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February Meeting:

Safety Excellence R&D (RISE OR DEMISE)

Friday, February 16, 2007
8:00am to 4:30pm
\$50 members
\$70 non-members
Wyoming BPW

(More information is below)

January Meeting Wrap-up:

(Information is below)



Safety Excellence R&D

(RISE OR DEMISE)

Larry Hansen

January Meeting Safety Technology

For the February, 16th WMASSE meeting we have acquired the talents of Larry Hansen. Larry will be putting on a one day seminar for us at the Wyoming BPW. He will be taking us through his new seminar "Safety Excellence R & D, (Rise and Demise)". To summarize, this one day class is best described as a mix of Safety Management 'Jeopardy', and 'Deal or No Deal'... pick a case—any case. Designed to be team-based and interactive, this seminar challenges safety practitioners, operations managers, and supervisor's on what it takes to achieve peak safety performance.

This class will start at 8am and go to about 4:30pm and include beverages throughout the day and lunch. The best part of it all is that Larry has agreed to do this class for \$50 each for members and \$70 for non-members. We are also working on getting approved for Continuing education points for this, (I'm talking to all you CSP's out there!).

If you are not familiar with the location, the Wyoming BPW is located on Burlingame one block north of 28th Street (on the right). Pull all the way to the back to the motor pool and follow the signs to the training room upstairs.

Reservations must be made by Friday, February 9th, and payment is required in advance. You may make your reservation by emailing me at James_Bauer@hermanmiller.com or calling (616) 654-5606. Space is limited, so RSVP soon. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Please feel free to pass this on to any of your clients or friends that are managers, supervisors, work in HR, or have other safety responsibilities.

The technology session held on January 16, 2007 at Steelcase University was a success. There were 20 attendees who were provided an overview of the various types of technology being used locally. Heather Perna, Steelcase Health and Safety, presented a wonderful overview of the TrendTracker and Stars online auditing software tool they utilize. Jim Potter, Summit Training Source, demonstrated the online safety training tools their company sells internationally. Paul Field, Applications International, gave everyone a webinar session to show their auditing tools. Pat Knight presented some basic techniques used to acquire and present data in Microsoft Excel, Word and Power-Point. Other tools such as digital cameras, PDA's and cell phones were discussed.

Any one requesting additional information can send Pat a note. A list of available auditing tools and the product information links for the above presented will be provided on the WMASSE website.



SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

As shown in the January Newsletter, Jeff Mather has been selected as the WM ASSE's Safety Professional of the Year. The fact that Jeff is the founder and managing partner for a West Michigan based safety consulting company named Access Safety, LLC was not mentioned in the article. We apologize for the error. Jeff's contact information and web address are listed below.

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Job Change

Nick Vosovic has replaced Chad Boelman of his former position as Safety Administrator with the Koyo Corporation in Battle Creek. Nick is a 2005 GVSU OSH graduate.

Save the date!

**ASSE Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida
June 24th through the 27th, 2007.**

**Michigan Safety Conference in Grand Rapids, MI
April 17th-18th, 2007
www.michsafetyconference.org**

JOBS

Safety Analyst

Jim Swartz with Delta Airlines has a safety analyst position in Atlanta in his office...entry level..2 to 3 years experience or safety degree. For more information contact Jim Stephan.

(404) 715-3302, jim.stephan@delta.com

Safety Manager

(U.P. Michigan) for this 1100 employee unionized facility. The candidate should have 8+ years safety experience, some of which should have come from a large facility (500+ ee's), have had direct reports and strong union experience. BS is Safety or related. Contact Paul Shrenker:

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NEWSLETTER

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Senior Loss Control Consultant is needed to service Western Michigan for Amerisure Mutual Insurance. This individual will be responsible for providing loss control services to the organization's top agencies and their clients. The consultant will have the responsibility to participate as an integral member of a service team whose primary goal is to develop their agencies book of business. This will be accomplished by having a positive impact on the client's loss ratio and by assisting the agency in retaining current business. The consultant will also play a key role bringing in new business by providing a professional loss prevention consulting service. The selected individual will achieve these goals by utilizing superior communication and relationship building skills with internal and external customers.

Regular activities include:

- Execute underwriting and loss prevention assessments at Insured's premises
- Develop focused loss prevention program enhancements based on observations made during surveys
- Communicate and explain the enhancements and results of observations
- Motivate the Insured to undertake the implementation of loss controls to minimize exposure and workplace hazards based on the Insured's unique loss exposures and maintenance of loss control systems
- Partner with clients to develop permanent self-controlled loss prevention programs
- Assist with risk selection and attain risk improvement throughout the territories

Candidates will be expected to meet all responsibilities with the utmost professionalism and with the highest degree of quality. Consultants will be expected to make presentations to groups of various sizes in both formal and informal settings and must therefore possess exceptional public speaking skills. The consultant will assist other functional departments and provide input to department procedures. Candidates will have the ability to efficiently schedule appointments, plan travel, set itineraries, and prepare expense reports. This position requires a bachelor's degree in a professional field and at least 3 years of professional experience. The candidate must be able to apply comprehensive technical expertise and creativity in the decision-making process. Excellent composition and writing skills are essential.

Alex Novell, Recruiter
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2007 'SAFETY-ON-THE-JOB' KIDS' POSTER CONTEST

ASSE's fifth annual 'Safety-on-the-Job' Kids' Poster Contest for members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and chapter-supported schools deadline for entries is very soon. Valentines' Day, February 14, is the deadline. Go to www.asse.org/naosh07 for rules and entry form to post on back of 11 x 14 poster. Children aged 5 – 14 can enter. First place prizes in each age group are \$1,000 savings bonds. In addition, every entrant receives a prize. The winning posters make up the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH—May 6 –12, 2007) 07 poster distributed worldwide reaching more than 50 million people and 150,000 businesses with occupational safety, health and environmental messages from your children.

There's more -- all posters will be displayed during the ASSE/CSSE/OSHA May 7 NAOSH national kick-off to be held at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. beginning at 10:30 a.m. They will also be displayed throughout the week at the DOL and at the ASSE Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Orlando in June.

To enter simply print out an entry form found at www.asse.org/naosh07, paste it to the back of the 11 x 14 poster and mail it to the ASSE PR Department, 1800 E. Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018 c/o Sarajenie Smith.

And more -- last year, and years before, your fellow members went a step further and had special events for their local poster contest winners during chapter meetings and at their schools, helping spread the word about the importance to everyone about occupational safety, health and the environment. Get those posters in now. If you have any questions please contact either;

ASSE PR Coordinator Sarajenie Smith at ssmith@asse.org, 847-768-3462 or PR Manager Diane Hurns at dhurns@asse.org, 847-768-3413.

Safety The Movie & MVPP

Safety The Movie

Hosted at local movie theaters across the country, leading safety experts from more than a dozen companies provide details on how machine safety can become a competitive advantage. Moviegoers will have access to safety subject-matter experts for further questions at the conclusion of the movie.

Each attendee will receive a Safety Workbook that contains valuable information for on-the-job use such as:

- the latest OSHA standards
- a guide to risk assessment
- advice on selecting an appropriate safety strategy
- tips on using safety as a competitive advantage

Follow-on events such as safety seminars and lunch-and-learn programs will be available for customers who want to learn more about implementing successful safety strategies.

“We’re hoping that such a broad, national reach will provide attendees with easy access to an educational and entertaining forum on emerging safety standards and how to implement safety systems in their operations,” said Tom Kopanski, Vice President, Siemens Energy & Automation. “Safety education is critical however, more than 72 percent of the controls engineers who responded to a 2006 survey by Control Engineering magazine were not aware of all of the recent and dramatic changes in safety standards.”

Safety The Movie will be appearing in Grand Rapids at the Cinemark Theatre in Woodland Mall on Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30am. If you would like more information, please go to the following website.

<http://rdbl2.safetythemovie.com>

MIOSHA Training Schedule - www.michigan.gov/cis

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| Feb 8 | Health Issues in Construction | Grand Rapids | Jennie Guiles | 616.245.6300 or fax 616.245.6668 |
| Feb 8 | MVPP and MSHARP Application Workshop | Holland | Mary Arocha | 616.654.5987 or fax 616.654.7340 mary_arocho@hermanmiller.com |
| Feb 12 | When MIOSHA Visits | Holland | Brian Cole | 616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu |
| Feb 12 - 15 | 56th Annual Industrial Ventilation Conference | East Lansing | Staff | Telephone: 517-394-4614 Toll Free: 866-423-7233 FAX: 517-394-1117 |
| Feb 21 | Self-Inspection to Identify Hazards and Safety Training Needs | Grand Rapids | Wendy DeShone | 616.698.1167 or fax 616.698.6624 or wdeshone@teagr.org |
| Feb 26 | Asbestos Awareness Training | Holland | Brian Cole | 616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu |
| Feb 27 | Lockout (Control of Hazardous Energy Sources) and Machine Guarding | Muskegon | Brian Cole | 616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu |