The President’s Catch—October, 2017

Dear Fellow San Diego Safety Professionals,

I had a BLAST seeing so many faces at our inaugural Baseball Bash and I sincerely hope that everyone else who attended had as much fun as I did. Special thanks to Chris Malicki for taking on the organization of that event so the rest of us could show up and enjoy ourselves. For those of you unable to make it to this year’s event we reserved the Skyline Patio and ASSE guests got a wristband giving us unrestricted access to food, beverage, a small dining area, and a block of stadium seats. The Padres beat the Rockies in a 5-0 shutout and after the game there were fireworks.

Our September speaker Mike Schrager with Milwaukee tools gave us his dynamic presentation showcasing some of the tools and technology the marketplace has come up with to combat the most recent updates to the silica standard. It was nice to hear the good and bad about what’s available on the market and I’m excited to see what the next wave of products has to offer. It’s also a pleasant surprise that manufacturers are making dust extracting accessories that fit other manufacturer’s tools. I love it when industry bands together and works as a team!

Before Mike spoke to us we got a brief Society update from Tom Logan, The Region 1 Area 3 Director. Tom and I spent some time together during the Region 1 Operation Conference in Seattle Washington and I can tell you that we are lucky to have him in our corner. The role of Area Director is a new one within the ASSE and Tom is doing a great job pioneering. Basically Tom’s goal is to be a resource for our Chapter that is closer and easier to access than Society and can help us to achieve our goals. During his visit he talked about the approved name change from “The American Society of Safety Engineers” to “The American Society of Safety Professionals.” He also mentioned that there is a Society-wide competition for Regional Chapters Reaching Gold in the 2017/18 year.

This month Michael Murphey from 3M is going to talk to us about confined space fall and rescue. October 10th at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse, registration starts at 7:30 am.

Be safe out there!

Allison Long
ASSE San Diego Chapter President
Government Affairs Committee:
by Scott Simerson

President Trump nominates David Zatezalo to head MSHA
September 7, 2017

Washington – President Donald Trump on Sept. 2 nominated former mining executive David Zatezalo to be assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health.

Currently, Wayne Palmer is acting head of the agency.

Zatezalo’s career in the mining industry spans almost 40 years. Before retiring in 2014, Zatezalo was president and CEO of Rhino Resources GP LCC. He earned a mining engineering degree from West Virginia University in 1977, and later an MBA from Ohio University.

In a statement issued in response to Zatezalo’s nomination, United Mine Workers of America President Cecil Roberts said miners’ safety and health is “MSHA’s first and only priority,” adding, “It is my hope that Mr. Zatezalo will take the tough stance on enforcement that is needed to rein in the rising level of serious injuries and fatalities.”

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Manchin to Acosta: Are MSHA inspectors being told not to carry their credentials?
September 12, 2017
Washington – Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) is asking Secretary of Labor R. Alexander Acosta to address concerns regarding the Mine Safety and Health Administration’s temporary Compliance Assistance Program aimed at preventing injuries and deaths among less-experienced miners.

In a letter dated Sept. 7, Manchin said he has received reports that MSHA inspectors are being instructed to leave their Authorized Representative Status credentials at their desks. The credentials allow inspectors to issue violations or give orders to remove miners if unsafe conditions are found.

Manchin also is concerned that MSHA reportedly has advised miners that they no longer are allowed to select a Miners’ Representative with “walk-around rights” to take part in the program unless the mine operator allows the participation. He described the news as “particularly alarming.”

“As provided under Section 103(f) of the (Federal Mine Safety and Health) Act, a Miners’ Representatives [sic] participates in and assists MSHA inspectors in mine inspections and accident investigations,” the letter states. “The Miners’ Representatives’ first-hand knowledge of the mines serves as a valuable asset during such inspections, investigations and any lawful CAP that MSHA could implement.”

Manchin is requesting that Acosta address the detailed goals of the CAP, which is slated to end Sept. 30; clarify any verbal or written directives to miners, mine operators or MSHA inspectors; and provide MSHA’s reason for telling inspectors not to bring ARS credentials to a mine site. The senator also wants information on an inspectors’ instructions should he or she find a “Significant and Substantial” violation or imminent danger during a compliance visit, as well as any MSHA data on injury rates for experienced versus inexperienced miners from October 2015 to March 2017.

“I believe that, while the Compliance Assistance Program is an effort to improve miners’ safety, MSHA inspections, investigations and standards, the exercise in itself is an inspection, and, therefore, removing AR credentials or disallowing the presence of a Miners’ Representative undermines the transparent nature (See Government Affairs, page 4)
of MSHA’s operations for the ultimate safety of the worker – an original goal of Congress when it passed the Act,” the letter states.

When announcing its compliance assistance initiative in June, MSHA stated that workers who had one year of experience or less inside a mine incurred 903 injuries from October 2015 through this past March. That’s more than double the 418 injuries suffered by miners who had one to two years of experience. Further, seven of this year’s first eight coal mining fatalities were workers who had one year of experience or less in a mine, MSHA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations Patricia Silvey said in a June 6 press release.

Mandatory ELD use still on track for CMV drivers after House rejects delay
September 12, 2017
Washington – The House has rejected the latest attempt to delay by two years the implementation of a federal mandate requiring commercial motor vehicle drivers to use electronic logging devices in place of paper logs to track hours of service.

On Sept. 6, the House voted down (246-173) the ELD Extension Act of 2017 proposed by Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX). The ELD final rule is scheduled to go into effect Dec. 18.

Seen by its opponents as big government meddling, mandatory ELD use has survived numerous court challenges in the past year – the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit denied an attempt to block the mandate on Oct. 31, and the Supreme Court on June 12 declined to hear an appeal.

The American Trucking Associations applauded the House vote to retain the rule’s effective date.

“ATA has supported, and will support, this important regulation,” ATA President and CEO Chris Spear said in a press release. “Congress has now voted a fourth time to move forward with electronic logging of the existing hours-of-service information required for decades. Make no mistake, the time for debate about electronic logging is over, and we’re pleased that Congress has rejected this ill-conceived effort to delay their implementation.

“For a decade, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has repeatedly spoken, the courts have spoken, law enforcement has spoken, the industry has spoken and Congress has spoken in favor of the benefits of [ELDs]. ... Tonight’s vote should end what is left of this debate so our industry can carry on with the business of complying with this regulation.”

Groups that supported the legislation urged their members to continue to voice their views to Congress.

“The concerns raised by us, by Congress and industry stakeholders have not changed,” Todd Spencer, executive vice president of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, said in a press release. “There are too many unanswered questions about the technical specifications and enforcement guidelines of the mandate. This includes issues related to enforcement, connectivity, data transfers, cybersecurity vulnerabilities and many other real-world concerns.”

House passes set of appropriations bills, likely a no-go in the Senate
September 19, 2017
Washington – The House on Sept. 14 passed all of its appropriations bills, including one that would fund OSHA, NIOSH, and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. That set of bills, however, likely will not get through the Senate in its current form.

Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) said the House’s legislation – the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act of 2018 – is a nonstarter. “What the House passed today does not bring us any closer to responsibly funding the government, and it will not pass the Senate,” Leahy said in a Sept. 14 press release.

Further weakening the legislation’s chances are amendments added by the House Rules Committee, including one that seeks to prohibit funding for OSHA’s Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses final rule. An amendment that called for a 10 percent cut to MSHA funding and staffing failed, as did one that called for a 1 percent cut to the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and their related agencies. A proposed amendment that blocked funding for OSHA’s regulation on respirable crystalline silica was not brought to a vote.

“[The bill] contains poison-pill riders that have no place in the appropriations process,” Leahy said in the release. The Senate’s proposed funding also proved more generous than the House. Its Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill was sent to the full chamber on Sept. 7.

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MSHA’s proposed funding in the House bill is $360 million. The Senate bill allocates $373.8 million, and President Trump has proposed $375.2 million. (See Government Affairs, page 5)
NIOSH would receive $325.2 million in the House bill. The Senate bill has the agency’s potential budget at $335.2 million, while President Trump’s request allocates $200 million. The House bill also gives $11 million to the Chemical Safety Board. President Trump sought to eliminate the agency in his budget request. Under the Senate bill, DOL would receive $12 billion – $61.5 million less than in Fiscal Year 2017. The House bill proposes a $1.3 billion cut, and President Trump is seeking a $2.4 billion decrease.

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SAVE THE DATE!

San Diego ASSE Professional Development Symposium
March 13, 2018
Handlery Hotel, Mission Valley

A dynamic line-up of speakers and presentations including:

- Dr. John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, MBA, Director of NIOSH—Keynote Speaker
- James Boretti, ASSE Region 1 RVP—State of the Region Address
- Peter Kuchinsky, Joint Powers Insurance Authority—What’s New on the Compliance Front
- Barbara Materna, Ph.D, CIH, Chief. Occupational Health Branch, California Dept. of Public Health—Injury Prevention from OHB Perspective
- Alan Nevin, Xpera—The Great Divide: The True Story of America Tomorrow
- Claire Wilson, Herman Miller and Steve Workman, San Diego County Sheriff Dept.—Ergonomics Strategies
- Dick Monod de Froideville, Cal OSHA Enforcement (retired) - Pitfalls to Avoid: Safety Management from a Former Compliance Officer’s Perspective

Plus lots of vendors and displays. Breakfast, lunch and parking included!

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW! YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

More information and details to come soon!
Did You Resolve to Get Your ASP/CSP This Year?

Thinking about working on your ASP/CSP? If so, that’s outstanding and we are pulling for you! If you’d like to participate in an ASP/CSP study group, contact our Chapter Secretary, Enrique Medina, CIH, CSP to start the ball rolling.

A Virtual ASP/CSP Study Group meets twice a month via GoToMeeting to assist those studying for their ASP/CSP professional certification exams. It’s free and open to all Chapter members, and you can join at anytime from the comfort of your home or office.

Enrique can be reached at: (619) 297-1469. Or President-elect@sandiego.asse.org

This is a great opportunity our Chapter appreciates. Call today for dates and times of our next meeting!

Peer to Peer (P2P) Resource Directory is Available Now

Do you need help with a safety issue or question? The P2P Resource Directory can help you. SD ASSE Chapter members can now download the P2P directory matrix from the chapter website's News tab at sandiegoasse.org/news. You will be directed to the password protected ASSE member login to download the current list.

The P2P directory lists San Diego chapter members who are willing to provide other members no fee advice on areas of their expertise as a professional courtesy. There are over 45 safety specialty categories listed. If you would like to be listed, just download the P2P registration form from the same website, complete it, and send it to chapter secretary Enrique Medina at President-elect@sandiego.asse.org. All members are welcome to sign up for the P2P.

Job-Line

By David Ferguson, CSP

Looking for a new job? Visit our job-line at http://sandiegoasse.org/current-openings/ to see current opportunities such as: Safety Engineer I; Safety Engineer III; EH&S Manager; HSE Manager; EHS Consultant. Check out these and other great jobs today!

Membership Chair:

by Steve Workman, CEAS

Welcome to our new members!

Megan McCormick        WW Grainger
Nicolas Stark           Student Member
Wesley Williams         Ledcor Construction

New Members North County Section:

Dennis Agleben         Granite Construction Co.
Jason Ward             California Trusframe
Editor’s Note: Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sister-organization meeting, special accomplishment or other newsworthy article that you would like to share with your fellow San Diego ASSE members? Send it to me via email no later than the 15th of the month and I will do my best to get it published. Here are some conditions: news articles, reports and other text-based submissions should be limited to a maximum of two pages, 10—12 pitch font. Artwork or graphics (flyers or posters) should be single-page, preferably in MS Word or MS Publisher format. Acrobat PDF files are sometimes difficult to import into MS Publisher (the program used to create this newsletter) and may need a lot of time and effort to convert. Please remember, this is not my full-time job. If you are “borrowing” a news item previously published somewhere else (i.e., not your own original work), please provide the source and whether or not you have permission to reprint it. All submissions should be emailed to Newsletter@sandiego.asse.org. Please also provide your contact information, including name, email address and phone number.

Calendar of Special Events:

October, 2017

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month
MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12

Confined Space Fall Rescue – What an Effective Rescue Plan Means to Your Company

Speaker: Mike Murphy, 3M

This discussion, led by Michael Murphy, 3M Fall Protection Specialist for Southern California, will include a classroom style discussion of confined space fall rescue challenges and solutions, and will then be followed up with an equipment demonstration utilizing the latest innovations in retrieval systems including tripods, winches, harnesses, davit arm systems, etc.

About our Speaker:
Michael Murphy graduated from Illinois State University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree, Major in Public Health and Minor in safety. Since then, he has served as a Safety Specialist, Fall Protection Specialist, and Sales Manager for a number of well know safety related companies. He is well known for his technical knowledge of a wide range of safety equipment, especially fall protection rescue gear.

Admiral Baker Clubhouse
3604 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m. Welcome and Speaker begins at 7:30 a.m.

$15 Members* with RSVP by 9/8/2017 by 5:00 P.M.
$20 No RSVP by 9/8/2017 and for Non-Members/Guests

*Members include: ASSE, ACWJPIA, AHMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA

RSVP/Registration: Please RSVP OR register with payment by credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page using this link:

Please note: RSVPs and pre-registrations are very helpful in determining the head-count for the breakfast catering. Those who RSVP may still pay by check, credit card or cash at the door if preferred.

Directions: Interstate 15 to Friars Road East; left onto Santo Road (traffic light); immediate right on Admiral Baker Road; go STRAIGHT at STOP sign; pass the recreation area and part of the golf course; road curves to right at the driving range; keep going all the way to the club-house parking lot—a total of .9 miles from Santo Road.
NORTH COUNTY SECTION LUNCH MEETING,

NOVEMBER 15

Protecting the Magic at LEGOLAND* California Resort

Speakers: Jeff Fanno, CSP and Cindy Reyes, CSP

Managing a "city within a city" can be a daunting task to say the least. This presentation will discuss the challenges facing the organization in the areas of public safety, rides, entertainment, food & beverage, hospitality, construction, (and the list goes on and on!) and how the organization is able to maintain control over a positive safety culture on a global basis.

About the Speakers:

Jeff Fanno has an extensive background as an Environmental, Health, and Safety Director and Manager for a number of well know local companies including LEGOLAND, Stone Brewing Co., and CP Kelco. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Health from SDSU in 1996. He is a Certified Safety Professional with many specialty skills including manufacturing, root cause analysis, industrial hygiene, and ergonomics.

Cindy Reyes, CSP, joined LEGOLAND a short time ago after a long career with 24 Hour Fitness. She is an active member with San Diego ASSE, having served in many capacities over the years including Chapter President. She is a dedicated and meticulous Safety Manager with experience in EHS, worker’s compensation, crisis planning, and loss control.

Location: DEA Lab
2815 Scott Street, Vista, CA 92081
Meet, Greet, Network and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.
Presentation from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Click here for map

$10 for Members* and Non-Members/Guests

*Members includes: ASSE, ACWJPIA, AHMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA,

RSVP
Please RSVP to Amy Leung, Section Chair: amy.leung@libertymutual.com
OR via credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page:
http://sandiego.asse.org/events/nc-section-meeting-subject-tbd/

**Treasurer’s Report**

Teresa stated that the treasurer’s report is not complete due to the meeting being early in the month; she has not yet received the bank statements. Members may view a copy of the report upon request to our President, Allison Long.

**Old Business**

1. **Review Minutes from August, 2017:** Minutes were reviewed and no changes were requested. Motion to approve was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. **PDS Venue and MayDay event services:** Decision has been made to not use MayDay for event planning.

3. **Clover Technology:** Teresa Bonilla reported that Clover credit card swiping was used successfully at the August ASSE Breakfast meeting.

4. **Baseball Bash Update:** Discussion about means to refund ticket costs to those members requesting it.

**New Business**

1. **ASSE Regional Operational Committee (ROC) Meeting in Seattle:** Allison Long is scheduled to attend the meeting as SD Chapter President. Allison initiated a discussion of a chapter “Stretch Goal” and one major challenge. Gary Couture stated it’s often difficult to measure goals unless they’re described very specifically.

- Example Goal: Create an annual event that members can bring their families to as a means to better socialization of club members.

- Major challenge: Incentivize and increase participation in charitable events by providing members/participants with hats, shirts or other give-aways.

2. **Website utility:** Allison reminded the executive committee members that they have access to member rosters by logging in to ASSE.org and navigating to Officer Central.

3. **Hurricane Harvey Relief Funding:** EC members discussed best ways to donate funds to the relief efforts in Texas. Allison suggested the best way is through the American Red Cross. Enrique Medina suggested a waiting period of a month may allow better identification of more focused relief efforts. Steve Workman suggested we work with the Houston Chapter of the ASSE.

**Committee Reports**

1. **North County Section:** The monthly meeting had 12-13 attendees with Gary Couture presenting on SD Airport Construction Safety challenges.

2. **Programs:** Chris Maliki reported that speakers are all lined up through 2017.

3. **Membership:** Steve Workman reported the ASSE chapter display table for the CalTrans “professional organization fair” at the CA Administration offices was successful in creating a network with State representatives.

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(Executive Committee, continued from page 10)

4. Public Affairs: Isaac Szmuilowicz reported the American Red Cross was having a Logan Heights volunteering event on September 23 canvassing the neighborhood and providing smoke alarms.


6. Newsletter: Gary Couture reported that the August Newsletter was sent to members and included a registration form for a SD Airport disaster response exercise.

7. Website: Brian Vernetti: Nothing to report.

8. Jobline: David Ferguson reported he removed postings that were greater than 3 months old except for Cal OSHA positions which are ongoing. In addition, there are 8 job openings on the chapter website.

The meeting was then adjourned by Allison at 9:26 AM.

Next EC Meeting: October 3, 2017 – Call-in meeting

Next Event: October 10, 2017 Technical meeting at ABC. 7:30 am. Topic and Speaker: Mike Murphy—Confined Space Fall Rescue

With falls from heights being the #1 cause of fatalities on construction sites, and fall protection consistently ranked as OSHA’s most frequently cited standard violation, we all know that falls are not a laughing matter. Looking at this picture, one can only hope that this was a staged attempt at humor, but I see no real fall protection measures evident in this picture...
9/19/2017

PARK RIDGE, Illinois — A leading source for education among occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) has unveiled its latest innovation in online learning. Newly created ASSE LearnEx courses debut in October, opening a new avenue for OSH professionals around the world who aim to further their education and advance their careers.

ASSE LearnEx provides the opportunity to take part in ASSE’s formal courses through a completely online experience with the same educational benefits as the Society’s in-person classes. Participants get the same level of content and educational engagement, but can learn at their own pace anywhere an Internet connection is available.

ASSE has offered webinars and virtual symposia for many years, but the ASSE LearnEx program is set apart by the depth of learning and interactive elements it provides. Each course features a video lecture component, interactive games, a discussion forum where students respond to questions and complete assignments, and a scenario-based assessment that explores a real-world problem.

“Our members have been asking for online educational opportunities, and ASSE LearnEx delivers,” said Keisha Raines, manager of online learning at ASSE. “Many employers want to support the educational needs of their OSH professionals, but want to avoid the added cost of travel and related expenses. This program mitigates those concerns while providing the caliber of content that customers expect from ASSE, with greater flexibility.”

The first course offered on the new platform is Prevention Through Design (PTD), which is provided at ASSE’s SeminarFest each year as well as during pre- and post-conference seminars at ASSE’s annual Professional Development Conference. The three-week ASSE LearnEx PTD course begins Oct. 15.

Designed around the Z590.3 standard – a copy of which is included with the course – the ASSE LearnEx PTD course is taught by Georgi Popov, Ph.D., QEP, SMS, CMC, a professor in the School of Environmental Physical and Applied Sciences at the University of Central Missouri. He also is ASSE’s 2017 Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year. Popov has been involved with the PTD initiative since 2007.

As with all ASSE online courses, the ASSE LearnEx program carries continuing education units (CEUs), and attendees receive a certificate of completion. As with the in-person PTD class, the ASSE LearnEx version can be applied as an elective toward ASSE’s certificate programs. The course includes three modules and a final project:

- Module 1 provides a fundamental understanding of the Z590.3 standard and hazard identification methods.
- Module 2 gives an overview of risk assessment methods used in the standard.
- Module 3 focuses on practical applications and case studies.
- The final project is a practical application that has participants providing an example from their workplace.

“Through each module, students engage with the instructor, other students and the coursework through interactive tools and assignments,” Raines said. “Then they can immediately apply what they learned on the job.”

ASSE plans to expand its virtual portfolio with additional ASSE LearnEx topics, including ISO 45001 and risk-based process safety management. Learn more at https://learn.asse.org/learnex-online-courses.
OSHA, American Chemistry Council Sign Alliance to Protect Workers from Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals

WASHINGTON, DC – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the American Chemistry Council (ACC) established a two-year alliance today to raise awareness of how workers are exposed to diisocyanates, and promote safe practices for their use in the polyurethane industry.

Isocyanates are raw materials used to make polyurethane products, such as insulation, car seats, foam mattresses, shoes, and adhesives. Exposure to isocyanates can cause irritation of the skin and mucous membranes, chest tightness, and difficulty breathing. More serious health effects include asthma and other lung problems.

The alliance calls for the creation of a web-based training program on the safe use of chemicals and the potential routes of exposure to users. It will also develop guidance on medical surveillance and clinical evaluation techniques for employers and workers using the chemicals. The agreement also calls for best practices seminars on health and safety procedures for OSHA, On-Site Consultation, and State Plan staff.

“OSHA’s new alliance with ACC will help ensure that employers and employees who work with the identified chemicals better understand the health hazards associated with these potentially hazardous chemicals, and the methods to control employee exposures,” said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt.

The ACC comprises the Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI), and the Diisocyanates and Aliphatic Diisocyanates panels. Members of these groups include manufacturers and distributors of chemicals and equipment used to make polyurethane. CPI serves as the voice of the polyurethanes industry, covering more than 220,000 workers nationwide.

Through its Alliance Program, OSHA works with unions, consultants, trade and professional organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, businesses and educational institutions to prevent workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses. The purpose of each alliance is to develop compliance assistance tools and resources and to educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities.

U.S. Department of Labor Awards $10.5 Million in Training Grants To 80 Nonprofit Organizations for Workplace Safety and Health

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has awarded $10.5 million in one-year federal safety and health training grants to 80 nonprofit organizations nationwide. The funding through the Susan Harwood Training Grants Program will provide education and training to help businesses and workers address workplace hazards and adopt best practices for avoiding workplace injuries.

The grants require recipients to focus on safety and health topics designated by OSHA. For Fiscal Year 2017, among other topics, these include chemical, electrical, excavation and grain handling hazards, fall prevention in the construction industry, and machinery and machine guarding hazards.

The Harwood program funds grants to nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based groups, employer associations, unions, joint labor-management associations, and colleges and universities. Visit the Quick Links section of the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program website for information about the FY 2017 grant recipients. For more about the program, visit the OSHA web site for more information. Public inquiries should be directed to the Harwood Grants Coordinator at Harwood-Grants@dol.gov or by phone at 847-759-7700, extension 7926.

Hurricane and Flood Preparedness and Response

OSHA has resources to help employers keep their workers safe when hurricanes and floods strike and during cleanup and recovery operations.
Fire Prevention Week

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That’s why this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here’s this year’s key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more information about how to teach and promote Fire Prevention Week

NFPA

In a disaster, local officials and relief workers cannot reach everyone immediately. Help may not arrive for hours or days. You and members of your community need to be prepared ahead of time.

Most disasters are natural disasters, the result of some force of nature, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. Some natural disasters can be predicted, such as hurricanes and severe winter storms, while others, such as tornadoes and earthquakes, happen with little or no warning. Some disasters are the cause of human actions, intentional or unintentional. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort. Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare.

For consumers: NFPA offers a host of free tips and resources to help communities better prepare for a disaster.
Use of disinfectants raises risk of COPD among nurses: study

Villejuif, France – Frequent use of workplace disinfectants may increase healthcare workers’ risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, suggest researchers from France’s National Institute of Health and Medical Research. Analyzing data from 55,185 registered nurses who were part of the Nurses’ Health Study II, researchers in 2009 began studying nurses without COPD and followed them until this past May. Questionnaire responses from 663 participants who were diagnosed with COPD during the study period revealed their exposure, sort-ed by task, to disinfectants.

“We found that nurses who use disinfectants to clean surfaces on a regular basis – at least once a week – had a 22 percent increased risk of developing COPD,” Dr. Orianne Dumas, of INSERM, said in a press release. “There was a suggestion of a link with the weekly use of disinfectants to clean instruments, but this was not statistically significant.”

Specific disinfectants analyzed included glutaraldehyde (used for medical instruments), bleach, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol and quaternary ammonium compounds (or “quats,” mainly used for disinfection of surfaces such as floors and furniture). All of the disinfectants were associated with an increased risk of COPD of between 24 percent and 32 percent.

Previous studies have linked disinfectant exposure to breathing problems such as asthma, but COPD mostly has been overlooked, Dumas said in the release.

The study was presented Sept. 11 at the European Respiratory Society International Congress.

Attention dog owners: For healthy sleep, don’t let Fido share your bed

Scottsdale, AZ – Catching some zzzs with your dog can be beneficial to your health – as long as your dog sleeps on the floor and not in bed with you, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Researchers analyzed the sleep habits of 40 adults and their dogs over a five-month period. For seven nights, participants and their pooches wore activity trackers. For the dog owners, the tracker monitored light and motion to provide data points for time in bed, total sleep time, sleep efficiency and wake time after sleep onset. The dogs wore trackers so the researchers could measure their activity level (rest, active or at play).

The result: Owners maintained good sleep efficiency with their dogs in the bedroom; however, the good efficiency decreased when the dogs were on the bed.

“Most people assume having pets in the bedroom is a disruption,” Dr. Lois Krahn, a sleep medicine specialist at Mayo Clinic’s Center for Sleep Medicine and study co-author, said in a press release. “We found that many people actually find comfort and a sense of security from sleeping with their pets (nearby).”

The study was published in the September issue of Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

BLS: Heat exposure killed 37 workers in 2015

Washington – Environmental heat exposure should remain a concern even as summer winds down, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is reminding employers and employees.

In a post published in the Aug. 30 edition of The Economics Daily, BLS highlighted data showing that environmental heat exposure contributed to 37 work-related deaths and 2,830 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in 2015. Nearly 90 percent (33) of the deaths occurred from June through September.

Workers in transportation and material moving occupations were involved in 720 of the nonfatal injury and illness cases involving days away from work. Among states, Kansas had the highest rate of nonfatal injuries and illnesses, at 1.3 per 10,000 workers. South Carolina (1.0) and Nebraska (0.6) followed.

OSHA provides resources for employers and employees about the dangers of working in hot weather through its Water. Rest. Shade. campaign. The agency offers tips to help prevent heat-related illnesses and fatalities:

- Drink water every 15 minutes.
- Take rest breaks in the shade to cool down.
- Wear a hat and light-colored clothing.
- Monitor co-workers for any signs of problems.

NIOSH and OSHA also collaborated on a heat safety mobile app that measures heat index values and provides projected heat indices throughout the workday.
Washington – Bicyclists deaths increased 12.2 percent in 2015, the largest percentage jump among all roadway user groups that year, according to a new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association.

GHSA reviewed data from the Fatality Analysis Report System from 1975 to 2015. It found that bicyclist fatalities have been climbing since 2010. In 2015 – the most recent year for which data was available – 818 cyclists were killed, a 12.2 percent increase from 2014 and the largest rise in two decades.

Other findings:
- Adults accounted for 88 percent of bicyclist-vs.-vehicle deaths, with 45 being the average age.
- Males were almost six times more likely to be killed than females.
- 7 out of 10 deaths occurred in urban areas.
- One-third of fatalities happened at intersections. Common causes involved motorists or bicyclists failing to yield the right of way and motorists turning left or right into the path of a bicyclist.
- 54 percent of the bicyclists killed in 2015 were not wearing helmets.

The researchers called for states and localities to refine crash reports to improve the accuracy of the data collected – one of 30 recommendations GHSA makes to state highway safety offices in the report. Others recommendations:
- Partner with businesses and bicycle, community and civic groups to promote rider and driver alertness and stress the importance of giving bikers space.
- Poll cyclists to gather their education and training needs.
- Establish a dedicated funding source for bicycle safety initiatives.

“State highway safety agencies are tasked with addressing road user behavior through public awareness, so they are uniquely positioned to educate people about the safety benefits of engineering improvements and build support for better roadway design,” GHSA Executive Director Jonathan Adkins said in an Aug. 24 press release. “While engineering solutions are vital, states and communities cannot solely build their way out of the problem. These changes should be accompanied by education and enforcement to be most effective.”

McLean, VA – The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety is offering a free online toolkit to help employers keep workers and their families safe on the road as part of NETS’ Drive Safely Work Week Oct. 5-9.

Drive Focused – Drive Smart – Get Home Safely emphasizes staying alert while driving and refraining from texting and cell phone use – even hands-free – when behind the wheel. It also focuses on eco-friendly driving and ways to minimize potential effects on the environment.

The toolkit includes an interactive distracted driving self-assessment in which users answer questions about their driving habits. Other resources include fact sheets for employers and employees, pledge cards, a PowerPoint presentation, and graphics for social media and email use.

In a statement to Safety+Health, NETS Executive Director Joseph McKillips stressed that “materials are not dated and available to all.”

Traffic crashes cost employers more than $60 billion annually, according to NETS. The group cited National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data showing driver inattention is a factor in 80 percent of all crashes.
Hepatitis A Concerns and Answers

We recognize that there is a growing concern regarding the risk of exposure to Hepatitis A and options for immunizations. Please see the information below on how Hepatitis A is spread and prevented as well as additional resources regarding immunizations and answers to the public from the Center for Disease Control. This information is directly from the Center for Disease Control and/or San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency.

How to prevent Hepatitis A:

The best way to prevent Hepatitis A is through vaccination with the Hepatitis A vaccine. Vaccination is recommended for all children, for travelers to certain countries, and for people at high risk for infection with the virus. Frequent hand washing with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, changing a diaper, or before preparing food can help prevent the spread of Hepatitis A.

How is Hepatitis A spread?

Hepatitis A is usually spread when the Hepatitis A virus is taken in by mouth from contact with objects, food, or drinks contaminated by the feces (or stool) of an infected person. A person can get Hepatitis A through:

- Person to person contact when an infected person does not wash his or her hands properly after going to the bathroom and touches other objects or food when a parent or caregiver does not properly wash his or her hands after changing diapers or cleaning up the stool of an infected person when someone has close intimate physical contact with an infected person.

- Contaminated food or water: Hepatitis A can be spread by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with the virus. (This can include frozen or undercooked food.) This is more likely to occur in countries where Hepatitis A is common and in areas where there are poor sanitary conditions or poor personal hygiene. The food and drinks most likely to be contaminated are fruits, vegetables, shellfish, ice, and water. In the United States, chlorination of water kills Hepatitis A virus that enters the water supply.

Resources for Immunization

Personal Primary Care Physician: This is the best option since it will get documented in your health records for future reference and in many cases this is the quickest option in comparison to some of the community locations.

San Diego County Area Options for Vaccination

http://211sandiego.org/resources/health-wellness/

Call 2-1-1 to find a community clinic near you to request the HAV vaccine.

Click here to see a list of community health centers.

Click here for a list of Public Health Center Immunization Clinic sites.

More information:

CDC Answers for the Public regarding Hep A: https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/afaq.htm#transmission
An outbreak of hepatitis A in San Diego County is current national news. Hepatitis A is typically spread when people eat contaminated food or water; more rarely, the virus is transmitted person-to-person through the "fecal-oral route." Basically, if an individual is infected with hepatitis A and they use the bathroom and don't wash their hands, they can spread or contaminate the environment: door handles, ATMs or whatever they touch. If other people who touch the same objects and fail to wash their hands before eating, smoking or touching their faces, can also become infected.

A simple yet effective way to stop the spread of Hepatitis A and many other diseases is hand washing. A convenient product to accomplish this is hand sanitizers. There are many choices, but are they effective? The answer is, "They are kind of effective."

There are important differences between washing hands with soap and water and cleaning them with hand sanitizer. For example, alcohol-based hand sanitizers don’t kill ALL types of germs, such as a stomach bug called Norovirus, some parasites, and Clostridium difficile, which causes severe diarrhea. Hand sanitizers also may not remove harmful chemicals, such as pesticides and heavy metals like lead. Handwashing reduces the amounts of all types of germs, pesticides, and metals on hands. The best chance of preventing sickness is knowing, when to clean your hands and which method to use.

### The Value of Clean Hands

**Soap and Water**
- Before, during, and after preparing food.
- Before eating food.
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick.
- Before and after treating a cut or wound.
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom.
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal waste.
- After touching garbage.
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

**Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer**
- Before and after visiting a friend or a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, unless the person is sick with *Clostridium difficile* (if so, use soap and water to wash hands).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and wash with soap and water as soon as you can.
- **Do NOT** use hand sanitizer if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy: for example, after gardening, playing outdoors, or after fishing or camping (unless a handwashing station is not available). Wash your hands with soap and water instead.

Hand sanitizers are second best to soap & water. **Handwashing with soap & water is like a "do-it-yourself" vaccine.**

**Things that reduce effectiveness of hand sanitizers are:**
- Dirty hands. Hands need to first be clean, in order to be sanitized.
- Alcohol content needs to be 60% or more in order to be effective.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, but do not eliminate all types of germs.
- Although alcohol-based hand sanitizers can inactivate many types of microbes very effectively when used correctly, people may not use a large enough volume or may wipe it off before it has dried.
- Over use could dry the skin due to the alcohol content. Dry skin provides addition surfaces for germs to cling to and compromises the barrier healthy skin provides.

**Don't rely solely on hand sanitizers.** They provide an effective partial solution until soap & water is available. Wash your hands with soap & water, not just after using the restroom.
**PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:**

1. Target Recalls Room Essentials 4-Drawer Dressers Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: [https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Target-Recalls-Room-Essentials-4-Drawer-Dressers](https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Target-Recalls-Room-Essentials-4-Drawer-Dressers)


Redmond, WA – Genie Industries, a manufacturer of lifting and material handling equipment, on July 21 issued a safety recall for certain aerial lifts, stating that the platforms may drop because of premature wear of the upper wear pads.

The organization discovered that weld debris in the boom tubes could trigger early corrosion of the pads.

The potentially affected devices have the following serial numbers:

- SX150H-101 to 161
- SX15016H-162 to 228
- SX150H-500 to 501
- SX18014-101 to 196
- SX18015-197 to 313
- SX18016-314 to 317
- SX18016H-318 to 360
- SX180H-600 to 602

Users with these devices are directed to order a replacement wear pad kit through the Genie website. For SX150 models, the kit product number is 1280093GT. For SX180 models, the kit product number is 1280092GT.
U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V508  
Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
Subject : Engine Control Software May Cause Stall

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Manufacturer : Gulf States Toyota, Inc.  
Subject : Improperly Torqued Roof Rails Fastener

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Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V506  
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.  
Subject : ECU Software May Cause Engine Shut Down

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Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
Subject : Seat Belt may not Restrain in a Crash

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Subject : Fuel Pump Failure Cause Engine Stall

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**Subject**: Coolant may Contact EPCU and cause Stall

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Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Subject : Second Row Left Seat Belt may be Unlatched

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Did you know that 7 people die every day in a home fire? And that one working smoke alarm can cut the risk of death in half? The San Diego Region of the American Red Cross is holding the Sound the Alarm - Save a Life events on Saturday, October 7th in the Barrio Logan Community.

The Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters a year, the majority of which are home fires. Working smoke alarms in a home cut the risk of death by half, and having an escape plan further improves the odds of survival. The Red Cross wants to end these tragedies and save lives and this is why the organization launched the Home Fire Campaign in 2014. Please join this important effort. Together, we can Sound the Alarm about fire safety and help save lives.

**Event Volunteer Opportunities**

**Pre-Event Canvassing**
Going door-to-door, volunteers can talk with community residents about the importance of smoke alarms and having family emergency plans, while informing them about upcoming installation events. Join us Saturday, September 23, 2017.

**Smoke Alarm Installation**
On installation days, volunteers can canvass neighborhoods with ladders and screwdrivers in hand, installing smoke alarms in homes that lack them and changing smoke alarm batteries when they encounter dead ones. Join us on October 7, 2017.

Through either volunteer opportunity, your company builds a face-to-face relationship with its neighbors, and your employees are part of a nationwide movement and share an amazing experience together - one that could truly save a son or daughter, a parent or grandparent, during a home fire.

**Volunteer Event Schedule**

- **8:45 to 9:15 a.m.**  
  Volunteers arrive, sign in

- **9:15 to 9:45 a.m.**  
  Welcome, introductions and training

- **9:45 a.m.**  
  Dismiss volunteers to canvass or install smoke alarms.

- **12:00 – 12:30 p.m.**  
  Volunteers return to report results, eat lunch.

- **1:00 – 2:00 pm**  
  Thank all volunteers and partners.
HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association: http://www.aiha.org/
American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org/
American Society of Safety Engineers Main Website: http://www.asse.org/
ASSE Body of Knowledge: http://www.safetybok.org/
ASSE Risk Assessment Institute http://www.oshrisk.org/
ASSE Center for Safety and Health Sustainability http://www.centershs.org/
California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), (Cal/OSHA): http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): http://www.cdc.gov/
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): http://www.epa.gov/
FEMA “Be Ready” Website: http://www.ready.gov/
Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): http://www.msha.gov/
National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH): http://www.niehs.nih.gov/
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Main Website: https://www.osha.gov/
San Diego ASSE Website: http://sandiegoasse.org/

Have a Safe AND Happy HALLOWEEN!