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February Meeting

When: February 22nd (Wednesday)

Address: 2660 Burlingame
Wyoming, MI

Topic: Workers Comp and Fraud Prevention

RSVP: Mike Rabach by 2-20-06
Mike3R@accidentfund.com
phone: (231) 773-6791

Host: City of Wyoming

Speaker: Len Hickey

Cost: \$10

Meeting Time: 8:00 AM Breakfast at 7:30

Location: City of Wyoming Pubic Service
Building

Seating is limited, so please RSVP with
Mike by February 20th.

Send submissions or replies
to:
steve.baril@earthtech.com

This month's meeting will feature a topic we are all accustomed to in the safety profession, Workers Compensation. There are many times that it is necessary to use this resource, as accidents happen in the workplace, however, there are times when the company is being taken advantage of, and workers are not being entirely truthful. There are many ways to combat fraud as it relates to workers compensation, many of which Len Hickey will talk about at this meeting.

Len Hickey is a member in the Grand Rapids, Michigan law firm of Hickey Combs PLC. Since 1980, Mr. Hickey has specialized in representing businesses, employers, insurers and claims administrators in workers' disability compensation matters. Mr. Hickey is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and its Workers' Compensation and Employment and Labor Law Sections.

Mr. Hickey is a frequent speaker and presenter on workers' disability compensation issues. His presentations have included the following groups: Michigan Self Insurers' Association; State Bar of Michigan, Lorman Education Services; Council On Education & Management; Association of Michigan General Contractors; Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Human Resources Conference; Michigan Patient Accounting Association; The Employers Association, Human Resources Group; Society for Human Resource Management; Van Andel Institute; and "Ask The Lawyer," WGUV-TV.

Len is extremely versed in this subject area, and if you want to learn some of the tricks of the trade as they pertain to workers compensation fraud prevention, definitely use this as an opportunity to enhance that knowledge by attending this months meeting.



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2005/06 Officers

President: Mike Rabach, CSP - Accident Fund (Mike3R@accidentfund.com) 231-773-6791

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WEBSITE: WWW.WMASSE.ORG

Your involvement will pay dividends – to you and the group. You will benefit from networking, increased job options, and skill development. The group will benefit from your ideas and spreading the work will be more manageable for all.

MIOSHA 2006 Local Training Schedule

Feb. 13-14	MIOSHA 10 Hour For Construction	Lansing	Staff	517.323-3254 or ekopietz@glhba.org
Feb. 15	Fall Protection for Roofers	Muskegon	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 or www.gvsu.edu/learn
Feb. 22	MIOSHA Standards and Compliance	Holland	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu
March 14-15	MIOSHA 10-Hour for Construction	Mt. Pleasant	Adriane Truss	517.371.1550 or adrianet@mi.agc.org
March 15	Health Issues in the Healthcare Industry	Gaylord	Mark McCully	989.705.3631 or mccullym@kirtland.edu
March 23	Spray-on Truck Bedliners - Things You Should Know!	Lansing	Dave Humenick	616.447.2658
March 23	Recordkeeping of Occupational Injuries & Illnesses	Traverse City	Shelly Hyatt	231.546.7264
March 28-29	MIOSHA 10-Hour for Construction	Ludington	Adriane Truss	517.371.1550 or adrianet@mi.agc.org
March 30	Guarding for Manufacturing	Battle Creek	Connie Dawe	269.965.4137

Dan Grzegorski and Eric Kreiger are heading up the nominating committee for board positions for the 2006/07 term. Any members are welcome to submit nominations to Dan or Eric.

Dan - (616) 459-3311 x389 / Eric - (616) 336-0103

WMASSE Safety Professional of The Year (SPY) nomination form for 2006 will be posted on the website by the end of the month and more details will be published in the Newsletter next month. A guideline to nomination is coming soon from the SPY Committee. Nominations will be due by the end of April 2006.

WMASSE has made a \$200 donation to Toy-for-Tots through Wyoming DPW in gratitude for hosting many of our monthly meetings and support of WMASSE.

Congrats to Mark Richmann who recently took a position with Acuity in their Sheboygan, Wisconsin office.

If you have a submission for a newsworthy event such as a job change, promotion, obtaining a certification, etc. please pass on the news so we can all celebrate!!! Contact me at steve.baril@earthtech.com

January Meeting Recap - Meth Labs

January Meeting—

The WMASSE January meeting was by far the meeting that garnered the highest attendance. We had well in excess of 40 people show up to hear a review of Meth labs. State Police Trooper Dan Young reviewed the history of the drug, how it has found its way into western Michigan, and the many factors to consider when responding to it.



Training and education were huge components of preparation when dealing with the drug. There were also a lot of indicators that were reviewed, such as personal mannerisms, condition of houses, types of chemicals on hand, etc.

The crowd consisted of many walks of the H&S profession from insurance, environmental H&S, other law enforcement agencies, building inspectors, etc. This presentation was truly educational as well as eye opening. Thanks to Dan for presenting, Heather Kubiak and the City of Wyoming for hosting once again, and all of the participants who came out to attend the meeting.



PM Environmental has openings in the following areas:
Interested candidates can contact Jim Charles at charles@PMenv.com

Environmental Specialist: The position requires 1 to 5 years experience completing Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for property transactions. Must have a 4 year degree, preferably in science, and have excellent writing skills. Should be proficient using MS Office products and able to work independently. Additional areas of experience can include MDEQ Part 201/213 rules, UST assessments, asbestos/lead assessments hydrogeologic investigations, and remedial investigations.

Project Manager/Engineer/Geologists: This position requires 5 to 8 years experience completing Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for property transactions and site remediation projects. Must have a 4 year degree, preferably in engineering or geology, and have excellent writing skills. Should be proficient using MS Office products and able to work independently. Additional areas of experience can include MDEQ Part 201/213 rules, UST assessments, asbestos/lead assessments hydrogeologic investigations, and remedial investigations.

Environmental Compliance Specialist: This position requires 1 to 3 years experience completing environmental compliance related projects. This includes air, water and waste related compliance and permitting projects. Must have a 4 year degree, preferably in engineering or geology, and have excellent writing skills. Should be proficient using MS Office products and able to work independently.

Mold/Asbestos Inspector: We are looking for someone with 1 to 3 years experience in Mold and Asbestos related inspections. Should be a certified asbestos inspector. Experience is mold, asbestos, and lead abatement preferred.

Regional Safety Supervisor

Superior Bulk Logistics, Inc., is looking for a Regional Safety Supervisor to service approximately 12 locations in the greater Midwest. This position will provide for development, implementation, and control of EHS and DOT Procedures in accordance with Company needs, policies, public relations and state and federal regulations. In addition to other duties, the Safety Supervisor will administer training, perform risk assessment audits, assist with incident investigations, assist with the driver hiring process; and is to be aware of operational costs that are reflective of a good, on-going Safety Process. Candidate should possess a good working knowledge of environmental, health and safety laws and standards. DOT knowledge would be considered a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Complete benefit package. Interested candidates should forward their current resume with salary history to: scaccavale@superior-carriers.com.

Falcon Industries in Byron Center is looking for a safety related person, possibly still in school to work with them. Almost like an internship. They are looking at possibly turning it into a permanent position. If you know of anyone, have them contact Mellani Dusseau at 583-1365.

Health and Safety Engineer - SteelCase

SteelCase is looking for an H&S engineer to administer the plant safety / industrial hygiene program to maintain a safe and healthy work environment, minimize employees' safety and health exposure risks and comply with Federal and State OSHA Standards.

For more information on how to apply for this job, contact Tim Martin (tmartin5@steelcase.com) or view the ad as posted on Monster.com

3-5 years of experience with BA/BS degree

Facility Health & Safety Specialist - Metamora Products Corp

Facility located in Metamora, Michigan since 1966.

Pay range 40's, excellent benefits. 1-2 years of experience with BA/BS degree in EH&S field

Plans and coordinates facility health and safety program requiring application of loss control principles and technology to analyze and control conditions contributing to safety deficiencies, occupational hazards and diseases.

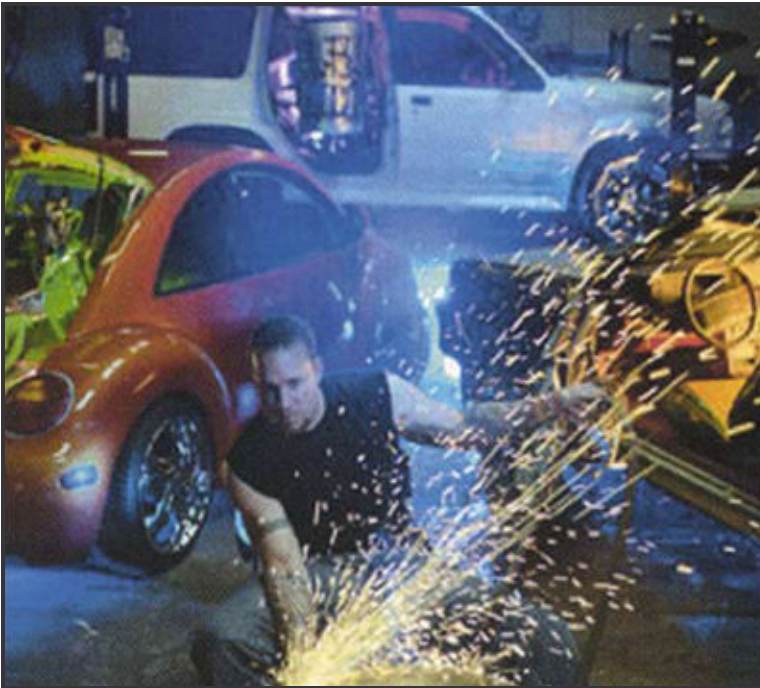


Photo courtesy of the Discovery Channel—Monster Garage

Do you ever watch home improvement shows such as *Extreme Home Makeover* or series like *Monster Garage* or *Myth Busters*? Lately after watching these, it makes you wonder (and sometimes cringe) at the lack of safety that appears on these shows. Now, many times it is simply a pair of safety glasses, or a hardhat, but ABC's *Extreme Home Makeover* and star host Ty Pennington in particular, take it a step further. Next time you watch, pay attention to the demolition scenes where Ty is a few feet from a grapppler dropping a huge log through the roof of a house, or talking into a camera while standing in front of a piece of heavy equipment.

An article on the internet read that at a recent taping of the show, students and staff from Virginia Tech assisted in providing a safety role for the workers, however this doesn't seem to translate into protecting the stars...I guess Safety takes a backseat to makeup, and looking good for the camera.

Take a look at some of the pictures. These shows are a safety professional's nightmare. Look and compare to what happens in your plants, job sites, etc. Do your supervisors share the same attitude? Do as I say, not as I do. Or, does the schedule outweigh the safety factor...does finishing the job on time outweigh the cost of doing it safe? Not to mention, the actual quality of doing work that takes longer (concrete setting, drywall mud and tile mortar curing). Shortcuts are always the best way to do jobs...Right?

These shows make for good TV, but make for a bad example of safety in the workplace. How many of us would want our employees riding an ATV without a helmet or yelling directly into people's ears with a bullhorn or grinding sheet-metal without any eye or face protection?

This is also a good example of what not to do. Many times we learn by our mistakes, but wouldn't it be wiser to learn from others mistakes....Then again, Wile E. Coyote never died falling off that cliff!



Photos courtesy of ABC.com—Extreme Home Makeover

Mark Your Calendars - Future Meetings

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
March 16	Severe Weather	Ginger Zee	6:00 pm - Dinner
April 18	Michigan Safety Conference		TBD
May 18	Environmental for the Safety Professional	Scott Plummer	7:30 am - Breakfast
June 16	Annual Golf Outing	Mike Rabach	9:00 am - Lunch