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## AUGUSTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## November 20th Meeting

### All Day Meeting

## LEPC/ASSE Summit

- Local Radiation Protection
- On Site Hazard Analysis
- Local Responder Plant Visits
- HAZCOM/DOT
- Process Safety Management

#### Day of Summit

Registration 7:00 AM

\$10.00 Fee//Credit Card \$10.50 Fee /CEU's

Lunch Provided!

Richmond County Technical  
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## IH Corner Medical Mysteries

Earlier this year, NIOSH launched the “Workplace Medical Mystery Series” on its Science Blog, which features posts on a variety of workplace safety and health topics from NIOSH researchers. Each installment of the series presents a new story about a worker who becomes sick or injured on the job, and invites readers to share ideas about what could be causing the symptoms described in the post. A few days after each installment, NIOSH publishes a new post that “solves” the workplace medical mystery and explains what the characters in each story are suffering from.

The latest installment in the series focuses on a fire training officer who, after conducting a training exercise, begins to experience chest pain, shortness of breath, and a cough producing a small amount of blood. An X-ray at the emergency room reveals small spots in his lungs. The blog post outlines the worker’s background and describes the training exercise, which involves the use of a smoke simulant, a fog machine, and propane-generated heat and fire. Join the conversation on NIOSH’s Science Blog and share what you think is causing the fire training officer’s symptoms.

Past Workplace Medical Mystery posts have focused on blurry vision affecting a print press operator, a drum maker who develops a suspicious rash, and a golf course worker who comes down with an influenza-like illness.

View all posts in the Workplace Medical Mystery Series on NIOSH’s Science Blog. <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/category/workplace-medical-mystery/>

## President’s Message

One down! One still needed!!!! 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 STILL need a volunteer for Secretary? The chapter experienced a major challenge this summer. We lost both the rising President and Vice President to job transfers. I volunteered to run for President (I just completed a tour as President of the Atlanta Chapter and was previously the President here in Augusta back 1999). David had been elected to Secretary, but volunteered to assume the Vice President slot. A special election was held in September to make it official. But I still need a Secretary!!!! If you have benefitted from the meetings, these newsletters, or the job ads we send out, then it is time to pay us back. You need to take a turn and help us lead this organization. If you don’t think you have time, let me assure you that can find the time. If I can do it, you can!!! Raise your hand now!

This month’s meeting is the Combined ASSE/LEPC Conference. It will be a full day meeting with multiple speakers. It’s a GREAT event. Don’t miss it! We don’t meet in December, but I will try to get a newsletter out anyway. After the summit, the next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

See you Friday!

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>

## Next Meetings

There is no meeting in December

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
CPR and AED Best Practices  
Emile Delagram - Certified People Respond  
Industrial Rubber and Supply

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## GHS Ripples

The June 1, 2015, GHS deadline has come and gone. It was OSHA's intention that by now, chemical manufacturers and many distributors and importers would have reclassified hazardous chemicals according to the GHS-aligned requirements and updated all safety data sheets (SDS) and labels to reflect these changes. Unfortunately, many chemical manufacturers took a wait-and-see approach to updates, which has now caught up to them and caused problems through the chemical supply chain.

The first deadline was Dec. 1, 2013 when all employees covered by the HazCom Standard should have been trained on GHS and able to read and recognize the new SDS format and labels. The 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline was June 1, 2015 that required chemical manufacturers to produce safety data sheets and labels using the GHS format. The next deadline is Dec. 1, 2015. This is the date by which distributors can no longer send out hazardous chemicals labeled under the old (pre-GHS) HazCom Standard. The fourth and final deadline on June 1, 2016 requires all employers to be fully compliant with GHS adoption, completing any necessary updates to hazard communication programs, including workplace labeling procedures.

As you can see any delays in meeting the earlier deadlines can cause problems in meeting the later ones. Fortunately, OSHA has recognized this problem and has indicated some flexibility. OSHA stated that it might not cite manufacturers, distributors, and employers who fail to meet the deadlines if they've shown "reasonable diligence" and made a "good faith" effort to comply. OSHA will review both oral and written communications between chemical manufacturers/users and their upstream suppliers of raw materials. OSHA also will factor in whether or not these efforts were made in a timely manner.

## OSHA in Georgia

**Employer name:** Interstate Resources Inc., doing business as RB Lumber LLC

**Inspection site:** 2366-2 Interstate Paper Road, Riceboro, Georgia 31323

**Citations issued:** Citations were issued on Oct. 19, 2015.

**Inspection findings:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited RB Lumber for two repeated and two serious safety violations.

The agency cited repeat violations by RB Lumber for failing to provide fall protection equipment to employees working and walking on top of machinery and for exposing workers to electrical hazards. OSHA cited the company for similar violations in 2011 at the Riceboro, Georgia, facility.

The serious violations include exposing workers to unguarded machine parts and struck-by hazards.

Proposed penalties total \$59,100.

**Quote:** "RB Lumber continues to expose workers to hazards that were previously identified by inspectors. There is no reason we should be finding these hazards again," said Robert Vazzi, director of OSHA's Savannah Area Office. "It's management's responsibility to protect workers and they must take action immediately."

**The citations can be viewed at:**

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/osha/OSHA20152000fs.pdf>\*

## Preliminary BLS Data Released

There were 4,679 workers who died on the job in 2014, according to preliminary data from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The 2014 provisional figures represent 3.3 deaths for every 100,000 full-time employees, and shows a two-percent increase over 2013 figures, when 4,585 workers were killed. When comparing 2013 to 2014, key findings of the preliminary data include:

- Mining, agriculture, manufacturing and construction, and police work all saw increases in fatal injuries.
- Cases of slips, trips, and falls rose by 10 percent
- Deaths among the self-employed and employees 55 or older increased
- Fatalities among Hispanic or Latino workers dropped in 2014, but fatal injuries rose for non-Hispanic white, black or African-American and Asian workers.
- Fatalities among government workers were lower.

The final figures for 2014 will be released in late spring in 2016.

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## Picture of the Month



## Why join a gym???

## Jobs

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

<http://jobs.bcp.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](mailto:dbrani@atslab.com)) or the Conference Liaison Stanley Reid ([sreid@mbsci.com](mailto:sreid@mbsci.com)) for more information

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

## OSHA I2P2

<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/safetyhealth/index.html>

OSHA announced it is seeking public comments on an updated version of its voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. First published in 1989, they are being updated to reflect modern technology and practices, according to the agency's Nov. 16 announcement, which says the updated guidelines should be particularly helpful to small- and medium-sized businesses and address how multiple employers at the same work site can coordinate their efforts to make sure all workers are protected.

## OSHA Training Guide Revised...

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has added a PDF to its website that features up-to-date training requirements for various safety regulations.

*Training Requirements in OSHA Standards* contains excerpts of need-to-know information that can help employers, safety and health professionals, training directors, and others conduct their training and strengthen their compliance initiatives.

The document organizes the training requirements under five categories:

- General Industry
- Maritime
- Construction
- Agricultural
- Federal Employee Programs

Download the 270-page document for free at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha2254.pdf>.

## Fatality Database

According to information from the U.S. Worker Fatality Database, there were 1,073 fatalities in U.S. workplaces from January 2015 to July 2015. The data includes a geographic distribution of the fatalities; a timeline; deaths per state and industry; brief descriptions of how the incident happened; age and gender of the worker(s); exact date of the fatality; full name of the employees; and their respective employers.

The database was developed by the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health. One of the creators offers a caveat, noting that "the project captures only a portion" of total fatalities. Even so, it gives more details about worker deaths than any existing government source. The Worker Fatality Database is a volunteer effort to document and map worker deaths in the US.

<http://www.coshnetwork.org/fatality-database>

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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