



Delmarva Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting Agenda:

- The second chapter meeting and technical session for this ASSE fiscal year is scheduled for this coming **Wednesday 10/4/2017**. The chapter session will be held at the Flaming Grill Restaurant located at 2640 North Salisbury Blvd in Salisbury MD from 11:30 AM to 13:00 PM. The topic for October is Silica Exposure and the OSHA Standards. Our speaker is Mary Kathryn Fletcher a Program Assistant at CPWR, where she is part of the research to practice (r2p) team. She completed her bachelor's in Biochemistry at North Carolina State University and Masters of Science in Public Health in Occupational Exposure Science at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. Before joining CPWR, she was the 2015 AFL-CIO Safety and Health Fellow. At CPWR, she focuses on providing services related to silica exposure and other construction hazards. She is an active member of the Occupational Safety and Health Section of the American Public Health Association.

This Monthly in safety:

- Regional ASSE Update
 - The Regional Professional Development Conference (PDC) was held Sept. 20 – 22, 2017 at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC
 - The Regional Operating Committee (ROC) for the region has met Sept. 18 & 19th, 2017 at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC.
 - Joe Bedard, our chapter president is planning to attend the ASSE Leadership Conference Oct. 12 – 14, 2017 in the Chicago area.
 - The Region will be holding elections this year for the Regional Vice President (RVP) position and the Area Director (AD) position for the Northern Area chapters which includes Delmarva. There are two confirmed candidates for the RVP position and one to date for the AD position.
 - The Society has voted to accept the new society name of American Society of Safety Professionals as well as the logo will retain the current logo design but will have the letters ASSP v. the current ASSE letters. Acting ASSE president announced that the role out of the rebranding of our society will be at the national PDC next Spring.
 - Finally, the Future Leadership Conference Nov. 7-8, 2017 in the Chicago area.
- OSHA Regulatory Update:
 - Delayed-OSHA's Beryllium standard
 - Withdrawn from review - OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen standard
 - Withdrawn indefinitely - Combustible Dust, Preventing Back-over Injuries
 - Long Term Actions – Infectious Diseases
 - Crane Operator Certification requirement has been delayed another year until Nov. 10, 2018
 - Silica Exposure in Construction is still on schedule to be enforced FEDERALLY on Sept. 23, 2017.
 - MD has not adopted this rule yet.

Job Openings:

- Director of Public Safety
 - UMES
 - Princess George, MD
 - <http://job-openings.monster.com/Director-of-Public-Safety-Princess-Anne-MD-US-University-Of-Maryland-Eastern-Shore/31/fcdb2c8a-1ee7-4d32-85a4-9d24ac5e7437>
- Safety Supervisor
 - Tyson Foods Inc.
 - Pocomoke City, MD
 - <http://job-openings.monster.com/Supv-Safety-Pocomoke-City-MD-US-Tyson-Foods-Inc/31/9a2ade39-1b9b-4c43-a1bf-d408e8a72da3>

President's Message:

Happy 20th Birthday Delmarva Chapter!!! I think we can all agree that the last two decades in the Safety profession have seen significant transition. "Back in the day" the rage was working toward a "positive safety culture" using such tools as LOTO SOP's, Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Ergonomic Assessment tools. We also espoused "compliance to policies", "Tool Box Talks" and Administrative and Engineering controls. Our metrics were such things as TRIR, LWDIR, DART and CPC – as lagging indicators of our progress in reducing incidents. Then it was reasonable and typical to have TRIR levels of 8.0 to 10.0 in many high volume manual processing industries. We were even beginning to use many Root Cause Analysis DEMAIC tools as Pareto Analysis, Ishikawa Fishbone Diagrams and 5 Why to drive our "continuous improvement" efforts in safety

Today we would be mortified with a TRIR of 8.0 – how could you run a profitable business with that level of Workers Comp costing? Many of us have begun the journey into "Behavior-Based Safety" with training and catch phrases as "Rushing/Frustration/Fatigue/Complacency as espoused by such firms as SafeStart – Electrolab Limited. We have even begun charting our course to a "Zero Harm" culture as our safety mission statement. I look forward to our mutual professional journey in working as a group in developing our safety "muscles" in our shared support of the ASSE (or is it ASSP???) training and networking opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our Delmarva chapter meeting and your usual awesome support during my tenure as the chapter president,

- Joe Bedard

Shareables:

- 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.
- Wise Mentoring Program
 - The WISE Mentoring program successfully 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 formation. All discussions are strictly confidential between the two parties. If you are an SH&E practitioner seeking to chart a successful career path or a seasoned pro eager to share experiences and insight, please visit the ASSE WISE website for more information.