas and electricity.

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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?
