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December Meeting:

See below for the details!



January Meeting:

The January meeting will be on January 17th and the topic will be CPR/AED Certification.

Stay tuned for more information!

www.wmasse.org/meeting.html

December Meeting Information

Please plan on attending a holiday gathering on December 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Wood Lounge, 77 Grandville Ave SW. They are located in the same vicinity as Charlie's Crab and the new Founder's Brewing Company less than a block south from the Van Andel Arena downtown. We will not have a tour or program associated with this event this year...just good fun and holiday cheer. Please email kubiakh@ci.wyoming.mi.us to RSVP by 12/14/07. WMASSE will provide munchies...drinks are up to individuals. Happy Holidays to all those who cannot attend!

Happy Holidays!

First off Welcome to our new members! I was searching the MIOSHA website for something the other day and wondered how many of you are familiar with the wealth of information that is out there. I actually used all three of the MIOSHA Initiative subjects in my 2007 training (see page 3 for the Initiatives). Tree trimming, Young Workers, and Fall Protection are all high risk functions.

Between 2003 and 2007 I had several tree trimming Workers Compensation claims. All three required a trip to the Occupational Health clinic. Fortunately, only one was serious enough to result in lost time.

About 30 percent of my summer seasonal injuries occur to the 18-21 year old seasonal workers. For many this is their first strenuous job. They are not use to manual labor and they think they are invincible! Even though I personally train every seasonal worker in safety, I cannot train experience. Inevitably, there are injuries.

A fall from any height can result in a grave injury. Within the last two weeks a construction worker at our Water Treatment plant fell from scaffolding 20 feet in the air. He broke almost all of his ribs, severely injured his shoulder, and smashed his face...ramming a tooth up into his gums. He was in the hospital a week. There were problems with his fall protection system.

The MIOSHA Initiatives section has all the resources you need to train your employees. Don't recreate the wheel-use the resources that are available!

Heather Kubiak



2008 Kids “Safety-on-the-Job” Poster Contest

This is a great opportunity to get your child or your child’s class involved in safety. The poster contest runs now through Valentines Day, February 14, 2008. For all the rules, information, pictures of posters from previous years, prize information visit www.asse.org/naosh08

CSP Certification

Gary Boyer has been awarded his CSP designation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. He currently works as a Senior Loss Control Consultant for The Cincinnati Insurance Companies. Congratulations Gary!

Welcome new members from November .

Member	Jason Allen	(Heather A Kubiak)
Member	Clinton Evans	(Heather A Kubiak)
Student Member	Amy Randall	(Eric L Van Fleet CSHM)
Student Member	Katherine Dupre	(Eric L Van Fleet CSHM)
Professional Member	Jack Lowe	(John W Urban CSP)

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MIOSHA Training				
Jan 9	Asbestos Awareness	Holland	Brian Cole, Ph.D.	616.331.7180 or 800.690.0314 or Fax 616.331.7365 Register Online
Jan 10	MIOSHA Record-keeping and Cost of Injuries	Lansing	Sandy Long	Toll Free 866.423.7233 or 517.394.4614 or fax 517.394.1117 or email info@safetycouncil.org Register Online
Jan 16 & 17	Blueprints for your Safety and Health Management System	Jackson	Bill Rayl	517.782.8268 or fax 517.782.0061 or email at brayl@enterprisegroup.org
Jan 30	MIOSHA Record-keeping and Cost of Injuries	Grand Rapids	Wendy DeShone	616.698.1167 or Fax 616.698.6624 or email: wdeshone@teagr.org
Jan 30	MVPP/MSHARP Application Workshop	Lansing	Sandy Long	517.394.4614 or fax 517.394.1117 info@safetycouncil.org

Plant Safety, Health and Environmental Manager Position

Degree: BS Safety, Environmental or related degree
Years Experience: 8+ years
Salary: To \$90,000 plus bonus potential
Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Industry: Manufacturing

Exciting opportunity to lead the safety efforts for a large, union manufacturing plant. Responsible for developing, implementing and managing all proactive safety activities, ensuring compliance, developing prevention programs and training in such areas as ergonomics and behavioral based safety. Position also manages a (3) person Safety Department. Candidate must be able to partner with the site management team and the Global Safety Team.

**Ideal candidate will offer strong industrial safety experience within heavy manufacturing, staff management and union background.

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AED's

Tree Trimming Initiative

[Tree Trimming Initiative Letter](#) (October 9, 2006) (doc)
[Tree Trimmer Operations PowerPoint](#)
[Tree Care Industry Fact Sheet](#)
[GI Part 53 Tree Trimming](#) (pdf)
[The Green Industry Self-Inspection Checklist](#)
[MIOSHA & The Green Industry](#)

Young Worker Initiative

[Young Worker Initiative](#) (html)
[Youth Initiative Letter](#) (May 30, 2007) (doc)
Extreme Safety Brochure ([pdf](#) / [html](#))
[Extreme Safety PowerPoint](#)
[Facts about Michigan's Minimum Wage Law](#)
[Press Release](#) (May 30, 2007)
Landscape & Horticultural Services Industry Fact Sheet ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
The Construction Industry Fact Sheet ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
Restaurant/Fast Food Industry Fact Sheet ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
Retail Industry Fact Sheet ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
Youth Fatal Facts ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))

Fall Protection Awareness Training

[Fall Protection Awareness Training Letter](#) (September 22, 2005) (doc)
[Fall Protection Initiative Letter](#)
[Press Release](#) (September 22, 2005)
[Training Schedule](#)
[Fall Protection Standard Part 45](#) (pdf)
MIOSHA Fatal Facts: Falls that Kill ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
[GI Threshold Heights Requiring Fall Prevention/Protection](#)

WM-ASSE donated a Medtronic AED to Frederick Meijer Gardens during our Christmas Dinner/Program a couple of years ago. Last Tuesday, I met a retired nurse at a function. She is a volunteer at the Food Pantry and also a volunteer at FMG. She shared with me that a fellow volunteer, at the Gardens, two weeks ago suffered SCA. With an AED on site, the staff was able to administer this life saving device until EMS arrived on scene. She later was treated at a local hospital and the victim has regained full recovery. It's important to note that this AED was instrumental in the "early-chain-of-survival" steps.

Richard A. DeLeau
Environmental Affairs & Safety
Herman Miller

Check out the new PPE Standard!

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=14739

WMASSE Career Day

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On December 7 Chuck Hacht (MBTech Autodie) and WMASSE President Heather Kubiak presented information on Safety related careers to the 8th grade math students at Harrison Park Middle School. WMASSE sent out 30 letters to area high schools in an effort to promote the safety profession. We have received a number of replies directly from schools, however Junior Achievement got a hold of one of our letters and requested that we participate in the "Reverse Job Shadow Program."

There will be 17 opportunities over the next six months for ASSE members to reach out to schools and speak to math and science classes. Our next career day is set for December 14 at Grand Rapids Montessori. We will be speaking with the 12th grade math and science classes.

If you are interested in being a presenter, please email kubiakh@ci.wyoming.mi.us.



The ASSE Society level and our WMASSE chapter Membership Recruitment Challenge is in full swing. Go to www.asse.org/membership for additional information on the Society level challenge. Our local chapter recruitment challenge is described below:

Here is how it works:

- Use the application available from Pat Knight, Membership Chairperson, or online at <http://www.asse.org/membership/docs/memapp05.pdf>
- Student Members would use <http://www.asse.org/membership/docs/Studentapp05.pdf>

Make sure you identifying yourself on the application as the sponsor. The rest is simple. Pat will review new members on a monthly basis. At the regular monthly Chapter meetings new members will be announced. The following month's Newsletter will post new members and sponsors. You will automatically be entered into the National ASSE drawing (see below).

Awards for Individuals and Chapters

The Chapter will present you with the following for your participation and support:

- 1 New Member** Dinner certificate to a local restaurant (a \$20 value)
- 2-4 New Members** Paid registration to the single day pass admittance to the Michigan Safety Conference (2008 or 2009) plus diner certificate for each new member
- 5-10 New Members** \$150 voucher toward ASSE professional development programs or ASSE published books

NATIONAL ASSE's 2007-2008 Membership Recruitment Challenge

ASSE's Member-Get-a-Member campaign could have you joining the fiesta in Mexico! Each time you sponsor a new full member between April 2007 and June 2008, you'll be entered into the drawing, increasing your chances to win! Quarterly member recruiter drawings for \$100 will take place in August, November, and February.

Acapulco is one of Mexico's most famous beach resorts. The city features a beautiful bay, enticing beaches, and an unbeatable nightlife. For those who have never visited Acapulco, visit La Isla de la Roqueta, and sit back and relax or enjoy some scuba diving. You'll also want to check out La Quebrada, where fearless cliff divers plunge into the ocean below. If you're looking for a little excitement of your own, Acapulco offers bungee jumping and parasailing where, from high above, you can admire the stunning panoramic views of the bay, the hotel zone, and the surrounding mountains. When you sponsor just one new, full member you'll be entered into a drawing to win a trip for two to Mexico! This means the more members you sponsor the better your chances are to WIN BIG.

- Grand Prize:** Trip for Two to Mexico (\$5,000 value)
 - 1st place recruiter:** \$1,000
 - 2nd place recruiter:** \$500
 - 3rd place recruiter:** \$250
- (All prizes are in US Dollars and will come in the form of American Express Gift Checks)

The winners will be announced in July 2008. Get CREDIT! Remember to write your name as the sponsor on each application you hand out! Recruiting a member is easy when you find yourself interacting with colleagues at meetings, online, on the job, or while networking. Simply tell your colleague's how you have benefited from your membership in ASSE and suggest that they visit www.asse.org to learn more about membership and to join. If they decide to apply for membership, they'll need to put your name and employer (company) or phone number on the membership application line: Person who introduced you to ASSE. If they join, you get the credit. And we keep track of your recruitment activity for you. It's that simple.