

# American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



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There are snow flurries out there, so I guess it is that time of year. It is time to give thanks. I offer my thanks to Bob Slack and Alissa McCloskey @ Alcoa, and again to Bill Santa @ Kennywood. Thanks for “stepping up” and providing informative presentations to our chapter members. Also thanks to Steve Tima and PAT for arranging the North Shore tunnel tour way back in September. For those of you who attended both the October and November sessions I will forward the needed information to ASSE so you are credited with CEUs.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Lunch on 12/12 @ the Engineer's Society. The hotline is open to take reservations. Don't forget we are still looking for speaker proposals for our April one day Seminar. We are lining up other topics and speakers for 2009 to round out our monthly meetings. Wherever we can we will offer CEUs for those who need them for CSP maintenance. Our January meeting most likely will be

on workers compensation fraud. We are trying to arrange something in March on violence in the workplace. If you are skilled in the area of fire protection, prevention and sprinkler systems, this would be a good topic/tour event presentation we are also looking to explore. Call if you have ideas on this topic.

We just held an ASSE executive committee meeting and we are talking about having a golf outing in June 2009 as a benefit fund raiser. We want to try and make this as good event as possible. Proceeds of the event would go towards scholarships for IUP and SRU. If you have an interest in golfing, sponsoring, or maybe just coming out for some fun, circle June 12, 2009 on your calendars. More information will come later on the event.

ASSE currently has a Kids Safety on the Job Poster contest that runs through February 2009 to submit posters. We will put something on our website later. Winning posters will be featured @ a kick off event in Washington DC. We cannot start the young safety professionals too early.

Best wishes to you and your family to have a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.



Safe hunting and good luck to deer hunters!!

Thaddeus M. Pajak, CSP, ALCM, MS

# Chapter Events Calendar

## December 12, 2008 Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at The Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The phone number there is (412) 261-0710. The cost per person is \$ 25.00. Please bring a small to raffle. Registration and socializing begins at 11:30am with the lunch buffet served at 12:30 pm. The menu for the buffet include tossed salad with choice of dressing, assorted rolls and butter, chicken athenia with lemon, oregano, kalamato olive, tomatoes, and feta cheese, salmon bruschetta, tomato basil vinaigrette, white wine, and spinach, tortellini truffallata, mushrooms and alfredo cream sauce, roasted red skin potatoes, mixed vegetables, holiday dessert assortment, coffee, decaf, hot and iced tea.

Please RSVP via the hotline @ 412-281-1885 by December 9, 2008.

## January, 2009 (date TBD)

Information is forthcoming.

## February 20, 2009 Construction Safety Symposium

A Construction Safety Symposium is being planned along with a job site visit to the arena construction project site for February 20, 2009. Topics will include:

OSHA Construction Update	Crane Safety
Work Zone Safety	Electrical Safety

The speakers are TBD

Even though plans are not finalized, some information is available and very tentative. It will be finalized and communicated as soon as possible. Tentatively, the seminar will begin with registration at 7:30 AM and conclude at 3:30 PM at the Marriot Center City, Chatam Place and include a Continental breakfast and light lunch, it will be limited to 100 attendees. CEU's are anticipated. The date is trying to be arranged for Friday February the 20<sup>th</sup> with the speakers TBD. Vendor sponsors are welcome. There could be space for vendor exhibition booths. The speakers and sessions will last approximately 45 to 60 minutes and allow time for attendees to visit vendors' booth in the morning, at lunch and before and after the tour. The anticipated cost would be around \$75.00 for the day. We have \$1000.00 in the budget for this project.

Assistance is needed with lining up the speakers and finalizing plans. Contact Fran Sehn or Carl Heinlein.

## April 30, 2009 Safety Expo

Shannon Safety Products and ASSE-WPA are once again partnering for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Expo at the Hilton Garden in Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA. We will be looking for speakers and vendors. More information is forthcoming.

## June 12, 2009 Golf Outing

The chapter is completing plans for a golf outing. The plans are tentative and will be communicated in more detail later. For now, the plans include a scramble with a shot gun start in the morning. The outing is open to members and guests. There are sponsorship opportunities available. Prizes will be awarded. The location has yet to be firmed up.

## Future Program Ideas

It's not to soon to begin thinking about topics for future programs, so please give it some thought and let us know what you are interested in hearing about or provide us with ideas of speakers you have heard that you think would make for a good monthly meeting.

## Student Sponsors

Students enrolled in Safety Sciences are the future of our profession. The Executive Committee and Chairs are continuing the effort to develop linkages and outreach with the two Student Sections at IUP and Slippery Rock. The current policy is to allow Student Section members from either school attend our monthly technical meetings for free. The chapter absorbs this cost in our operating budget. You can help the chapter by sponsoring a student or two and

pay their meeting fee. If you or your company would be willing to do this, please get in touch with Nick Kachur at [nkachur@nevchem.com](mailto:nkachur@nevchem.com).

## Government Affairs Update

Contributed by Stive Tima

### **OSHA Proposes Cranes and Derricks Rule**

OSHA has proposed a rule to protect employees from the hazards associated with hoisting equipment when used to perform construction activities. Under the proposed rule, employers first would determine whether the ground is sufficient to support the weight of hoisting equipment and associated loads. The employer then would be required to assess hazards within the work zone that would affect the safe operation of hoisting equipment, such as power lines and objects or personnel that would be within the work zone or swing radius of the hoisting equipment. Finally, the employer would be required to ensure that the equipment is in safe operating condition through inspections and to ensure employees in the work zone are trained to recognize hazards associated with the use of the equipment and any related duties that they are assigned to perform. Comments are due December 8, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-21993.htm>

### **NIOSH Sets PPE Guidelines for Hazardous Drug Exposure**

A NIOSH report released in October states that health care workers who handle hazardous drugs are at risk of skin rashes, cancer, and reproductive disorders and recommends that employers provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect those workers. The report details the risks and recommends controls. The report can be found at

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2009-106/>.

### **NIOSH Fact Sheet on Landscape Worker Fatalities**

NIOSH has issued a fact sheet on landscape worker fatalities, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2008-144/>. According to NIOSH, "(a)n average of 197 landscape services workers died from on-the-job injuries each year between 2003 and 2006. The fatality rate for the landscape services industry, about 25 deaths per 100,000 workers, is similar to that for more recognized high-risk industries such as agriculture and mining. Although landscape services workers make up 0.8% of the U.S. workforce, they experienced 3.5% of the total occupational fatalities. Landscape services workers complete jobs such as landscape and irrigation installation, lawn care, tree removal, general landscape maintenance and snow removal."

### **EPA Final Rule on Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines Emissions**

EPA has set emission standards for new nonroad spark-ignition engines to reduce emissions. The exhaust emission standards apply starting in 2010 for new marine spark-ignition engines, including first-time EPA standards for stern-drive and inboard engines. The exhaust emission standards apply starting in 2011 and 2012 for different sizes of new land-based, spark-ignition engines at or below 19 kilowatts (kW). These small engines are used primarily in lawn and garden applications. EPA is also adopting evaporative emission standards for vessels and equipment using any of these engines. The rule becomes effective December 8, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-21093.htm>

### **BLS Says '07 Work-Related Injuries/ Illnesses Decline 4.5 Percent from '06**

On October 23, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its annual report on nonfatal workplace illnesses and injuries among private industry employers. The press release outlining the results can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/osh.nr0.htm>. The following is from the BLS news release:

#### WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES IN 2007

Nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses among private industry employers in 2007 occurred at a rate of 4.2 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers — a decline from 4.4 cases in 2006. Similarly, the number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses reported in 2007 declined to 4 million cases, compared to 4.1 million cases in 2006. The total recordable case injury and illness incidence rate among private industry employers has declined significantly— by 0.2 cases per 100 workers—each year since 2003, when estimates from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) were first published using the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Among other findings that BLS highlights in the release:

- The total recordable case injury and illness incidence rates declined among 5 of the 19 private industry sectors—Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Construction; Manufacturing; and Health care and social assistance—in 2007 and remained statistically unchanged in the remaining 14 industry sectors.
- The total recordable case injury and illness incidence rate was highest among mid-size establishments (those employing between 50 and 249 workers) and lowest among small establishments (those employing fewer than 11 workers) compared to establishments of other sizes.

· Similar to 2006, 14 detailed industries, each reporting at least 100,000 injury and illness cases, combined to account for nearly 1.8 million cases (45 percent) of the 4 million total cases reported nationally in 2007. General medical and surgical hospitals (NAICS 6221) reported more injuries and illnesses than any other industry in 2007—more than 253,500 cases.

### **MSHA Extends Comment Period on Alcohol/Drug-Free Mine Rulemaking**

MSHA will hold an additional public hearing on its proposed rule to amend the existing metal and nonmetal standards for the possession and use of intoxicating beverages and narcotics and make the new standard applicable to all mines. The proposed rule would also require those who violate the prohibitions to be removed from the performance of safety-sensitive job duties until they successfully complete the recommended treatment and their alcohol- and drug-free status is confirmed by a return-to-duty test. Comments are due November 10, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25380.htm>

### **Oregon OSHA Adopts New Safety Meeting Rule**

Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health Division has adopted a new employee involvement rule. The rule reflects a 2007 legislative change requiring all employers to have a safety committee or hold safety meetings with their employees. Under the new rule, all employers will need either to have a safety committee or to use the less formal option of safety meetings to involve their employees in addressing jobsite safety.

The press release explaining the changes can be found at [http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/admin/newsrelease/2008/nr2008\\_31.pdf](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/admin/newsrelease/2008/nr2008_31.pdf) and the rulemaking is at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/654.html>.

### **Rail Safety Legislation Signed Into Law**

On October 16, 2008, "The Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008" (Public Law 110-432) was enacted, reauthorizing the Federal Railroad Administration and providing \$1.625 billion for the U.S. federal rail safety program from 2009 through 2013.

Information on the legislation can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:H.R.2095>. Significant rail safety measures are included in the new law.

### **OSHA Offers New Hospital eTools**

OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs has announced the availability of new OSHA Hospital eTools, including a new Sonography module and an updated Surgical module. The Sonography module provides guidance for how sonographers (medical professionals who operate ultrasound imaging devices to produce diagnostic images) can reduce their risk of musculoskeletal disorders. The updated Surgical module includes new information on laser safety, bloodborne pathogens, waste anesthetic gases, and other topics.

### **New OSHA Resource on Preventing Fatal Construction Falls**

OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs announced a new OSHA Preventing Fatal Falls in Construction Web page listing a variety of links related to construction falls and methods to prevent them. Included are links to the OSHA Construction eTool, OSHA QuickCards containing fall safety tips, the Alliance Program Construction Roundtable Web page, and a variety of other resources.

### **NIOSH Invites Comments on HexChrom Draft; Public Meeting Scheduled**

A public review is currently being conducted of the NIOSH draft document "NIOSH Criteria Document Update: Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium." This draft NIOSH document provides a review of the available literature and an update of NIOSH policies on occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium compounds. A copy of the draft NIOSH document, instructions about providing written comments, and information about the associated public meeting are available on the NIOSH Hexavalent Chromium draft document Web page at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/144/>.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Robert A. Taft Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made to the NIOSH Docket Office no later than January 7, 2009. Persons wanting to provide oral comments at the meeting are requested to notify the NIOSH Docket Office no later than January 7, 2009 at 513-533-8611 or by email at [nioshdocket@cdc.gov](mailto:nioshdocket@cdc.gov).

### **Personal Aerosol Sampler Collects Bioaerosols**

NIOSH researchers in the Health Effects Laboratory Division in Morgantown, WV, have developed a series of new personal aerosol samplers for collecting airborne particles containing biological materials such as fungi, bacteria, and viruses (called "bioaerosols"). The devices, which use a cyclone design to deposit aerosols into standard microcentrifuge tubes, allow faster, less-labor intensive and more accurate processing of samples than previous mechanisms. The sampler design was granted a patent in May 2008. For more information about the NIOSH bioaerosol cyclone personal sampler contact: Dr. William G. Lindsley ([wlindsley@cdc.gov](mailto:wlindsley@cdc.gov)) or Kathleen Goedel ([Kgoedel@cdc.gov](mailto:Kgoedel@cdc.gov)).

### **OSHA Seeks Paperwork Comments on Three Standards**

OSHA seeks comments on its proposal to extend OMB approval of the paperwork requirements for the following three standards or regulations –

(1) 1,2-Dibromo-3-Chloropropane (DBCP) Standard (29 CFR 1910.1044). Comments are due December 8, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-23808.htm>

(2) regulations and program regarding State Plans for the development and enforcement of state standards (29 CFR 1902, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956). Comments are due December 2, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-23329.htm>

(3) Standard on Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Work Platforms (Aerial Lifts) (29 CFR 1910.67). Comments are due December 1, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-23134.htm>

#### **NESHAP for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources**

EPA has published a proposed rule to set national emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for nine area source categories in the chemical manufacturing sector: Agricultural Chemicals and Pesticides Manufacturing, Cyclic Crude and Intermediate Production, Industrial Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing, Industrial Organic Chemical Manufacturing, Inorganic Pigments Manufacturing, Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing, Plastic Materials and Resins Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical Production, and Synthetic Rubber Manufacturing. The proposed emissions standards for new and existing sources are based on EPA's determination regarding the generally available control technology or management practices for the nine area source categories. EPA is co-proposing an alternative to the requirements for process vents emitting metal hazardous air pollutants. The alternative would set a higher size threshold for large metal hazardous air pollutant process vents. Comments are due November 5, 2008, unless a public hearing is requested by October 16, 2008. If a hearing is requested on the proposed rule, written comments must be received by November 20, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-22518.htm>

#### **PHMSA Issues Rules on Enhanced HazMat Enforcement**

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has proposed rules implementing inspection, investigation, and enforcement authority given to the Secretary of Transportation by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005. The proposed rules would establish procedures for (1) the inspection and opening of packages to identify undeclared or non-compliant shipments; (2) the temporary detention and inspection of suspicious packages; and (3) the issuance of emergency orders (restrictions, prohibitions, recalls, and out-of-service orders) to address unsafe conditions or practices posing an imminent hazard. Comments are due December 1, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-23248.htm>

#### **DHS Seeks Comments on Handling Ammonium Nitrate**

The National Protection and Programs Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security has published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comments on a recent amendment to the Homeland Security Act entitled the "Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate." The amendment requires the Department of Homeland Security to regulate the sale and transfer of ammonium nitrate by an ammonium nitrate facility to prevent the misappropriation or use of ammonium nitrate in an act of terrorism." Comments are due December 29, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25821.htm>

#### **EPA Final Rule on NESHAP for Hazardous Waste Combustors**

On October 12, 2005, EPA promulgated national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for new and existing sources at hazardous waste combustion facilities. EPA then received four petitions for reconsideration of the final rule. In March and September 2006, EPA granted reconsideration of eight issues raised by the petitions. After evaluating the comments, EPA is taking final action on the eight issues. EPA also re-opened the rule to consider comments relating to a post-promulgation decision of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and is responding in this proceeding to the comments received on that notice, published September 27, 2007. As a result of this reconsideration process, EPA is revising the new source standard for particulate matter for cement kilns and for incinerators that burn hazardous waste. EPA is also making amendments to the particulate matter detection system provisions and revisions to the health-based compliance alternative for total chlorine of the final rule. Finally, EPA is issuing several corrections and clarifications to the final rule. The final rule is effective October 28, 2008. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25166.htm>

#### **NIST Seeks Comments on NFPA's Codes and Standards**

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has published a notice in the Federal Register on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a public service. The purpose of the notice is to request comments on the technical reports that will be published in the NFPA's 2009 Fall Revision Cycle. Sixty reports are published in the 2009 Fall Revision Cycle Report on Proposals and will be available on December 29, 2008. Comments received on or before March 6, 2009, will be considered by the respective NFPA Committees before final action is taken on the proposals. For more information on schedules and deadlines for processing NFPA Documents, check the NFPA Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org> or contact NFPA Codes and Standards Administration. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25695.htm>

### **OSHA Reopens Electric Power Rulemaking**

On June 15, 2005, OSHA published a proposed rule to revise the general industry and construction standards for electric power generation, transmission, and distribution work and for electrical protective equipment. Public comments were received, a hearing was held, and the final posthearing briefs were due on July 14, 2006. The proposed general industry and construction standards for electric power generation, transmission, and distribution work included revised minimum approach distance tables. Those tables limit how close an employee (or a conductive object he or she is contacting) may get to an energized circuit part. After the rulemaking record on the proposal closed, the technical committee responsible for developing the tables in the consensus standards on which the proposal was based discovered what in their view was an error in their calculation of minimum approach distances for certain voltages. OSHA has reopened the record to obtain comments related to the affected minimum approach distances. The record will remain open on this limited basis for 30 days. Comments are due November 21, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25079.htm>

### **EPA Proposes Rule on NES for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning**

On May 3, 2007, EPA promulgated the final rule titled, "National Air Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning." The Halogenated Solvent Cleaning rule set facility-wide emission limits for certain halogenated solvent cleaning machines and a May 3, 2010, compliance deadline. Following promulgation of the Halogenated Solvent Cleaning rule, EPA received several petitions for reconsideration. EPA has issued this notice to begin a process for responding to certain issues raised in the petitions. EPA seeks comments on the particular issues detailed in the notice, including requesting comment on the revised risk assessment, the use of 2002 National Emissions Inventory data in place of the 1999 National Emissions Inventory data, EPA's margin of safety determination, and the compliance deadline. Comments are due December 4, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24013.htm>

### **OSHA Seeks Comment on EC Proposal to Use Alternate to NRTLs**

OSHA has asked for comment on a proposal submitted to OSHA by the European Commission to permit the use of a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) as an alternative to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) product-approval process. Comments are due January 20, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24826.htm>

### **NACOSH Charter Renewed**

The Secretary of Labor has renewed the charter of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) for two years. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24189.htm>

### **OSHA Makes Corrections to Electrical Standard**

OSHA published a final rule revising its electrical installation standard for general industry on February 14, 2007. Now, OSHA is clarifying the scope of one provision in the final standard and addressing some questions raised by stakeholders on the application of the provision. Two typographical errors are also corrected. The corrections are effective October 29, 2008.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-25789.htm>

## **Local News and Events**

This section is for news and events of local importance and should be forwarded to the newsletter editor for inclusion.

## **Welcome to New Members**

This section is for welcoming new ASSE-WPA members. Information on new members should be sent to Carl Heinlein, Membership Chairperson.

## **Membership Personal Notes**

This section is for ASSE-WPA membership personal notes such as recent promotions, recent certifications, personal achievements, links to articles and papers published by chapter members, etc.

### **Membership Information**

In order to keep our member information up to date, please notify Carl Heinlein, Membership Chairperson at [cwhleinlein@acig.com](mailto:cwhleinlein@acig.com) with corrections, deletions, revisions, or additions to member contact information especially the

email address. If you know of a member that is not receiving chapter information by email, please let Carl know. Also, questions about chapter membership should be directed to Carl.

National membership questions can be answered, in general, on the ASSE website at <http://www.asse.org/membership/>.

## ASSE-WPA Executive Board

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Feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with ideas, questions, comments and concerns.

## General Safety Articles

This section is for links to articles published by ASSE-WPA members.

### U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OFFERS OUTBOARD WINTER STORAGE TIPS

Contributed by Dave Zazac, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

To help outboard enthusiasts protect their vessels over the winter, staff from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 78, 7th Division, 8th District, Eastern Region offer the following tips:

- Get to the front of your carburetors by removing silencer-cover.
- Hook a hose to your water intake.
- Crank and let engine warm-up, with the motor running at fast idle; increase speed slightly. {Be ready for this next step!}.

- Disconnect the fuel line at the engine and spray a couple ounces of Fogging oil into each carburetor as the motor runs out of gas and stalls.
- Remove the spark plugs and spray some in each cylinder; turn the flywheel by hand a few times. Change the lower-unit lube and remove the prop, grease the shaft and all other fitting and lube points.
- Spray a little corrosion preventative on the engine and BE SURE to leave your motor in a vertical or down position so water won't lay in there and freeze.
- Put your battery inside the shop and charge it now and then. As long as you're going that way, why not put your prop on the shelf by the battery? {Maybe it's a good way to still have it come spring!}
- Fill the fuel tank and add the proper amount of fuel stabilizer to it for the winter.
- Clean the motor and clean and wax the boat's above-deck surfaces.
- Don't forget the bottom while your at it! Your boat bottom will be quickest if it is perfectly smooth. Dirt and slime buildup will slow you down. Clean the bottom with a strong cleaner. Wet sand any tough bumps in the running surface with 400-600 grit paper. You don't need wax. (In fact it can, in some circumstances, slow you down.)
- Get a good quality cover for your boat that breathes.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement.

## Other Societies Event

In cooperation with other professional organizations, this section, at the discretion of the Executive Board, may be utilized to list events from other organizations such as, but not limited to, the ABIH, ACHMM, RIMS, CPCU, etc.

## Job Openings – Local

This section is to list any local job openings in the safety fields for membership. Positions can also be viewed on the chapter web site on the [Job Page](#).

**Editorial Note:** The monthly newsletter will be published electronically – posted on the chapter website – during the third week of each month. Therefore, all material to be placed in the newsletter for the month needs to be in the email mailbox of this editor at [wayne@rjrsafety.com](mailto:wayne@rjrsafety.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,

Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP, WSO-CSS