



Delmarva Chapter Newsletter

November/December 2017

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

Next Meeting Agenda:

Our next session is this Wednesday December 6th at the Flaming Grill Restaurant (2640 N Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury MD). Our speaker will be Chuck Northam of Safety Resources LLC. (<http://www.safetyresourcesllc.com/>).

Next Meeting Special Activity:

Please consider bringing a new & unwrapped toy(s) as a donation to the area children whose parents can't afford to buy them holiday gifts. We will make sure that the US Marine Corp Reserve receives them to distribute in this worthy cause.



This Monthly in Safety:

- Regional ASSE Update:
 - 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 Northern Area is still seeking a second candidate for the 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.
 - The Delmarva Chapter will be amending our Charter & By-Laws to incorporate our new name change along with a subsequent vote from the chapter membership to confirm the change in our operating documents during the month of Dec. 2017.
 - ASSE SeminarFest will be taking place in Las Vegas, NV this February. With 94 courses to choose from please visit the link below for more information!
 - <http://seminarfest.asse.org/register.php>
- OSHA Regulatory Update:
 - OSHA has delayed the filing of electronic OSHA 300 A's for 2016 until Dec. 15th, 2017.
 - Delayed-OSHA's Beryllium standard
 - Withdrawn from review - OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen standard
 - Withdrawn indefinitely - Combustible Dust, Preventing Back-over Injuries
 - 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.
 - Georgia Tech University recently completed OSHA related training for 32 with emphasis on Poultry and Meatpacking Industries. There was great local attendance and a lot of good information shared.



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 info www.osha.gov and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) web site at www.nws.noaa.gov.

Job Openings:

UMES has a position for a Director of Public Safety open in Princess George, MD. For more information please visit: <http://job-openings.monster.com/Director-of-Public-Safety-Princess-Anne-MD-US-University-Of-Maryland-Eastern-Shore/31/fcdb2c8a-1ee7-4d32-85a4-9d24ac5e7437>

Tyson Foods Inc. has a position open for a Safety Supervisor in Pocomoke City, MD. For more information please visit:

<http://job-openings.monster.com/Supv-Safety-Pocomoke-City-MD-US-Tyson-Foods-Inc/31/9a2ade39-1b9b-4c43-a1bf-d408e8a72da3>

President's Message:

Happy Holidays to you and yours!!!

This season of our year is a time of high expectations, anticipation and most of all transition!!! As a safety professional, transition means that we're seeing the predominant hazards move to STF because of associates rushing to get out of the cold with ice/snow and black ice from sudden temperature changes thrown in for good measure. We also begin to see challenges with associate's tight muscles from cold weather causing strains and overexertion if not properly warmed up before beginning their tasks.

From a behavior-based perspective we notice that the hectic holiday season, with our myriad of activities, commitments and additional errands, brings with it a higher than usual distraction "quotient" in even the most routine tasks and a sense of hurry and bustle in almost all activities. All of this provided the "sauce for the holiday goose" often resulting in additional associate safety opportunities.

So, what to do??? Perhaps the answer is easier than we think – stay the course; you and your team have been working and adjusting your safety success business plan for weeks/months/years. Do any minor adjustments as per your normal methods and keep the safety culture conversation going. Continue to vocally recognize associates doing the many things they do to own their personal safety and support others around them. Thank them whenever you see their successes large and small. Keep the ongoing current messages valid for the hazard opportunities as they develop.

I find that I'm always energized by spending time with my safety comrades-at-arms at sessions such as ASSE and other likeminded activities – I highly recommend it!!! That "elbow rubbing" is a tonic to the usual impersonal communications so widespread in our daily world – texting, email, LinkedIn, Facebook, Web Ex, Skype AND worse of all Twitter ad-nauseam. I always come away with a new idea or a new way of looking at a problem I've been pondering. Let me be the first one to greet you and tell you, as a good friend is fond of reminding me, "You are Appreciated!!!" I leave you with this favorite quote I ran into years ago for your upcoming 2018 - attributed to Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury in Lancaster England in 1168

Give us Lord, a bit o' sun, A bit o' work and a bit o' fun;

Give us all in the struggle and sputter, Our daily bread and a bit o' butter.

Joe Bedard

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