This Monthly in Safety:

- **National Fire Prevention Month**

What should employers do to protect workers from fire hazards?

- Employers should train workers about fire hazards in the workplace and about what to do in a fire emergency. If you want your workers to evacuate, you should train them on how to escape. If you expect your workers to use firefighting equipment, you should give them appropriate equipment and train them to use the equipment safely. See OSHA 29 CFR 1910.155 thru 165 for details about all requirements.

What does OSHA require for emergency fire exits?

- Every workplace must have enough exits suitably located to enable everyone to get out of the facility quickly. Considerations include the type of structure, the number of persons exposed, the fire protection available, the type of industry involved, and the height and type of construction of the building or structure. In addition, fire doors must not be blocked or locked when employees are inside. Delayed opening of fire doors, however, is permitted when an approved alarm system is integrated into the fire door design. Exit routes from buildings must be free of obstructions and properly marked with exit signs. See OSHA 29 CFR 1910.33 thru 39 for details about all requirements.

Recent OSHA enforcement action focus:

- Exit routes not kept free and clear of all obstructions
- Inadequate emergency alerting procedures
- Lack of training of Emergency Responders on fire extinguisher use (initial assignment and annual refresher)
- Unmarked/poorly marked exit doors and access to egress routes
- Unsigned or un-mounted fire extinguishers
- Inadequate or not site specific Emergency Action Plan
- Lack/poor documentation on Emergency Evacuation Drills
- Inadequate annual & routine monitoring of fire extinguishers being fully charged and operational.
President’s Message:

What’s in it for me?  We ask ourselves this question every time we consider getting involved with an organization whether it’s professional, social or political. As we start our new ASSE year, we are asking the question. We are a diverse group made up of old has-beens like yours truly to recent college graduates. We ask, can I just go on the ASSE site and get what I need? Do I have the time to devote to traveling and attending the monthly meetings? Is the information, networking and sharing I will experience at the meetings worth it?

As we go forward this year, the executive committee is in the process of paying more attention to keeping the Chapter Webpage on the ASSE Website up to date. Also we will be attempting to issue a quarterly newsletter. One of our newest members, Zach Brier, has agreed to take on that task along with Joe Bedard.

Matt Corn is busy arranging for speakers so that we can have a technical topic every month instead of just four a year as required by the association. We feel that it’s the best use of your time if you attend meetings. So check us out if you haven’t already.  

 Jerre Clauss - President

What’s going on in ASSE?

- Upcoming Chapter Meetings
  - November 2nd, 2016
  - December 7th, 2016

Toys for Tots Holiday Drive – please bring an unwrapped toy ($25) to the December meeting!!!

Job Openings in our Area:

- Safety Specialist - DE - http://www.indeed.com/cmp/Allen-Harim/jobs/Safety-Specialist-2505ce07b21d9bac?sidu=QwrrRXrzq3CNX5W-O9jevI3vp8n-sV9u2oigvcZmbkZLmoMx8w23icT70gcA-3MnCPY8hDQncB-YRfdNg
- Asset Protection Mgr – MD
  https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails
 & noback=0&partnerid=455&siteid=185&jobid=1591802
- Construction/Infrastructure Inspection Mgr - MD
  http://jobs.ourcareerpages.com/job/188305~Primary~726466?source=Indeed
- Site Safety Mgr – VA
  https://www.amazon.jobs/en/jobs/451580

Safety Shareable:

- Hurricane Season Preparedness Tips
  - ASSE urges everyone to prepare for emergencies in their businesses, schools and homes. To help you, important information can be found on the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) web site at www.osha.gov and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) web site at www.nws.noaa.gov.

- ASSE WISE Mentoring Program - connects today’s most talented and experienced women mentors with rising and aspiring mentees. This pairing is designed to encourage and empower mentees to more effectively advance their careers through alignment with identified business objective, skill development, career option consideration, and network