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OCTOBER, 2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September was a busy month for the Chapter. We had a booth at the Chesapeake Region Safety Council's Conference and EXPO and the Region 6 Professional Development Conference was held in Myrtle Beach that many Chapter Members attended. Also, our Second VP, and I attended the Regional Officer's Conference where we had a chance to meet other Chapter Officers and share ideas about how to better serve our members. Several of those ideas have already been adopted in this newsletter (Zoomerang Member Survey) and the Web Site (Google Calendar of Regional Events).

Our October Chapter Meeting should be of special interest to all. Aerotek, Inc. will be making a presentation on resumes, job hunting and staffing services. Learn how to get your resume to the top of the list! Key words and formatting can get you looked at for the job. Also, they will discuss Safety & Health programs for staffing services and your responsibilities as the "supervisor" of staffing service employees. Come listen to the discussion and bring your questions!

We are also into the planning of our February 19, 2009 Professional Development Conference which will again be held at the JHU/APL in Laurel. Save the date, as this is a conference that you will want to attend. More details on the agenda will be forthcoming.

With the recent Wall Street events affecting our financial well being, jobs and family some members have expressed concern over their ability to stay involved with the Chapter. Our philosophy has been and will always be that each member should determine the level of their involvement and attendance at meetings and events. We make no demands. We also need to remember that the Chesapeake Chapter is a family of S & H professionals and we need to look out for and assist other members when they may need help in solving S& H problems, job hunting or even family problems.

Enjoy the month and please be on the alert when driving around or escorting the "Goblins and Ghouls" during Trick or Treating at the end of the month. Keep our families safe.

Bob Lawson, President
Chesapeake Chapter ASSE

Save the date/Just announced

The Chapters Spring PDC will again be held @ JHU/APL Kossiakoff Center, February 19th, 2009. To add this event to [your Google calendar ctrl click here](#). Details to be announced soon!

MEMBERS PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 http://www.asse.org/about/address_change.php, or calling customer service at 847-699-2929. Have your member ID number ready.



ASSE Link of the Month

Best of the Best from the 2007/08 Newsletters

Environmental: EnviroMentor

The Current State of Affairs 1

Academics: The Educator

Planning for School Emergencies 4

Construction: Blueprints

Managing Construction Risk 7

Consultants: The Advisor

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Engineering: ByDesign

Display Hook Injuries to Children 12

Healthcare: HealthBeat

MRSA Infection Control 15

Industrial Hygiene: The Monitor

Hexavalent Chromium Sampling & Analytical Issues in Welding Operations 19

International: World Focus

Global Application of the Process Safety Management Standard 22

Management: The Compass

The Aging Face of Tomorrow's Workforce 30

Mining: Inside Global Mining

Belt Air Panel Calls for Rulemaking 34

Public Sector: Perspectives

History of Risk Management for Public Sector SH&E Professionals 35

Risk Management/Insurance: RM/Insight

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Building a Fleet Safety Program 44

ASSE RELEASES STUDY ON THE PERCEPTION OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS IN THE WORKPLACE

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) today released a study which looked at the current perception of the value of safety professionals in the workplace and how safety professionals can better meet the needs and expectations of employers. Conducted under the leadership of ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs, the study consisted of face-to-face interviews with 70 senior business managers who hire, manage or work with safety professionals and a comprehensive survey of 2370 safety professionals. The study's goals were to measure the perceived value of the safety function; to identify safety professionals' strengths and weaknesses; to identify the relative importance of professional credentials/designations and business skills to other characteristics when hiring; to investigate barriers within companies impacting the effectiveness of individuals performing the safety function; and to gain insight into the nature of the workplace relationship between safety professionals and senior level management. You can view the PowerPoint presentation of the study results, as well as the article from Professional Safety summarizing the study's findings by selecting the links below.

[PowerPoint Presentation](#) | [Professional Safety Article](#)



Student Sections:

At present Region VI has Student Sections at:

- ❑ East Carolina University (ECU)
- ❑ North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T)
- ❑ Salisbury University, Maryland
- ❑ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA Tech)

Student Section Membership Benefits

- ❑ **Interaction with safety professionals** - ASSE members often attend Student Section meetings, and Student members attend ASSE Chapter meetings. This provides a link between employers and prospective employees.
- ❑ **Membership in a professional organization**
- ❑ **Interaction with other students who have similar interests**
- ❑ **Job availability announcements** - The ASSE Online Community offers a Career Center which lists job opportunities and allows members to post their resumes for viewing by employers. The Career Center also offers mentoring services provided by professionals.
- ❑ **Professional Safety** - Members may receive ASSE's monthly journal, Professional Safety, at a reduced cost.
- ❑ **Scholarships** - ASSE, ASSE Foundation, and many of its Chapters sponsor scholarship programs involving Student Sections. The Foundation also sponsors research grants.

2009 ASSE Foundation Professional Development Grant Program

- ❑ [2009 Professional Development Grant Application \(doc\)](#)
- ❑ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

2009 ASSE Foundation Scholarship Award Program

- ❑ [2009 Scholarship Application \(doc\)](#)
- ❑ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



Next ASSE CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEETING
Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Resume Building and H&S Programs for Staffing Personnel

Aerotek, Inc will be providing a discussion on how you can get your resume at the top of the list with organizations. Key words and formatting can get you looked at for the job. They will also discuss Safety & Health programs for a staffing firm and how this relates to your organization using the staffing services. What is your responsibility as the “supervisor” of these staffing employees? Come listen to the discussion and bring your questions.

This meeting will be a **lunch meeting**. Please join us for this informative presentation.

Location: Squires Cafe
6723 Holabird Avenue
Dundalk, MD 21222

Time: 11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch and social, 12:30 p.m. Speaker’s Presentation

Cost: \$15.00

Checks should be address to Chesapeake Chapter ASSE

Reserve your place @ the table now, time is running out!

Phone 410-729-8226 or email smcca@menv.com to reserve your place!

Please register by close of business **October 6th** in order to get an accurate count for lunch.

**The Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for
Occupational Safety and Health**

and

ATC Associates, Inc.

Present:

**Confined Space Training Courses for
OH&S Professionals**



Confined Space Awareness Training

November 13, 2008

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Location: ATC Associates, 9231 Rumsey Road, Columbia, MD 21045

Registration Fee: \$125

Permit Required Confined Space Training

November 13, 2008 & November 14, 2008

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Day one is the Confined Space Awareness Training. Day two is a practicum session with AAESI's confined space simulator.

Locations: Day one: ATC Associates, 9231 Rumsey Road, Columbia, MD 21045

Day two: All American Environmental Services Inc., 9515 Gerwig La., Suites 105-106, Columbia, MD 21046

Registration Fee: \$195

Certificates: Provided courtesy of ATC Associates ("Awareness" certification for those who attend only the first day and "Entry Course" certification for those who attend both days).

Discount Registration Fee: Scholarships available to state, local and municipal occupational health and safety professionals, under the Johns Hopkins Hazardous Substance Training (HST) Program.

Registration: Please go to www.jhsph.edu/erc/confinedspace.html for more information and to download the registration form.

Calendar of upcoming Events

NAOSH WEEK MAY 3-9, 2009 • OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S DAY MAY 6



NAOSH 2009

Safety Means Always Coming Home



Date	Event	Location
Oct. 2-4, 2008	ASSE Leadership Conference	The Westin - Lombard West Lombard, IL
Oct. 3, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE Exec. Committee Meeting Open to Members	Contact Bob Lawson for more information.
Oct. 7-8, 2008	ASSE Loss Control Experience Symposium Sponsored by CNA	The Standard Club Chicago, IL
Oct. 8, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Aerotek, Inc. Discussion - Lunch	Squire's Italian Restaurant 6723 Holabird Ave. Baltimore, MD 21222
Oct. 26-29, 2008	Emergency Preparedness and Prevention and Hazmat Spills Conference US EPA Region III	Richmond Convention Center Richmond, VA
Oct. 28-29, 2008	2008 Worker Safety & Health Technical Conference US National Response Team	EPA East Building Washington, D.C.
Nov. 3, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE ASP/CSP Prep Course Final Class of our 6-week Course	IWIF Towson, MD
Nov. 12, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Tour and Forensics Presentation -- Breakfast	Maryland State Police Forensics Lab
Nov. 20-21, 2008	ASSE Solutions in Construction Safety Symposium	Chaparral Suites Resort Scottsdale, AZ
Dec. 10, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Craig Lowry with our Annual MOSH Update - Lunch	Michael's 8th Avenue Glen Burnie, MD
Jan. 14, 2009	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Linda Harding - Workers Compensation and Your Company	TBD
Feb. 14 th 2009	NAOSH Poster Contest entries due	Nationwide
Feb. 19, 2009	Professional Development Conference	John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD
May 3-9, 2009	NAOSH 2009	Nationwide

7th Annual ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" Poster Contest - Celebrating North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week May 3-9, 2009 and Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day May 6, 2009.

[2009 Poster Contest Entry Form \(doc\)](#)

[2003-2008 Poster Contest Winners](#)

[2009 Poster Contest Rules \(doc\)](#)

[Links to other ASSE Region 6 Chapters \(See what your neighbors are up to\);](#)

<http://colonialva.asse.org/>

<http://delmarva.asse.org/>

<http://tidewater-asse.org/>

<http://ncc.asse.org/>

<http://www.nc-asse.org/>

<http://www.nova.asse.org/>

<http://piedmont.asse.org/>

<http://www.midnet.sc.edu/asse/>

<http://www.starvalley.asse.org/>

<http://tarheel.asse.org/>

<http://www.triadasse.org/>

<http://wcchapter.asse.org/>

<http://www.assekuwait.org/>

<http://www.lowcountryasse.org/>

[Check the Region 6 calendar for upcoming events](#)

[NHTSA Policy and FAQs on Cellular Phone Use While Driving](#) (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

NHTSA Policy Statement

The primary responsibility of the driver is to operate a motor vehicle safely. The task of driving requires full attention and focus. Cell phone use can distract drivers from this task, risking harm to themselves and others. **Therefore, the safest course of action is to refrain from using a cell phone while driving.** (Read NHTSA's 2006 study on cell phone use [here](#).)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does cell phone use while driving cause traffic crashes?

A. Research shows that driving while using a cell phone can pose a serious cognitive distraction and degrade driver performance. The data are insufficient to quantify crashes caused by cell phone use specifically, but NHTSA estimates that driver distraction from all sources contributes to 25 percent of all police-reported traffic crashes.

Q. Is it safe to use hands-free (headset, speakerphone, or other device) cell phones while driving?

A. The available research indicates that whether it is a hands-free or hand-held cell phone, the cognitive distraction is significant enough to degrade a driver's performance. This can cause a driver to miss key visual and audio cues needed to avoid a crash.

Q. In an emergency should I use my cell phone while driving?

A. As a general rule, drivers should make every effort to move to a safe place off of the road before using a cell phone. However, in emergency situations a driver must use their judgment regarding the urgency of the situation and the necessity to use a cell phone while driving.

Q. Is NHTSA conducting further research to better quantify the safety impact of using cell phones while driving?

A. NHTSA is conducting research projects on driver cell phone use and will continue to monitor the research of others on this subject. As we learn more about the impact of cell phone use on driver performance and crash risk, and as wireless technologies evolve and expand, NHTSA will make its findings public.

Q. Is talking on a cell phone any worse than having a conversation with someone in the car?

A. Any activity a driver engages while driving has the potential to distract the driver from the primary task of driving. Some research findings comparing cell phone use to passenger conversations while driving show each to be equally risky, while others show cell phone use to be more risky. A significant difference between the two is the fact that a passenger can monitor the driving situation along with the driver and pause for, or alert the driver to, potential hazards, whereas a person on the other end of the phone line is unaware of the roadway situation.

Q. What do the studies say about the relative risk of cell phone use when compared to other tasks like eating or drinking?

A. The current research does not provide a definitive answer as to which behavior is riskier. In a controlled study, comparing eating and operating a voice-activated cell phone to continuously operating a CD player, it was found that the CD player operation was more distracting than the other activities. In a test track study conducted by NHTSA, the results showed that manual dialing was about as distracting as grooming/eating, but less distracting than reading or changing CDs. It is also important to keep in mind that some activities are carried out more frequently and for longer periods of time and may result in greater risk.

CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER AWARDS & RECOGNITION

If you know of a member or non-member whose voluntary activities help improve/promote EHS activities submit their information to Mike Ginther (Awards Chair) at mike.ginther@jhuapl.edu or call if you have questions 443-778-6454.

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.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We are always looking for items of interest to chapter members to include in our chapter's newsletter. Please submit articles, job openings, or other announcements to Mike.Wolf@itt.com by the 25th of the month.