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March Meeting:

Details are below.



April Meeting:

Our April meeting is at the Michigan Safety Conference on April 20th.

More information will be included in the next newsletter!

March Meeting

This month's meeting will be a joint meeting with the Lakeshore Safety and Environmental Network.

Location: Tommy Branns Restaurant 4157 Division Ave S in Grand Rapids
(On Division north of 44th)

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Bill Steffen, Channel 8 Chief Meteorologist will speak on "Sever Weather"

Cost: \$12.00

If attending, please RSVP to Su Paauwe at 616 451 6244 or email spaauwe@nthconsultants.com before **March 5th**. Please indicate whether you would like a Sizzler or Chicken House Salad.



ASSE Chapter Recognition
2008-2009



Job Postings

The following jobs are currently posted on the WMASSE website.

www.wmasse.org/jobs.html

**Industrial Hygienist Intern;
Environmental Engineer or
Safety & Occupational Health MGR**
Department of Veterans Affairs
Upper Peninsula, MI

Field Safety Consultant
Consumers Energy
Flint and Bay City

Industrial Hygienist
State of Michigan
SE Michigan

Risk Manager - Insurance
Troy, MI

Michigan Safety Conference

The 2010 Michigan Safety Conference will take place April 20-21, 2010, at the Lansing Center, 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI.

Go to the following website for further details:

www.michsafetyconference.org

Local MIOSHA Training

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March 17	Asbestos and Lead Awareness	Holland	Brian Cole	800 690.0314
March 24	Health Hazards in Construction	Muskegon	Brian Cole	800 690.0314
March 24	Ergonomic Principles	Grand Rapids	Staff	616.698.1167 training@teagr.org
March 30-31	Blueprint for a Safety and Health Management System	Grand Haven	Nancy Manglos	616.842.0529
March 31	Part 380 - Occupational Noise Exposure & Hearing Conservation	Lansing	Sandy Long	866.423.7233 info@safetycouncil.org

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Important Safety Recall

Louisville Ladder Certain Type IA, Type I and Type II “D” Rung Fiberglass Extension Ladders

The fly section on the ladder may bind without locking.

The following Louisville/Davidson ladders are affected:

534-XX (24' – 40")	FE3224-E08	FE3232
578-XX (24' – 32')	FE3224-LO32	FE3232-E03
618-XX (24' and 28')	FE3228	FE3236
FE1724	FE3228-010002	FE3240
FE1728	FE3228-74037	L-3022-XXPT (24' – 32')
FE3224	FE3228-E03	L-3121-24
FE3224-E03	FE3228-E03E34	

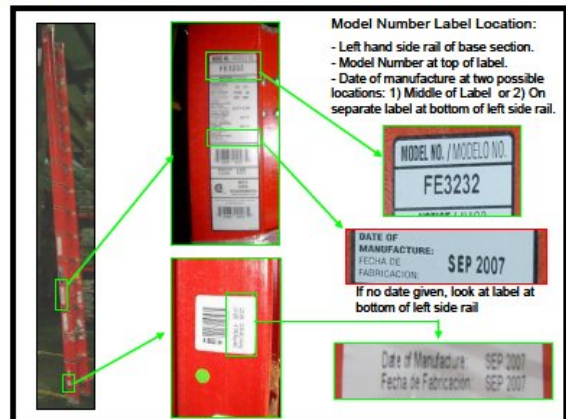
(On the ladder, the “XX” will identify a particular model size).

Only ladders with manufacture dates/date codes of September 2007 and October 2007 are affected.

Ladders manufactured during September 2007 and October 2007 but with two green dots near the bottom of the left side base rail have already been inspected or repaired and are not affected. →



The model number can be located on the model number label on the left side rail of the ladder.



If your ladder is affected, STOP USING IT IMMEDIATELY, and call Louisville Ladder toll free at **1-800-660-4356** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or at www.louisvilleladder.com for information on how to inspect and receive compensation if necessary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Director of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, along with the General Industry Safety Standards Commission and the Construction Safety Standards Commission announce the amendment of the following rules:

GI PART 69 COMPRESSED GASES: ACETYLENE, HYDROGEN, OXYGEN, AND NITROUS OXIDE

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8, 2010

General Industry Safety Standard Part 69 Compressed Gases was amended as of January 22, 2010; the changes will be effective as of February 8, 2010. MIOSHA adopted OSHA 29 CFR §1910.102 Acetylene by reference.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Construction Safety Standard Part 2 Masonry Wall Bracing for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 1 p.m. An initial public hearing on these rules was held on August 19, 2009. Since that public hearing, the rules have been amended to update information contained in the tables relating to Maximum Un-braced Height of Unreinforced Masonry and Maximum Horizontal Spacing for the Triangle Wall Bracing System.

Ready, Set, Go!! Chapter Membership Challenge 2010

February 15, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Membership Incentive: PROMO CODE: 1002CHPCHL should be given to prospective members. It is an incentive that will allow them to receive a waived application fee and a free practice specialty. When this code is used a savings of \$45 (\$25 app fee & \$20 Pract. Spec) is realized. With the promo code they only need to pay the balance of \$145. In order for your chapter to receive credit in the challenge the promo code must be on the application either online, mailed or faxed, or if they call.

Resources that you or your members can use when recruiting:

ASSE Membership Benefit Information: <http://www.asse.org/membership/benefits.php>

Network with other SH&E professionals in your specific field through practice specialties. There are 16 to choose from. Visit <http://www.asse.org/broadcasts/zmag-mem-benefits.html> to see sample newsletters.

Link to online application: <https://www.asse.org/cartpage.php?link=additem&PID=MEMBERAPP&QTY>

*Students and Emeritus members are not eligible due to the already reduced dues amount.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS SADDENED BY LOSS OF COMMITTED ST. LOUIS SAFETY PROFESSIONAL CHRIS WALTERS IN PLANT EXPLOSION

DES PLAINES, IL (February 10, 2010) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) President C. Christopher Patton, CSP, said today that ASSE is saddened by the sudden loss of Chris Walters, an ASSE member since 1981 who worked as a safety professional for more than 20 years. He was not only dedicated to protecting people, property and the environment, but to his wife, Fran, and their three children.

A resident of Florissant, MO, Walters died Sunday in a power plant explosion in Middletown, CT, where he was working as a contract safety manager. "Chris was a very active member of ASSE, a fellow St Louis Chapter member, and respected safety professional," Patton said. "He was a great volunteer in the chapter, well liked by everyone, and will be sorely missed."

Walters had master degrees in Safety Management and Occupational Safety and Health. He had served as a volunteer in the ASSE St. Louis Chapter for several years, and, to continue his commitment to the profession he transferred his ASSE membership to the local Nutmeg chapter when he took the job in Connecticut, where he continued to be very active.

"As occupational safety and health professionals we work every day to make sure that workers, our co-workers, leave work injury and illness free," Patton continued. "That's what Chris has been doing for more than 20 years. It goes far beyond compliance, as safety professionals must inspire commitment from their leadership and integrate safety into business' strategic and sustainability plans."

A recent Central Missouri State University (CMSU) alumni magazine featured Walters in a story for his work in the construction of the new Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis stating, 'Hunt Construction credits CMSU graduates Chris Walters, safety manager, and his assistant Joe Enright, for helping establish one of the best safety programs in the industry. The company's lost-time injury rate building Busch Stadium was 82 percent below the national average. Their dedication to safety helped the \$344 million-plus project stay on schedule and on budget with barely any loss due to incidents.' For that project Walters estimated that it took about 2.5 million hours of labor to build the stadium, which was built from October 2005 until April 10, 2006.

"We are all deeply saddened by Chris' death," Patton said. "Because of people like Chris millions of workers in the U.S. go to work and leave work injury and illness free every day. We salute Chris for all he has done the past 20 years as a dedicated safety and health professional and will honor his memory, especially in St. Louis where he touched so many lives."

Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL-based ASSE has more than 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members who lead, manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor, health care and education. For more information please go to www.asse.org.



100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety

ASSE will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 14, 2011. But *WISE* - Women in Safety Engineering is working now to commemorate this momentous occasion. We will honor 100 women who have, or are currently, making a difference through their work and dedication to protecting people, property and the environment.

In October 2009 *WISE* have began honoring up to four women in our monthly Newsletter, and we will continue to do so until October 2011. Then in October 2011, *WISE* will consolidate the profiles of those 100 dedicated women into a single publication, *100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety*, and will debut it at the 2011 ASSE Leadership Conference.

WISE plans to honor women throughout the ages who dedicate their lives to making a difference in the lives of other through their promotion and innovation in safety, health and environmental issues. The honorees will not all be ASSE members. And some paved the way long before ASSE was even founded, like Rebecca Luken who made a difference in manufacturing safety in the 1800's. While others nominees, such as Trish Ennis and Terry Wigfall are ASSE members making a difference today. Our honorees will be diverse. They won't all be public figures, well known, or famous; they will be everyday heroes making a difference in the lives of others through their commitment to protecting people, property and the environment.

Join us in our efforts to honor the women you know who are making, or have made, a difference by nominating them for this honor. Complete the nomination form below and send it to Terrie Norris at tsnorris@earthlink.net. The nomination form is also available on our web site at <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/index.php>. You will find the link to the nomination form by clicking on "100 Women Project" listed near the bottom of the column on the left side of the page.

If you would like to join us in this exciting project or to find out more information, please contact: Kelly Bernish, at Kelly.a.bernish@disney.com, Jennifer Zipeto at jzipeto@gmail.com, Terrie Norris at tsnorris@earthlink.net, Deb McDaniel at mcdaniel@kochind.com, and/or Maureen Johnson at maureenj@us.ibm.com.



100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety
Nomination Ballot

Name of Nominee: _____ Her email: _____

Nominator's email address: _____ Your email _____

Describe in 100 words or less how this woman is making a difference/why should she be included in our *100 Woman* collection:

Are you willing to write the article? Yes No Maybe

Would you like to work on the project? Yes No Maybe