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April 21st Meeting Risk Assessment in Joint Employer Environments

Location: Gulf Breeze Library
1060 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Fee: Free

“The traditional approach to understanding safety in joint-employer environments has been primarily focused on important aspects of contract management, prequalifications, insurance/compliance and business elements such as procurement. But are these enough to establish and maintain the ongoing risk assessment, monitoring and communications needed to maintain acceptable levels of risk? What we will cover:

- Risk multipliers and challenges to better safety
- Nature and history of serious injury/fatality as it relates to the joint-employer work environment
- A framework for safety management systems between two employers
- What does ‘better’ look like, and why do we need it?

Scott DeBow, CSP, ARM

Scott is a highly collaborative, strategic thinker with 19 years of progressive leadership in the realm of Risk/Occupational Safety. With an inside-out perspective as a safety professional in non-traditional employment settings, he sees tremendous opportunity for systems improvements that can work together to reliably create and maintain safer work environments. Working to align people, teams and industry resources for better safety within the joint-employer community, he devotes much of his time developing Safety Leadership across organizations with a targeted emphasis on systems improvements, as well as addressing the most critical type of risk far too easily overlooked (SIF: Serious Injury/Fatality).

Please RSVP for the meeting at our website.

<https://pensacola.assp.org/>

IH Corner

OSHA NEP for Heat Stress

OSHA announced the first ever National Emphasis Program (NEP) intended to protect U.S. workers from heat illnesses and injuries. The NEP went into effect on April 8 and will remain in effect for three years unless canceled or replaced by a superseding directive. Heat illness affects thousands of workers each year, and reducing heat-related illnesses and injuries in the workplace is a top priority for OSHA

“The three-year average of workplace deaths caused by heat has doubled since the early 1990s,” Walsh said. “These extreme heat hazards aren’t limited to outdoor occupations, the seasons or geography. From farm workers in California to construction workers in Texas and warehouse workers in Pennsylvania, heat illness—exacerbated by our climate’s rising temperatures—presents a growing hazard for millions of workers.”

The NEP is intended to improve OSHA’s enforcement and compliance efforts related to heat and will involve the agency proactively initiating inspections in more than 70 high-risk industries when the National Weather Service issues heat warnings or advisories in local areas. On days when the heat index is expected to be 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, OSHA inspectors and compliance assistance specialists will also provide outreach and technical assistance to stakeholders in high-risk industries, including unions and employers. Agency inspectors will identify and address heat hazards during inspections of workplaces in all industries, including those not targeted in the NEP.

Need a good IH?

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Presidents Message

Hey everyone. Spring has sprung and the tourists have returned. Our last meeting was on St Patricks Day and we had a good showing. There were 11 people registered. That’s a record for this chapter year. Let’s beat it this month. Our next meeting is April 21st. IT WILL BE THE LAST TECHNICAL MEETING of the chapter year. Our topic and speaker are presented on the first page of this newsletter, so I won’t repeat it here. Please try to attend. The chapter needs your active support.

We did hold a meeting in Tallahassee on March 25th. Our speaker (Alfie) was from the National High Magnetic Filed Laboratory at FSU. He spoke on the topic of Safety Culture and Personal Risk Tolerance. It was good. We had 6 ASSP attendees and the Florida School Board Insurance Trust invited their Safety Officers from the the entire state via webinar. Our next meeting will be May 6th and I will be speaking on "Mold - Fact AND Fiction. And Just FYI, we have been invited by the Mag Lab for a tour in the fall. Come to a meeting if you want to get on the list.

Our slate of officers for there 22/23 chapter year was announced in a previous communication. None of the positions are contested, so the election will be by acclamation. Our bylaws allow a voice vote when there is only one candidate, so we will request approval of the slate by electronic survey starting on May 1st. The election will close May 15th, so that we can report our officers to National before the end of the chapter year. The slate of nominees is:

President - Wendy Perez
Vice President - Mario Crocetti
Treasurer - Al Bressler
Secretary - Open

If you can serve as Secretary please notify Stanley Gray ASAP. (stanleygray10@gmail.com). And please don’t think that you don’t have the time. I was an officer in three different organizations this last year. I was President of the Pensacola ASSP; Chairman of the National AIHA Safety Committee; and President Elect of the Florida AIHA. You CAN do it!!!

The House of Delegates vote did not go my way. I recommended a “no” vote on the conversion of the House of Delegates to an Advisory Committee. But the chapter members voted “yes”, and I instructed our delegate to record a “yes” vote in the House of Delegates. Our delegate (Maralee) will roll into the role of our representative on the Advisory Committee. As a committee, the members will discuss business items for the ASSP Board of Directors, but any actions will be limited to recommendations for the Board to consider. We have lost our veto power over the Board.

The House of Delegates vote also included a provision regarding approval for the Society to pursue the sale of the headquarters building. I recommended a yes vote on this issue. The chapter members approved this motion as well, and Maralee voted accordingly in the HOD. This will allow the ASSP to sell the building and relocate to a rental property. This will result in significant equity earnings, increased operating funds, and balance sheet improvement.

Wendy will be working on speakers for the next chapter year (Sept 2022-May 2023) soon. If you would like to be a speaker for a future chapter meeting please let her know. at wrperez13@gmail.com. I will roll to the position of Past President and will remain engaged with the Chapter. I truly believe that chapter meetings offer an opportunity to network, develop, and socialize with like-minded professionals. Please don’t let the internet take this personal interaction away. We will all be less for it, if it does.

Lastly, our May meeting is going to be a chapter social. Neil Thorsen has invited us on his boat for a sunset cruise. But he can only fit 15 passengers. We will initially be limiting participation to those that have attended at least one meeting this year. Any remaining “seats” will be announced closer to the event. Hope to see you there. My personal thanks to Neil for his gracious offer for this event.

Respectfully submitted
Matthew Parker
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President Pensacola ASSP 21-22

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Membership Benefits

ASSP is where OSH professionals find a vibrant community, one that helps them grow professionally through education, networking and advocacy for the profession. Through our member communities, ASSP connects OSH professionals across all industries, genders, generations and ethnicities, and enables them to engage with one another on a global scale. Safety Education and Training, Safety Publications, Career Support, Safety Advocacy, Safety Standards, Student Resources, Member Recognition. If you need some hints on convincing your boss, click here.

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If you have an opening at your organization you would like to share with the chapter and have posted for members to view, let Mario Crocetti or Matthew Parker know. Openings will be shared with ASSP Pensacola Chapter members prior to being shared to the chapter website or LinkedIn page.

Future Meetings: Third Thursdays

May 18th, 2022

Sunset Cruise PCola Bay

You must have attended a meeting this year (Sep 21-April 22) to join us.

Tallahassee Meetings

Attention Tallahassee Members. We will be continue supplemental meetings at your end of the Chapter territory this year. See the President's Message for date and topic info. We will continue these next chapter year. If you know a location for the meeting or have an idea for a speaker or topic, contact Matthew Parker.

Photo of the Month



Handsfree????

Open Call for Speakers

We are seeking suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc. for speakers for the ASSP meetings. Please contact us with your thoughts!

Newsletter Information

Please forward this newsletter to any other in the chapter area that might be interested. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email mario.crocetti@gmail.com

Quote of the Month

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.”

Albert Einstein

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OSHA Proposes Additional Recordkeeping Requirements for Employers in High-Hazard Industries

A proposed rule from OSHA would amend the agency's standard for Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illness to require employers in certain high-hazard industries to electronically submit additional information from their OSHA 300 log, on which companies record work-related illnesses and injuries, and their injury and illness incident reports. The proposed rule would apply to employers with 100 or more employees in 98 industries specified in an appendix

"The proposed requirement would provide systematic access for OSHA to the establishment-specific, case-specific injury and illness information that these establishments are already required to collect," according to the text of the rule published March 30th in the Federal Register

Chemical Safety Board Fatal Fire Video

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) has released an 11-minute [safety video](#), titled "Simultaneous Tragedy: Fire at Evergreen Packaging," outlining the events that led to a fire at a paper mill in Canton, North Carolina, on Sept. 21, 2020. The video discusses safety issues that CSB identified as contributing to the deaths of two contracted workers and features interviews with Katherine Lemos, CSB chairperson, and Drew Sahli, CSB's lead investigator for the incident.

During a scheduled shutdown, employees of contracting companies Blastco and Rimcor were performing maintenance in two "upflow" and "downflow" towers. The towers were connected by a pipe but considered separate by the contractors and Evergreen Packaging, the paper mill's owner. The Blastco employees were applying alternating layers of fiberglass matting and resin to replace the surface material inside the upflow tower. The resin hardened more quickly in warmer temperatures, but this work occurred on a particularly cold night. Having difficulty completing their task, the Blastco employees used an electric heat gun to warm the resin, not communicating this decision to Evergreen or the two Rimcor employees working in the connected tower. Around 5 a.m., the heat gun was accidentally dropped into the bucket of resin, which ignited, and fire and smoke quickly spread through the pipe into the downflow tower. The Blastco employees evacuated, but both Rimcor employees were fatally injured.

CSB found that the heat gun was capable of producing temperatures greater than the resin's flashpoint, but the Blastco employees did not recognize this. According to CSB, Blastco failed to recognize the heat gun's use in a confined space near flammable resin as a form of hot work.

The video can be viewed here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF1fHHUcstg>