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January Meeting

Overview of Methamphetamine and Meth Labs

When: January 19th (Thursday)

Address: 2660 Burlingame
Wyoming, MI

Topic: Methamphetamine and Meth Labs

RSVP: Mike Rabach by 1-13-06
Mike3R@accidentfund.com
phone: (231) 773-6791

Host: City of Wyoming

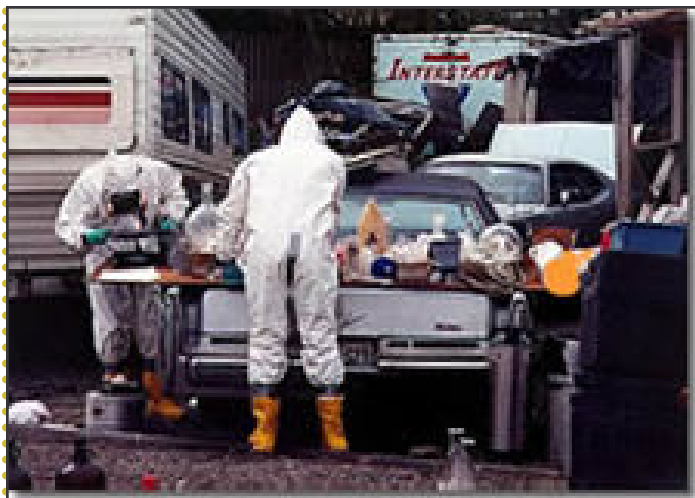
Speaker: Lieutenant Dale Young

Cost: \$10

Meeting Time: 8:15 AM
Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM

Location: City of Wyoming Pubic Service Building

Seating is limited, so please RSVP with Mike Rabach by January 13th



This months meeting will cover Methamphetamine and Meth Labs and their impact to our profession. This will be a general overview from the State Police Metro unit. One of the experts coming is based in Allegan County

This meeting should be of interest to building inspectors, public safety personnel, fire responders, Hazmat responders, Utility workers (replacing water meters in homes), Public Works employees replacing water services, plumbers, homeowners (what to watch for in the neighborhood), and anyone else who might have to enter property blindly.

Instances of methamphetamine production in the United States are on the increase. As a result, this drug is having a devastating impact on communities across the nation. Clandestine production accounts for nearly all of the methamphetamine trafficked and abused in the United States.

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Methamphetamine is clandestinely manufactured using common everyday items available to virtually anyone. These common items include over-the-counter cold and allergy tablets, alcohol, solvents, anhydrous ammonia, gasoline additives and drain cleaners. These are typically made in makeshift, illegal, and uncontrolled labs by untrained individuals. Many recent news reports show how individuals cook up Meth in hotels, in the woods, and in their basements. Many have tragically impacted responders by fire, explosion, and other health effects.

Lieutenant Dale Young with Michigan State Police will make the presentation. Breakfast will start at 7:30 with the meeting commencing at 8:15 a.m. The meeting will take place at the City of Wyoming Pubic Service Building.



Recap of December Meeting

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We had about 19 people attend for a behind the scenes look at safety and security issues. We also heard about the challenges of bring the Dead Sea Scrolls to GR. A social hour was had at Sully's afterwards.

2005/06 Officers

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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.

—> Job Opportunity <—

Target Corporation's Risk Management Department is growing! They're seeking to fill several Safety Management Specialist positions available in the following locations:

Charlotte, NC, Albany, NY, Cincinnati, OH, Melville, NY, and Kansas City, MO.

Primary job function: As a consultant to Region/Group/District staff, the Safety Management Specialist participates in all aspects of regional operations by providing Safety Management services to Target Corporation stores and distribution centers in his/her area. These services include Safety Management consultation, education and training, incident analysis. The Safety Management Specialist also participates in total company projects and continuous improvement initiatives.

Eligible team members will receive one of the best earnings packages anywhere, including competitive pay, all-around insurance coverage, 401(k), flexible scheduling, training and development and many other perks and benefits. See a place of exciting challenges and rewards. See a place where you'll feel empowered to do something brilliant. See a place filled with creativity and unlimited opportunity. Target is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and is a drug-free workplace.

Interested candidates may post to the position(s) at www.Target.com under Careers or contact Kathy Glodich at 248-265-2816 for more information

Local Membership News and Notes

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Congratulations to Brian Oczepek of Waste Management who recently achieved his ASP. Good luck in taking the next step the CSP!!!

Congratulations to Brett Hodgson of Earth Tech who recently achieved the OHST designation.

A second reminder—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.

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.

In case you have not already heard, the Herman Miller 171st facility has been recommended for MVPP Star recognition by MIOSHA. This is the highest level of distinction MIOSHA can bestow upon a facility. To put it into perspective this facility will become the second office furniture facility in the United States and the 21st overall facility in Michigan to receive such an honor. They have now entered into a truly elite group.

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

MIOSHA 2006 Local Training Schedule

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| Jan. 11 | Asbestos Awareness Training | Holland | Staff | 616.331.7180 or 1.800.690.0314 or check out our web site at www.gvsu.edu/learn |
| Jan. 11 | Elements of a Safety and Health Management System Workshop | Sault Ste. Marie | Continuing Education Services | 906.635.2802 |
| Jan. 12 | MIOSHA Recordkeeping Workshop | Lansing | Sandy Long | 517.394.4614 |
| Jan. 18 | Health Issues in Construction | Gaylord | Mark McCully | 989.705.3631 or mccullym@kirtland.edu |
| Jan. 18 | MIOSHA Recordkeeping of Occupational Injuries & Illnesses | Holland | Brian Cole | 616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu |
| Jan. 25 | MIOSHA Recordkeeping Workshop | Grand Rapids | Penny Mollica | 616.698.1167 |
| Jan. 26 | Safety for Maintenance and Facility Managers | Battle Creek | Connie Dawe | 269.965.4137 |
| Feb. 2 | General Fall Protection | Holland | Staff | 616.331.7180 or visit the web at www.gvsu.edu/learn |
| Feb. 7 | Powered Industrial Truck Train-the-Trainer | Gaylord | Shelly Hyatt | 231.546.7264 or seminarsandmore@webtv.net |
| Feb. 9 | Fall Protection for Residential Construction | Holland | Staff | 616.331.7180 or visit the web at www.gvsu.edu/learn |
| Feb. 13-16 | 55th Annual Industrial Ventilation Conference | East Lansing | Suzu Carter | 517.394.4614 or 866.423.7233 or www.michiganivc.org |
| Feb. 13-14 | MIOSHA 10 Hour For Construction | Lansing | Staff | 517.323-0390 or ekopietz@qlhba.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 |



This month's photo is brought to you courtesy of Sherri Miller of Wolverine World Wide. One of their corporate electricians while traveling between locations noticed this safety hazard and called the Safety Department. They went out to see for themselves and captured these photos. I hope there are no overpasses in this van's future!!!

Information Update

I am in the process of updating information in our internal database of names, addresses and emails. If you have new contact information, please pass it along to us. If you know of another member who is not getting the newsletter and would like to, please forward their information on to me as well.

Please have anyone who wishes to receive this newsletter contact me by email at steve.baril@earthtech.com

On behalf of the West Michigan Society of Safety Engineers, we hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season with your family and friends. Please keep safety in mind with all of your endeavors and hopefully you made a resolution to keep safety #1 in this coming year!!!

FREE Back Safety Training !!!

Free back safety training is available to employees in the Nursing Home, Manufacturing and Administrative & Support Service Industries through the Michigan Chiropractic Association's (MCA) WorkSafe program.

The training is funded through a grant from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth and the Michigan Chiropractic Association and is now in its fifth year, providing back safety to Michigan employees. MCA doctors conduct a one-hour, safety training session on proper lifting and movement in the work setting. Nursing Home, Manufacturing and Administrative & Support Service Industries with between 10 and 300 employees are qualified to participate.

Prior to the Training:

Participating doctors will conduct a walk-through of your facility prior to their presentation to observe the work being done and will use this information to generate discussion with the employees.

During the One-Hour Training:

- A brief back safety video will be shown.
- A back safety workbook is provided to each employee and reviewed as a group.
- A short back safety quiz is completed by each employee
- A group discussion is conducted by the MCA facilitator.

The Overall Goal:

To create a dynamic discussion with the employee, and to note the importance of the employee taking personal responsibility by keeping their back safe both at work and at home using the back safety techniques presented.

As Follow Up to the Training:

- A survey will be sent to you to evaluate our back safety program.
- A free back safety CD-ROM containing information to be used for supplemental training, including a web-based quiz will be sent to you.

To Schedule a Free Back Safety Training:

Go to www.michiganchiropractic.org, and click on "Back Safety Program"

Or, go to MCA_Worksaf@yahoo.com

Or, Call (517) 333-3133, Ext. 3

National ASSE Elections

The ASSE national officer elections will be upon us soon. It is important that everyone take the time to look at the candidates and vote on who will represent our organization from a national perspective. Take the time to look at next months (February) issue of *Professional Safety*. Ballots will be mailed on March 1st and must be received by March 31, 2006.

Mark Your Calendars - Future Meetings

| <u>Meeting Date</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Meeting Time</u> |
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| January 19 | Meth Labs | Dale Young | 7:30 am - Breakfast |
| February 22 | Workers Comp/ Fraud | Len Hickey | 7:30 am - Breakfast |
| 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 15 | Annual Golf Outing | Mike Rabach | TBD |