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February 9th Meeting CPR, Accidents, and Training

Safety Training Why:

Accidents in industries happen every day. If the proper training is done the incident numbers are brought down. For OSHA and insurance purposes this means lower premiums and medical costs. Topics covered will be electrical, fork lift, haz mat, confined space and CPR and First Aid. The presentation includes statistics from OSHA to bring my point home about training being brought up to standards and employees understand the need and the time to do the training.

Our speaker is Emile Delagram

Emile is the Owner/Operator/President, Certified People Respond. He is a Member of the Board of Directors, Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation and the Supply Management Officer, National Disaster Medical System, Atlanta, GA. He is also Member of the Board of Directors for the Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation, Joseph M. Still Burn Center, Augusta, GA and a Volunteer Firefighter for Burke County Emergency Management Agency. He is a member of the Georgia Public Fire Safety Educator and an avid lecturer on golf, public speaking, teaching, and camping.

DINNER MEETING - 5:30PM

Tuesday, February 9th, 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

OSHA investigators determined that the July 2015 death of a 30-year-old worker from acute exposure to methylene chloride while deglazing a bathtub in a public housing complex in Cleveland, Ohio, could have been avoided. According to investigators, the worker who died was using a paint remover containing 85 to 90 percent methylene chloride with the bathroom door closed to “prevent fumes from filling the living area.” His only ventilation was the bathroom window, which was kept open with a can of shaving cream. The worker was found unresponsive, and the investigation found that his exposure to methylene chloride “far exceeded permissible exposure limits.” OSHA’s current permissible exposure limit (PEL) for methylene chloride is 25 ppm over an 8-hour time-weighted average; the agency’s short-term exposure limit (STEL) for the chemical is 125 ppm over any 15-minute period.

OSHA and NIOSH have identified at least 14 worker deaths related to bathtub refinishing using paint removers containing methylene chloride since 2000. In 2013, the agencies released a hazard alert warning employers and others of the hazards of methylene chloride-based stripping agents. A year later, EPA published its final risk assessment of the chemical, which indicates health risks to workers and consumers.

According to OSHA, employers must provide workers with adequate ventilation, respiratory protection, protective clothing, and proper equipment when using products containing methylene chloride. Employers must also train workers to protect themselves while working with this toxic chemical.

President’s Message

We have two key service opportunities that our chapter member’s can be a part of this March and June.

Please consider volunteering for the Annual CEFGA CareerExpo & SkillsUSA Event taking place on March 17 & 18. The Georgia Chapter (Atlanta) has pledged to support the OSHA Sustainable Workforce Alliance and the March CareerExpo. We have been invited to work with them. CEFGA - the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia holds the CareerExpo and SkillsUSA State Championships. This is the largest construction event in the Southeastern United States. More than 7,000 people will attend the 2016 show. Students enrolled in high school and technical college construction programs compete in carpentry, masonry, electrical, heating and air conditioning, welding and plumbing trades. Your opportunity to connect with other industry leaders and these students, your future workforce, is approaching.

The second opportunity is to be an “ambassador” for our chapter at the June ASSE conference. Many of you have already committed to serving as a moderator or greeter. However, there are still plenty of openings remaining. As the host chapter for this event, we hope that the attendees from other parts of the country will get a taste of Georgia hospitality.

If you are not plugged in to either of these events and want to learn more, send me an email to dbrani@atslab.com.

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>

Future Meetings

Put these dates on your Calendar NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

March 8, 2016 – 5:30PM

GTRI – OSHA Training; Dr Myrtle Turner GTRI

April 14th, 2016 – 11:30AM

Site Tour, Kimberly Clark Mill, Beech Island

May ???, 2016 – Date and Time TBD

Site Tour, Plant Vogtle Reactor 3&4 Construction

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Quote of the Month

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.

Charles Swindol

Call for Officer Nominations

So are you ready to take a more active role? Are you looking for a way to improve your resume? Then we are looking for you. We are seeking a candidate for a Delegate. The Delegate is a member of the Exec Committee and represents the chapter at the National Conference. However, all positions are open to competition. Please consider volunteering, **everyone should take a turn at the helm**. Contact matthew.parker@allnex.com

The current slate of officer nominations is:

David Beckum - President
Sonya Patton – Vice President
Norm Diebold - Treasurer
Chrissi Park - Secretary
Your name here - Delegate

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/>



OSHA in Georgia

ATLANTA - When U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors returned to an Atlanta food manufacturing facility and found previously cited hazards had reoccurred, the management of Schwan's Global Supply Inc. took an unusual step.

The subsidiary of The Schwan Food Company, a multibillion-dollar private company that sells popular frozen food brands through home delivery, the food service industry and grocery stores in North America, told OSHA the company accepted responsibility for the safety and health hazards and signed a pre-citation settlement agreement with OSHA on Jan. 15.

"We are very encouraged that Schwan recognized the safety failures that have reoccurred and is taking full responsibility," said Bill Fulcher, director of OSHA's Atlanta East Area Office. "The company settled the citations immediately and signed the enhanced compliance agreement as part of its commitment to protect its workers and operate safely. When employers are committed to safety, everyone wins."

OSHA cited Schwan, which manufactures frozen foods sold under several brand names, including Red Baron, Tony's and Freschetta pizza and Mrs. Smith's desserts, at its Atlanta facility, for four [repeated](#), three serious and three other-than-serious safety and health violations.

The agency issued repeated citations for failing to:

- Ensure workers used safety procedures to prevent [unexpected machine start up](#) during maintenance and servicing.
- Ensure machinery was properly [guarded](#).
- Implement safety procedures for the [ammonia refrigeration](#) systems.

OSHA [previously cited](#) Schwan Global Supply in 2013 for similar violations at the facility. The agency issued serious citations to the company for failing to:

- Develop written emergency shutdown procedures for the refrigeration system.
- Train workers, technicians and first responders on [emergency](#) action plans or responder's duties for refrigerant spills at the facility.

Silica

Washington – OSHA has sent a draft of its final rule on silica to the Office of Management and Budget, one of the final steps in a process that will lead to the publication of the long-awaited standard.

The agency has been developing an update to the current rule since at least 2003. The process has been long, Perez said, because the agency wanted a thorough and deliberate rulemaking process.

The draft final rule comes about after OSHA poured through and considered thousands of stakeholder comments on the proposed rule.

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Picture of the Month



But they're light drums!

2016 CEOs That Get it

Every year, the National Safety Council announces their CEOs Who “Get It” because they embody what it means to build a culture of safety. It takes an unrelenting dedication to safety that requires courage, conviction and commitment. These men and women care deeply about the safety and health of all of their workers and are setting their organizations up for success. On the following pages, you’ll find Q&As with each of our 2016 CEOs Who “Get It.” Reading through the nomination forms, it was clear to me that each honoree deserved this recognition. Here is a sampling of what a few of the nominators had to say, illustrating how deeply these leaders touch others’ lives.

“[Gerry Anderson](#) has a high degree of focus to assure we stay on track to become the safest energy company in North America. It’s not a slogan. It’s not a belief. It is purposeful action. It is the way Gerry leads our company, every single day.” – Lynette D., DTE Energy

“[Andrea Bertone](#) is not someone who simply talks about safety, but rather, she transforms her words into action. Biannually she rolls up her sleeves and spends the day working alongside plant operators. This hands-on program allows her to fully understand the hazards that exist in DEI’s operations while forming personal connections with frontline workers.” – Michael B., Duke Energy International

“[Colonel Farrell](#)’s belief is safety is not an expense, but a long-term investment. The results of Colonel Farrell’s safety acumen and leadership have earned the District distinction among peers as one of the most forward-thinking and supporting safety departments in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.” – Shawn C., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District

OSHA Seeking NACOSH Nominations

Are you an experienced occupational safety or health professional? Then you may be a good fit for membership on OSHA’s [National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health](#).

OSHA is looking for [nominations](#) for the following positions:

- Two public representatives
- One management representative
- One labor representative
- One occupational safety professional
- One occupational health professional

The terms are for two years; NACOSH meets at least twice a year. Nominations are due March 22. NACOSH advises the secretaries of labor and health and human services on occupational safety and health programs and policies.

Jobs

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

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

There are 46 listed for Georgia. Be sure to scroll/click through the entire list, the date ordering does not work correctly.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

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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?
