

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



# ASSE



## AUGUSTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## September 8th Meeting Health and Wellness Programs And Special Elections

Our speaker will be Janet Thornburg from the CSRA Family Y sharing the benefits of health and wellness programs and how they can make our workplaces safer. Please come to the meeting with your questions and ready to contribute your experiences on the subject. It's best if we support the speaker with our participation.

Our Officer Elections are scheduled too. The slate of Officers is as follows.

Matthew Parker – President  
David Beckum – Vice President  
Norm Diebold - Treasurer  
Open – Secretary

Please attend to give your support to these volunteers as they take up the reigns for YOUR safety association.

**Tuesday, September 8th, 2015**  
**4:30pm-6:30pm**

**RSVP** at the website [www.asseaugusta.org](http://www.asseaugusta.org)  
or call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE)

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## **IH Corner Direct Reading**

Real-time monitoring in industrial hygiene has revolutionized the measurement of workplace hazards. Direct-reading instruments have enabled industrial hygienists to be proactive, allowing them to measure physical and chemical hazards as they are being generated. The time-consuming alternative is to wait for an 8-hour reference method sample to be completed at the end of the work shift and then send it to a laboratory for subsequent analysis. Real-time monitoring using direct-reading instruments also enables source identification and is a very useful tool for source apportionment and modeling, evaluation and validation of engineering controls, and corrective actions during personal and ambient work area monitoring activities. Immediate access to information supports real-time decision making and is the industrial hygienist's greatest advantage over reference sampling methods. One example is the advancements in real-time monitoring for dust, also known as particulates or aerosols.

There are plenty of instruments with which industrial hygienists can monitor dust, and these instruments are primarily based on two distinct technologies: photometers and optical particle counters. Both instruments rely strongly on the optical properties of the particulates to indirectly estimate the mass concentration. The light scattered by particles can be converted to mass concentration through calibration. Other technologies used to measure mass include beta attenuation gauge and vibrating mass monitor.

## **President's Message**

Hello ASSE,

Our next chapter meeting will take place this coming Tuesday, September 8th at 4:30 pm. Note, we are meeting an hour earlier than typical. We're experimenting with different meeting times this year in hopes to draw more participation. Additionally, In our September meeting we will hold a special election to fill leadership vacancies. Matthew Parker is running for President and David Beckum is running for Vice President both uncontested. We are also searching for a chapter secretary so if you are interested in serving in that capacity please let me know soon.

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Looking forward to a wonderful ASSE year and getting to know you.

See you on Tuesday!

Rob Loose, CSP, PHR  
Former 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**

If you are not receiving this from [matthew.parker@earthcon.com](mailto:matthew.parker@earthcon.com) please send an email to him to request it.

## **Membership Stuff**

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

## **Next Meetings**

Tuesday, October 13th 2015, at 12:00 PM (At Bobby's BBQ) – How local law enforcement can support your business

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

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## Leading By Example



Sonya Patton, Norm Diebold and Richard Dorman represented the Chapter at the Master's Table Soup Kitchen on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. The team prepared food in the kitchen and helped serve the meal during lunch. It was great fellowship and truly a blessing to serve our community.

## The Georgia Conference

**The 2015 Georgia Safety, Health, and Environmental Conference will be held September 9-11, 2015 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Savannah, Georgia. The website has been updated and registration is open!!! [www.georgiaconference.org](http://www.georgiaconference.org) Sign Up Now, the hotel filled up last year. Get your room while they are still available.**

## OSHA in Georgia

**2 workers suffer amputations in separate incidents, less than 2 weeks apart, Primex Plastics Corp. issued 22 violations, faces more than \$141K in OSHA penalties**

**OAKWOOD, Ga.** - In separate incidents less than two weeks apart, two employees sustained disabling injuries at Primex Plastics Corp. in Oakwood. Both workers had their middle and ring fingers amputated as they removed material jammed in shearing machines that cut plastic. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the plastics manufacturer on Aug. 27, 2015 for two repeated, 18 serious and two other-than-serious safety and health violations. Proposed penalties total \$141,100.

After learning of the Feb. 28, 2015, amputation, OSHA immediately opened an investigation in March. During OSHA's inspection, company officials told the inspectors that a second amputation had occurred the night before on a similar machine. "Worker safety, not profits, must be a company's priority," said Bill Fulcher, OSHA's director of the Atlanta-East Area Office. "Unfortunately, it took two amputations for Primex to address known safety hazards at this facility."

OSHA issued repeated citations for failing to provide workers exposed to high temperatures with protective equipment, and for storing together oxygen and acetylene cylinders. The agency cited Primex previously for similar violations in December 2014 at its New Jersey facility. The agency cited [serious](#) citations for the following issues:

- Failure to provide a workplace free of [recognized hazards](#).
- Ignoring procedures to prevent machines from sudden start up during maintenance and service.
- Not implementing protections for workers exposed to excessive noise.
- Failing to ensure properly guarded machinery, such as shearing machines and a drill press.
- Exposing workers to falls.

To view current citations, visit:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/osha/primexhealth1045410.pdf>\*

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/osha/primexsafety1045342.pdf>\*

Since 2005, Primex has had [14 OSHA inspections](#) nationwide and has received 35 safety and health citations. A subsidiary of ICC Industries Inc., Primex has headquarters in Richmond, Indiana, and maintains facilities in Georgia, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Nevada. The company employs more than 1,100 workers.

Bureau of Labor Statistics' data from the preliminary [Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries](#)\* shows [fatal work injuries in Georgia](#) accounted for 117 of the 4,585 fatal work injuries reported nationally in 2013. Additional details are available at <http://www.bls.gov>.

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## Picture of the Month



**Hmmmmm.**

## Jobs

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

<http://jobs.bscsp.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/>

## ASSE Salary Survey Reveals Strong Income Potential for OSH Professionals

**Park Ridge, Illinois** (July 30, 2015) – A 2015 American Society of Safety Engineers survey of more than 9,000 occupational safety and health professionals reveals they earn an annual base salary on average of \$98,000, an increase of \$8,000 since the survey was taken two years ago.

The ASSE survey results are part of an expansive collaboration with the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH), Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP), American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) and Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM). The complete results from the 2015 survey in addition to an interactive calculator are available online at [www.asse.org/salarysurvey](http://www.asse.org/salarysurvey).

The survey found professionals with at least one of the 11 certifications measured in the survey make on average over \$14,000 more annually than a professional without one of these certifications and over \$30,000 more annually than the typical Occupational Health and Safety Specialist, according to the number reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

## Contractor who lied to OSHA sentenced to community service, probation

**Birmingham, AL** – An Alabama roofing contractor was sentenced to three years of supervised probation and 30 hours of community service for lying to OSHA about providing workers with fall protection equipment.

In early 2013, Marcus Borden was supervising a roofing project in Cordova, AL, when a severe thunderstorm moved into the area and injured three of his workers, according to an Aug. 24 OSHA press release.

Following the incident, Borden told an OSHA inspector he had provided personal fall arrest equipment and the employees were tied off prior to the storm. However, investigators later learned none of the workers was tied off, and that Borden acquired the fall protection equipment only after the injuries occurred, the press release states.

This past April, the Department of Justice charged Borden with lying to OSHA about the incident. Borden, a steel and roofing contractor based in Russellville, pleaded guilty on May 13 to one count of making false statements and was sentenced on Aug. 6.

In addition to the DOJ charge, OSHA previously cited Borden with a willful violation for failure to provide workers with fall protection, four serious violations for exposing workers to severe weather conditions and not securing metal decking, and an other-than-serious violation for failure to notify OSHA about workers being hospitalized. A settlement was approved last year in which Borden agreed to the violations and to pay a \$55,000 penalty.

## 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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