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JANUARY 2008 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that everyone had a great, and more importantly, safe start to the 2008.

For the January 2008 Chapter Meeting, we actually had two presentations. Those who attended got a bonus. Both presentations were outstanding and little did we know how well they would complement each other. Kudos to all speakers. For those of you who could not attend, I decided to highlight the presentations as follows.

The first speaker, Roger Simonds, MFRI gave a presentation on NIMS, National Incident Management System. The Compliant Training Reference Chart and recommended curriculum were explained including the required training. Roger explained what NIMS was and was not. The relationship between NIMS and NRP, National Response Plan, was discussed. NIMS components and the 5 training levels (awareness, operational, supervisory, command and executive) were explained. ICS, Incident Command System, was highlighted. ICS is defined as: a management system designed to enable effective and safe domestic incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications operating within a common organizational structure, history and a description of the type events. The session ended with details of what should go into an ICS Tool Box and the three levels of ICS (Command, Command Staff and General Staff).

Thanks MFRI for a job well done.

Next to speak were Donald Keen, Inspector/HAZMAT Tech and Derrick Owens, Inspector/HAZMAT Tech, US Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection Chemical Security Compliance Division. Keen & Owens included an overview of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007. The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Regulation (6 CFR 27.00) imposes comprehensive federal security regulations for high-risk chemical facilities. CFAT establishes a risk-based performance standard for the security of our nation's chemical facilities. Facilities that fall under App. A of 6 CFR 27.00 are required to complete the CSAT (Chemical Security Assessment Tool) and the CSAT Top Screen. This screen will be used to identify particular facilities that present a high level of security risk. These facilities will be required to prepare a Security Vulnerability Assessment and develop/implement Site Security Plans.

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DHS will then determine the tier each facility will be placed in, depending on chemical and associated risks. Inspections of facilities will be conducted on the basis of associated risk. Inspectors are available to assist any facility with questions or concerns in complying with the regulation. This can be accomplished through the DHS help desk or you may request a site visit. Deadline for those affected facilities is January 22, 2008.

I want to again express the Chapter's appreciation to DHS for taking the time to make the presentation at the Chesapeake Chapter of the ASSE. Thank you to DHS for working with the regulated community proactively as partners, listening to our concerns & responding as these new regulations are developed.

We have offered the Chapter's services as a means of publicizing the DHS initiatives and regulations on this issue. More information will be made available through the Chapter's website.

SAVE THE DATE

April 3, 2008 – **PDC Conference at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.** See the following pages for more information. The PDC Committee has been working hard on the topics/speakers and we plan to distribute that information with the January, 2008 Newsletter. The PDC is one of the major funding sources for this Chapter so please help out by attending. This will be a great event where you can obtain information on a wide variety of topics and the ability to network with others. We are looking for vendors who are willing to sponsor both the PDC and Annual Golf Outing. To reward those vendors that participate in both events we will be recognizing them in some manner to be announced later.

The Conference in addition to the Keynote Speaker and Closing Comments portion will include two tracks of topics. Topics will be: Track 1 - Safety Management Systems; Legal Updates; Fall Protection and Work Zone Safety. Track 2 – MRSA Update; LEEDS certification/Green Buildings; Indoor Air Quality; and Laser Safety. The brochure has not been finalized, but should be completed and in the mail by month's end.

Important

The Executive Committee has sent the Chapter's By-Laws again. We encourage members to attend the February 13, 2008 Chapter Meeting at Squire's Café so that a vote to approve the By-Laws can be made. Talk to you next month. Please contact me at dick@lgit.org if I can assist you.

PERSON OF THE MONTH

Joe Opauski currently is the Treasurer for the ASSE, Chesapeake Chapter. His educational experiences include both a Bachelors of Science (92') and Master's (07') degrees in Safety Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He draws his experience from several multi-faceted industries including EHS Consulting for the Federal Government (FAA/DOD), several entities within the Johns Hopkins Enterprise, Carroll Hospital Center and currently at Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation.

Joe currently works as an EHS Engineer at the Sykesville Facility for Northrop Grumman where he oversees the EHS programs at the facility. Joe is the ASSE, Chesapeake Chapter Treasurer, and acclimating to his new position at Northrop Grumman (5 mos.). Joe resides in Sykesville, Maryland with his wife Kimberly Kroehle and two daughters, Katie and Natalie. Joe enjoys spending quality time with his family, and his hobbies include outdoor activities such as fishing, golfing and hiking.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a special welcome to the new members of the Chesapeake Chapter. A warm welcome to our newest members:

- Anthony Honig
- Christopher Quinn
- Geneva Edwards
- Steven Wisel
- Michelle Wolfe

We look forward to meeting you and all other new members at our upcoming meetings!
Current membership in the Chesapeake Chapter is 379 Members.

Existing Members Update Your Contact Information!

It is very important to stay informed of both local and regional ASSE activities. Please take a minute to update your contact information with ASSE. Please check your information to be sure it is accurate. You can do that by going to www.asse.org, or calling customer service at 847-699-2929. Please don't mark "Do not Email". If you do, you won't get important things like meeting announcements, etc. It only takes a minute to stay informed!

Safety Professional of the Year Award

The Chesapeake Chapter is seeking nominations for the Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY). The SPY award is given annually to a Chesapeake Chapter member who exemplifies the most outstanding safety professional for their accomplishments and contributions in the field of safety, health and environmental engineering.

If you know of a Chesapeake Chapter member who fits this award criteria please contact Mike Ginther at (443) 778-6454 with the candidate's information

UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL ON PRACTICES AND STANDARDS (CoPS)

CONSENSUS STANDARD UPDATE

NFPA

Members of the NFPA 1600 technical committee and other experts have collaborated to write a new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) book, *Implementing NFPA 1600*, which explains how to develop an emergency management and business continuity program in compliance with the NFPA 1600 standard. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has adopted NFPA 1600, and the Canadian Standards Association is using it to develop the Z1600 standard. This book will become a resource for emergency managers, business continuity managers, SH&E professionals, facility managers, risk managers and others. It references the 2007 text of NFPA 1600 and provides hands-on guidance for incorporating elements of the standard into new or existing programs. For more information, visit

<http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/docs/CoPSNewsletterV2N3.pdf>

OSHA

OSHA Proposes Rule for Confined Spaces in Construction. OSHA has proposed a rule to protect employees from the hazards resulting from exposure to confined spaces in the construction industry. Under the proposed rule, employers would first determine whether a confined space exists at a jobsite. If there were a confined space, the employer would determine if existing or potential hazards were present in the space. If such hazards were present, the employer would then classify the space according to the physical and atmospheric hazards found in it. The four classifications are Isolated-Hazard Confined Space, Controlled-Atmosphere Confined Space, Permit-Required Confined Space and Continuous System-Permit-Required Confined Space. The proposed requirements for each type of confined space are tailored to control the different types of hazards.

Link: [FR Doc E7-21893](#)

MSHA

MSHA Demonstrates New System for Escape During Mine Emergencies. The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has introduced its new “Great Escape” rescue system to assist miners in evacuating an underground mine quickly and safely during a mine emergency. MSHA’s Office of Technical Support conceived and developed the rescue approach. The prototype demonstration system consists of concrete pipe measuring approximately 42 inches in diameter and is accessible at various points along the pipe. Doors and vents are installed in the unit’s access points/end caps. Actual escape system installations may be able to use smaller diameter pipe and may be installed between the mine’s working sections and an escape shaft, or depending on the mine layout, run completely to the surface. The escape system would be fitted with a communication and tracking infrastructure and battery-powered personnel carriers to transport miners to the surface. A fan situated at the surface would pump in breathable air through a borehole connected directly to the escape pipe, thus potentially satisfying the breathable air requirements as an alternative to refuge alternatives. Such a system could also minimize the time miners would need to wear their self-contained self-rescuers. The durability of the concrete pipe would ensure an uncompromised communication and tracking system, and reinforced steel in the escape way could conceivably serve as a medium-frequency communications system antenna. MSHA will evaluate feedback from industry stakeholders and continue to test the prototype system and make overall system improvements. —Adapted from MSHA news release, “MSHA Demonstrates Innovative System for Escape During Mine Emergencies,” November 8, 2007.

“PLAYING FOR THE FUTURE” GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, May 6, 2008



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NEXT ASSE CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEETING

Phone 410-298-4770 to reserve your place!

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Squire's Restaurant

6723 Holabird Ave.

Dundalk, MD 21222

[\(map\)](#)

Schedule:

11:30am Social and Lunch

12:30pm Speaker's Presentation



Directions

The February 13th Chesapeake Chapter Meeting will be held at Squire's Restaurant located at 6723 Holabird Avenue in Dundalk.

Click on the map to the right to use [Google Maps](#) to customize driving Directions to our meeting.

MD State Highway Administration will present a talk on **Bridge Safety**

Join us for this informative lunch presentation. Cost is \$25. Please make checks out to Chesapeake Chapter ASSE.

Phone 410-298-4770 to reserve your place! Please register by close of business **Friday, February 8** so we can get an accurate count, and to make sure we have enough food and space for everyone!

Inclement-Weather Notice: This meeting will not be held if Baltimore County Public Schools close.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Designation Review

The Region VI PDC in Myrtle Beach, SC in September 2008 will be offering a two day **ARM Review Class** as a pre-conference session. Go to www.asse-region6.org for more information. The following article provides a quick overview of the ARM Designation.

Each day, your organization faces risks related to corporate governance, cyber-liability, terrorism, workers' compensation, and more. And ever-increasing regulations and litigation only compound these risks. The Associate in Risk Management (ARM) certification (designation) can help safety professionals gain a better understanding of insurance, liability, and risk exposures.

This three part process is sponsored by the American Institute for CPCU and the Insurance Institute of America. Working together, these organizations promote the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation program. However, even as a stand-alone certification, the ARM shows you have knowledge in the field. The tests are eighty-five computer-administered, objective (multiple-choice) questions taken within the 2 hour allotted time period.

The three exams of the ARM are:

ARM 54—Risk Assessment

Risk Management Programs; The Risk Management Process; Legal Foundations of Liability Loss Exposures; Assessing Property, Liability, Personnel, and Net Income Loss Exposures; Management Liability and Corporate Governance; Forecasting; Cash Flow Analysis.

ARM 55—Risk Control

Controlling Property, Personnel, Liability, and Net Income Loss Exposures; Intellectual Property Loss Exposures; Criminal Loss Exposures; Disaster Recovery for Property Loss Exposures; Understanding Claim Administration; Fleet Operations Loss Exposures; Environmental Loss Exposures; Understanding System Safety; Motivating and Monitoring Risk Control Activities.

ARM 56—Risk Financing

Insurance as a Risk Financing Technique; Reinsurance and Self-Insurance; Retrospective Rating Plans and Captive Insurance Companies; Finite and Integrated Risk Insurance Plans; Capital Market Products; Forecasting Accidental Losses; Accounting and Income Tax Aspects; Claim Administration; and Allocating Risk Management Costs.

For those in the public sector, there is a new “add-on” designation for public entities. Once you obtain the ARM, the **ARM-P** designation includes studying additional materials in the Risk Management for Public Entities course and passing another test.

Go to <http://www.aicpcu.org> for information on the ARM designation process and plan to attend the **ASSE Region VI PDC in Myrtle Beach, SC on September 15-19, 2008.**

Go to www.asse-region6.org for more information on the PDC.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
February 13, 2008	Chesapeake Chapter Meeting State Highway Administration Bridge Safety	Squires6723 Holabird Ave. Dundalk, MD 21222 (map)
March 13-14, 2008	The Business of Safety: A Matter of Success - ASSE Symposium	Sheraton Baltimore City Center Baltimore, MD
March 2008	Chesapeake Chapter Meeting Maryland Emergency Management Agency	MEMA (Tour Included) Reisterstown, MD
April 3, 2008	Professional Development Conference	John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Laurel, MD
May 6, 2008	Playing for the Future Golf Tournament Chesapeake & National Capital Chapters	Patuxent Greens Country Club Laurel, MD
May 7, 2008	Occupational Safety & Health Professionals Day	Nationwide
May 14, 2008	Chesapeake Chapter Meeting Meeting Topic & Speaker TBD	TBD
June 2008	Joint Chapters Meeting Meeting Topic & Speaker TBD	TBD
June 9-12, 2008	ASSE Safety 2008 Professional Development Conference	Las Vegas, NV

For more information, directions and updates or to contact a Chapter officer please visit our website at: www.chesapeakeasse.org
Reservations for regular meetings can be made by calling 410-298-4770.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We are looking for items of interest to chapter members to include in our chapter's newsletter. Please submit articles, job openings, or other announcements to bsapero@doracon.com and or Mike.Wolf@edocorp.com.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the Chesapeake Chapter's website at www.assechesapeakeasse.org. There you will find useful information about the chapter, job openings, upcoming events in the area and relevant links. Any suggestions are welcome!

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

It is not too early to be thinking of candidates for award and recognition. The Committee for reviewing these candidates will be established in the next few months. Information where to send your ideas and candidates (bio's and background on why they should be considered should be furnished) will be posted on our website in the next quarter.

CALL FOR TOMORROWS CHAPTER LEADERS

Looking to enhance your career development and professional growth? Here's an easy way...by becoming more involved in the Chesapeake Chapter.

Our friendly and experienced senior membership will help you to develop your leadership, collaboration and planning skills while having fun along the way.

There are many participation opportunities, big and small. Start in a limited way, working with others on a committee or a special project in support of the Chapter and its members. The option of gradually working your way up to larger responsibilities is always available. You decide! It's **free** leadership training, so take advantage of the opportunities.

JOIN THE FIESTA & EARN A SIESTA

ASSE's 2007 – 2008 Membership Recruitment Challenge.

Each time you sponsor a new full member between April 2007 and June 2008 you'll be entered into the drawing for a trip for two to Mexico* Visit www.asse.org/membership for applications, official rules & more information.

*Restrictions apply.

Kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" 2008 Poster Contest

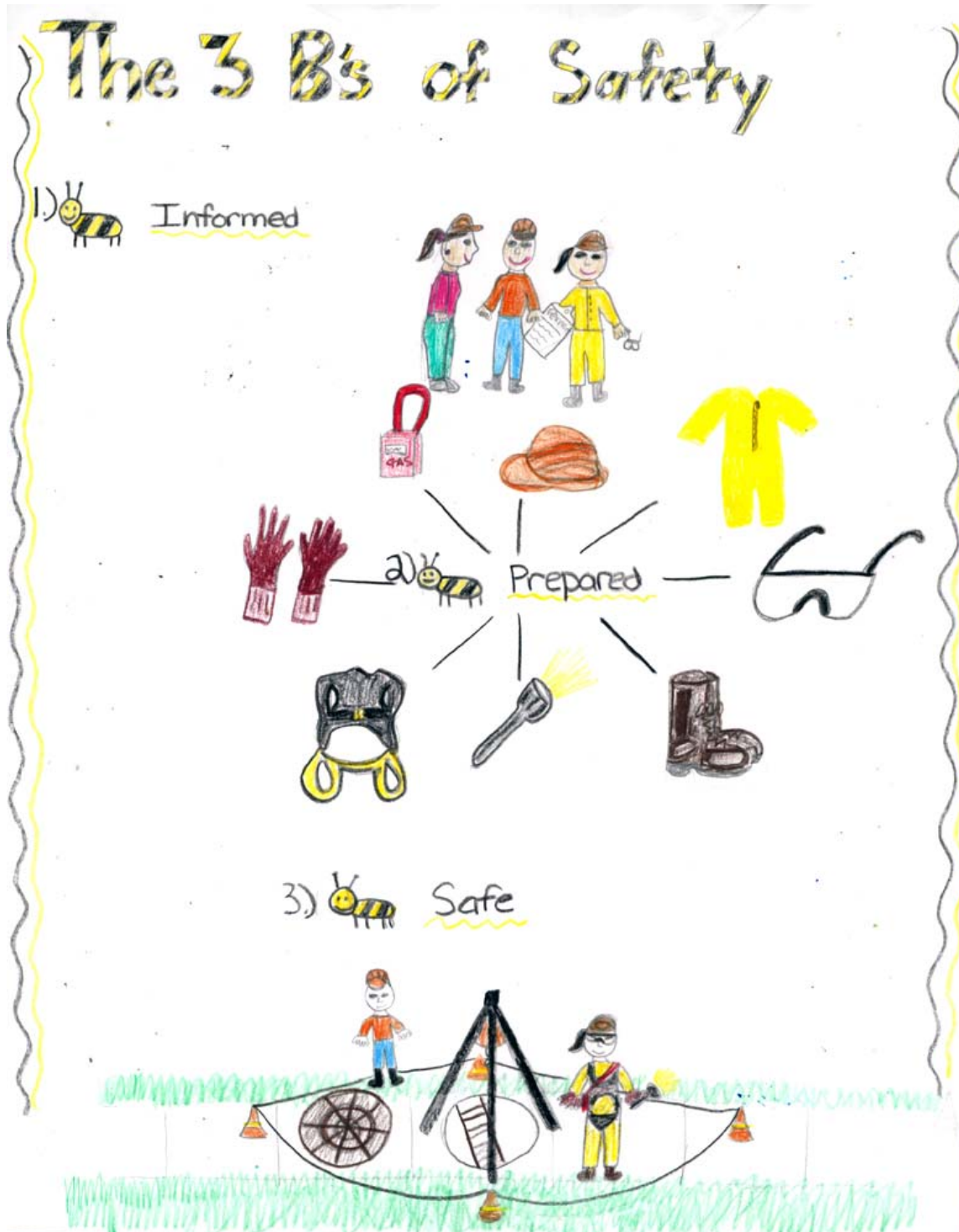
Beat the last minute rush and get your ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest entry in now. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is urging its members' children to pick up their crayons and enter its 6th annual kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The contest opened September 19 and runs through Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008. It is open to children 5 – 14 with top prizes to be awarded to those in each of the five age groups that best illustrate being safe on the job in their poster.

ASSE members and chapters can also sponsor schools, community organizations or children from their workplace in the contest. The contest is aimed at educating children on the importance of safety and health at work and better acquainting them with the job their parents and ASSE members do as occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners.

Children in five age groups -- 1) ages 5-6; 2) ages 7-8; 3) ages 9-10; 4) ages 11-12; and 5) ages 13-14, are invited to create and submit posters no larger than 11 x 14 that best illustrate being safe at work. The first place winner in each age group receives a \$1,000 savings bond, the second place winner receives a \$500

savings bond and the third and fourth place winners receive a \$200 savings bond. All entrants receive a prize and are invited, along with their families and all ASSE members, to attend the ASSE poster contest awards ceremony and North American Occupational Safety and Health Week events in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 5.

[Click here to visit the NAOSH Poster Contest site](#) for contest rules, news release and entry form or contact ASSE's PR Manager Diane Hurns at dhurns@asse.org. All first place posters will be featured in the annual NAOSH poster distributed worldwide for the May 4 - 10, 2008 NAOSH Week.



Last Years Age 11-12 Winner
Kayla Copperthite, 12 - Westminster, MD