**Letter from the President**

Hello NJ ASSP Community,

With OSHA Safe and Sound Week here, this is a great time to launch our August newsletter and welcome existing and new NJ ASSP members to our Chapter events! Many thanks to our C & F Interns (and future leaders) for developing the Safe and Sound flyer – Macarena Campos, Emmanuel Lopez, Richard Katz, and Larry Dwyer.

We have got an exciting year ahead with a knock out September Top Golf event, featuring a dynamic speaker, Sheila Palmer, AVP of Chubb NA. Lauren Cranmer, past president, will also accept an award from OSHA for the hurricane PPE collection. You do not have to know how to play golf to enjoy this Top Golf event. The Chapter has subsidized registrations by 65% to make the event accessible to all and there is a registration limit so sign up now! Be sure to take a look at our Fall PDC taking place at Beaverbrook Country Club in Annandale, NJ on October 10th. What a lineup of great topics and speakers followed by a golf outing at this premiere area course!

Our Fall meetings include an October joint AHMP meeting at L’Oreal in Clark, “EHS & Sustainability at L’Oreal Operations” and “Drone Regulation & Activities in the NY TCA (airspace)” at the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame in November.

As president, my number one goal is increasing membership and meeting attendance. NJ ASSP Executive Board and Committee Chairs are an incredible group to network with and the Chapter has received now multiple platinum awards. Please come to our events – we really want to meet you!

All the best,

Louise

*Louise Vallee*, Chapter President

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**Chapter Officers**

Louise Vallee, President  
Rob Ortiz, President-Elect  
Anthony Krake, Vice President  
Joseph Leuzzi, Treasurer  
Derek Smith, Secretary

**NJ State Safety Council Day at the Races**  
Date: August 23, 2018  
Time: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

**Voluntary Protection Programs Participant Assn. (VPPPA) Conf.**  
Date: August 28-31, 2018  
Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Top Golf Inaugural Event**  
Date: September 20, 2018  
Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM  
Celebrate the society’s name change from the ASSE to ASSP  
Where: Topgolf, Edison, NJ

**Fall PDC**  
Date: October 10, 2018  
Where: Beaverbrook Country Club, Annandale, NJ  
Golf Outing: 3 PM after the PDC

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Habitat for Humanity

As you may know, Habitat For Humanity International (HFHI) (generally referred to as Habitat for Humanity or simply Habitat) is an international, ecumenical Christian, non-governmental, non-profit organization devoted to building "simple, decent, and affordable" housing. Homes are built using volunteer labor and are sold at no profit. As a former PM on several Habitat projects, I have found the experience to be rewarding, and even recently happened into a former partner family member from 2001. How heartwarming! Hopefully, you will want to help with one or more Habitat projects as well. There are also opportunities to volunteer at Habitat’s Re-Store. We are planning for a first of hopefully many NJ ASSP Days with the Raritan Valley Chapter and will be making an announcement at an upcoming Chapter meeting. If you would like to join us, please e-mail me at news@nj.assp.org or Jack Fearing, our Community/Youth Outreach Chair, at jack@fearing-international.com. Thanks, Wayne Baruch, Newsletter Editor
Top Golf Fall Meeting and Celebration

You are invited to NJ ASSP's 2018-19 inaugural event, Thursday September 20th, which will celebrate the society's name change from the American Society of Safety Engineers to the American Society of Safety Professionals. The Topgolf-Edison, NJ event will incorporate two hours of hitting bays, networking, and food/beverage (Backyard Barbecue with vegetarian options available) following a regular meeting. The actual cost of this event is being significantly subsidized by the NJ ASSP Chapter. Only $35 each for members and members' guests, and $50 for non-members.

Please join us and meet up with many past friends and make some new ones! We expect the event, limited to 50 registrants, to sell out quickly so register on the NJ ASSP web site soon! Hope to see you there!

https://www.assp.org/we-are-safety-professionals
Welcome to NJ ASSP

The New Jersey Chapter, ASSP, is the 5th largest chapter in the United States, having over 550 members. Our territory covers Central and Northern New Jersey. If you are interested in safety, health, industrial hygiene or environmental concerns, we hope you’ll consider joining our organization. CLICK HERE to view the new member orientation.

The Chapter Members and Officers extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members:

Khaled Abuhaimed  Kevin Fox  Joe Macchie  Tammy Rosomando
Ricardo Alpuche  Kathleen Frohlich  Thomas Malone  Terence Solomon
Himad Beg  Amy Grier  Patty McCarthy  Jefri Subieta
Taylor Brands  John Harris  Adli Mohd Shariff  John Teixeira
Jo Brittle  Carissa Johnsen  Mark Pako  Charles Usiaphre
David Corrigan  Daniyal Khan  John Palenik  Paul Vervoort
John Cruz  Daniel Klawunn  Donna Petrarca  Ronald Weslosky
Donovan Douma  Jeremy Knoerzer  Ricardo Poncedeleon  Ed Zdunek
Maria Ferrara  Nick Kurzawa  Denice Rimple  Snow Zhou

We encourage you to take advantage of our network, meetings, and trainings to take your education and career development to the next level. We also look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.

Surgical Fires...Recommendations to Reduce Surgical Fires and Related Patient Injury

The FDA is reminding health care professionals and health care facility staff of factors that increase the risk of surgical fires on or near a patient. The FDA is also recommending practices to reduce these fires from occurring, including the safe use of medical devices and products commonly used during surgical procedures.

Summary of Problem and Scope: Although surgical fires are preventable, the FDA continues to receive reports about these events. Surgical fires can result in patient burns and other serious injuries, disfigurement, and death. Deaths are less common and are typically associated with fires occurring in a patient's airway.

Link to the May 29, 2018 FDA release:
https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm608637.htm

Editor’s Note: Thanks to ASSP Member, Jean Kristensen for recommending this topic!
Networking at Safety 2018, San Antonio
The New Jersey held its annual networking event at the annual PDC in San Antonio on June 5th. We plan to continue the event/dinner next year during the conference in New Orleans. The conference with over 5,000 attendees has been ongoing for over 50 years and has been and will continue to be the direct reflection of what is taking place in the occupational, safety and health industry.

Safety 2019 will provide a forum for occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals to:
- Identify key issues facing OSH professionals
- Expand their knowledge and professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the OSH fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

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https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-society-of-safety-professionals/
For more info about 2018-2019 conferences see https://safety.assp.org/about/

Mid-Atlantic Safety & Health Expo Returns to Atlantic City, NJ
Mark the dates on your calendar for the Mid-Atlantic Safety & Health Expo to be held April 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2019 at Bally’s Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Safety Expo Planning Committee is currently developing a program which will include updates of OSHA regulations, best industry practices related to an effective safety and health program, dealing with technological advances of automobiles and truck fleets, best uses of social media, property protection programs, pedestrian safety issues, and addressing safety at home.

Potential speakers from across the nation will be invited to participate in the numerous sessions throughout the three days. Luncheon sessions will honor individuals and organizations for their contributions in the areas of safety and health.

In addition, special events will include a morning fitness walk, as well as an afternoon reception in the Exhibit Area.

You will be able to wander through the Exhibit Area to review the products and services available from many vendors that may enhance your safety efforts.

Thanks to Robert Paulukiewicz, President of the New Jersey State Safety Council
www.NJSafety.org
SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 10, 2018
BEAVERBROOK COUNTRY CLUB, ANNANDALE, NJ

NJ ASSP FALL PDC EMERGING ISSUES

> Cannabis Operations Property/Fire Life Safety
> FBI: Securing the Bioeconomy and Cyber Security
> Autonomous Vehicle Safety
> Plastics: Creating a Circular Economy
> Sustainability at Mars, Inc

Golf Outing 2:45 PM after PDC included!
Early Bird Registration by 9/26 - $100, $125 after
$35 golf alone
Vendors, end of event prize drawings, & networking

https://nj.assp.org
In celebration of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) which ran from May 6-12, 2018, the NJ Chapter worked to raise awareness of the importance of preventing on-the-job and off-the-job accidents, by distributing transportation best practices information and urging all to heed to traffic rules and regulations.

The NJ Chapter also provided a detailed press release for Distracted Driving that was communicated through Facebook, Twitter, Google and local internet news media.

The NJ Chapter distributed a Distracted Driving PowerPoint presentation on its website for members to use to educate their workers and family and taught a Construction Safety Outreach Program to graduating seniors at Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

In addition, Governor Murphy signed a Safety Proclamation for NAOSH Week and dedicated May 6-12 as Occupational Safety and Health Week and May 9, 2018 as Safety Professional Day.

Bob Sagendorf
New Jersey ASSP Scholarship Awards Spring 2018

Ted Brickley / Bernice Shikora Scholarship

Congratulations to Jessica Vallee-Vasquez on being the recipient of the NJ ASSP Ted Brickley/Bernice Shickora Scholarship! Jessica is a Graduate student at Chatham University; pursuing a Master of Sustainability / MBA. While maintaining a 3.85 GPA, Jessica’s passion for sustainability is evident in her extracurricular activities. At Chatham University, Jessica was a founding member of a student chapter of Climate Reality. The goal of Climate Reality is to educate the public about the seriousness of climate change and include them in the green movement. She also volunteers at animal shelters, such as Four Footed Friends, that cares for dogs and cats.

One of her graduate projects focuses on the use of field sensors. These sensors detector frost and moisture levels which result in conservation of water resources. The focus of the project is to conserve water and reduce the amount of water that farmers use on their crops.

Congratulations Jessica!

Joyce Cunningham Scholarship

Matthew Gesualdo is the recipient of the NJ ASSP Joyce Cunningham Scholarship for the Spring of 2018. He is currently a senior at Somerville High School with plans to major in Biology at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. As an active member in the community as well as Somerville High School, Matthew has achieved a 3.84 GPA.

With a desire to make a difference, Matthew has traveled around the world donating his time. He traveled to Thailand to teach English to students at a Thai High School and traveled to Tanzania to volunteer in a community outreach program to help build a kitchen for a grade school. Matthew is also active in Peer Leadership at Somerville High School. One person who provided a recommendation letter describes him as “determined, evidences integrity in all that he does, and is a compassionate young man.”

Congratulations Matthew and good luck in the fall!

The Ted Brickley/Bernice Shikora Scholarship is awarded to those students who are pursuing a degree in environmental or safety related majors. Applicants must complete a minimum of 12 credits prior to applying. Applicants may be a New Jersey resident attending school outside the state or a non-resident attending college in the state. One recipient will receive a $1000 scholarship each application period.

The Joyce Cunningham Scholarship is awarded to students who are pursuing a degree in any field of study. The applicant must be the son or daughter, niece or nephew, or grandchild of an active member, in good standing, of the NJ Chapter of ASSP. The student does not need to be a resident of New Jersey. Applicants may be high-school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited university and any undergraduate or graduate student. One recipient will receive a $1000 scholarship each application period.

We have established two application periods. Complete applications may be submitted from September 1 through November 15 and January 1 through April 15. Please encourage deserving students to apply for these scholarships. Specific details on the scholarship program, eligibility
requirements, and the application can be found on our website http://nj.assp.org/ Any specific questions related to the scholarships, please send an e-mail to scholarship@nj.assp.org

John Vogler, Scholarship Chair

NJ ASSP SPONSORSHIP
Your sponsorship visibly supports NJ ASSP safety goal achievement while marketing your company’s brands to members and their organizations. Members and non-members often access the NJ ASSP web site looking for the diverse information provided, including vendors.

Fall 2018 NJ ASSP Professional Development Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

- Platinum Premiere Event Sponsor - $1000 (up to 2 sponsors)
  - Brand displayed individually on poster in premiere location at the event, on all event marketing materials, e-mails, and handout cover
  - Product and/or service advertising materials included in attendee packet
  - Event table and demonstration time at breaks and lunch
  - NJ ASSP web site regular “live” icon link to sponsor web site for 12 months
  - Introduction by Chapter President and 2 - 3 minute “pitch” during PDC

- Gold Event Sponsors, Breakfast Sponsor, Lunch Sponsor - $500
  - Brand displayed on top half of multiple vendor sponsor poster at event entrance, on all event marketing materials, e-mails, and inside handout cover
  - Product and/or service advertising materials included in attendee packet
  - Event table and demonstration time at breaks and lunch
  - NJ ASSP web site regular “live” icon link to sponsor web site for 12 months
  - Thank you from Chapter President at event

- Friends of NJ ASSP Sponsors - $250
  - Brand displayed on bottom half of multiple vendor sponsor poster at event entrance, on all event marketing materials, e-mails, and inside handout cover
  - Product and/or service advertising materials included in attendee packet
  - Event table and demonstration time at breaks and lunch
  - Thank you from Chapter President at event

Twenty minutes will be allotted between speakers for vendor visitation, as well as during the lunch time period. Vendors receive free breakfast, lunch, and golf! Vendor visit validation cards will be given to attendees for entry into end of event prize drawing. Please consider donating a raffle prize – your company will be highlighted at the drawing!

Please contact: Louise Vallee, NJ ASSP President, louisevallee7@gmail.com or 908-763-5573. For more information, visit: https://nj.assp.org/sponsorship/
NJ Chapter Secretary, Derek Smith
While studying civil engineering at NJIT, I was able to work for the Port Authority of NY & NJ, which granted me the unique experience to work on Freedom Tower, Ground Zero, Port Newark, and Newark Airport.

After graduation, I started as a Project Engineer for Simpson and Brown, Inc., a Marine and Land Construction company, where I performed engineering and project management there for 2 years. The company thought that I was the best fit to start their safety culture and program from scratch. At this point, I had had no safety experience, other than receiving my OSHA 30 in college. I had to learn everything for myself while creating a safety program for a $130,000,000 annual sales construction company and reached out for help.

During that search, I came across many safety affiliates and joined a few to learn from subject matter experts. The most helpful was American Society of Safety Professionals. From the PDC conferences, safety meetings, webinars, and networking, I was able to learn so much from safety professionals in disparate fields.

That knowledge enabled me to lower incidents, reduce Simpson and Brown’s EMR to .232, write a safety manual, establish a safe working culture, and provide positive feedback to everyone in the company in 5 years’ time.

After my time at Simpson and Brown, I moved onto my next challenge and created a safety culture and program from scratch for mechanical contractor, Binsky. In a years’ time, I was able to establish a return to work policy, lower EMR 80%, and create a safety program where each project goes through a rigorous process starting from the initial bid; all the way to project review to find lessons learned and corrective actions. This process also contains a proactive approach to help improve efficiency and making safety an integral part of each aspect through a project.

I am currently working for PSE&G as a Safety Coordinator for DP&C, and work with both contractors and employees to help create a safer culture in a highly hazardous environment.

I would not be able to get to this point in my career without the help of ASSP; therefore, it is only right to give back to illustrate my gratitude and appreciation to all of those that have helped me in my career path. I look forward to helping the New Jersey chapter continue its Platinum status while looking for ways to help improve on an incredible foundation set forth by those before me.

OSHA Proposes Rule on Crane Operator Certification
After eight years in development, the new rule would remove certification-by-capacity restrictions.
Jack Fearing, CPEA – Fearing International Group LLC

Eight years after it began the process of finalizing a rule to govern the certification of crane and derrick operators in the construction industry, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has finally issued a notice of proposed rulemaking that could just possibly be adopted as a final-final—they really mean it—final rule in 2019.

In August 2010 OSHA issued the final cranes and derricks in construction standard, that called for crane operators to be either certified or qualified, depending on the option elected by an employer, by November 2014. However, in February 2014, the agency proposed another three-year extension to
the operator certification deadline and requested public comment. That deadline eventually was delayed again until November 2017.

Last November, the agency issued its “final” standard, which asserted OSHA’s long-held position that an operator is qualified to operate a particular piece of equipment only if the operator is certified for that type and capacity of equipment, or is certified for higher-capacity equipment of that same type. For example, an operator certified to operate a 100-ton hydraulic crane also would be able to operate a 50-ton hydraulic crane—but not a 200-ton hydraulic crane.

Over the years this interpretation created significant concern for many industry representatives, including employers and unions, and firms that offer crane operator training, notes Tressi L. Cordaro, an attorney with the law firm of Jackson Lewis. OSHA now proposes to eliminate any requirement that operator certification be based on the capacity of the crane.

OSHA also stressed that it is unaware of any direct evidence establishing a safety benefit for requiring certification by capacity, and that employee certification by capacity of crane should merely be an option for those employers who wish to use it.

The new proposed rule also seeks to clarify and permanently extend an employer’s ongoing duty to evaluate potential operators in regard to their ability to safely operate assigned equipment covered and to require that employers document the evaluation.

Not everyone is happy about this portion of the proposed rule. “Some have become concerned in particular at the implications of the employer evaluation portion of the proposed rule, a new section developed by OSHA to address industry concerns that certification, though valuable, is insufficient by itself to ensure an operator is qualified,” observes the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators.

“The standard would make certification akin to a driver’s learner permit requiring employers to still evaluate an operator’s skill and competency to operate equipment safely,” according to Cordaro. “The proposed standard is written in performance-oriented language and does not establish what specific skills must be assessed. As drafted, it is possible this requirement to evaluate an operator could change from job to job.”

OSHA explained that the proposed standard would “also require employers to evaluate the operator’s judgement,” not just his or her skills. This means that the employer would have to assess not only the operator’s ability to apply knowledge and skills to the everyday requirements of the job, but also the operator’s “ability to recognize risky or unusual conditions.”

Of course, even the request for comments accompanying release of the latest rulemaking proceeding could not pass without experiencing yet another delay. On June 19, OSHA announced that it extended the period for public comments on its rule proposal from the originally announced deadline of June 20 to July 5.

Jack Fearing, CPEA, is the Managing Partner of Fearing International Group LLC. The firm was established in 2013 and provides global services in occupational and aviation safety. He is an OSHA-authorized 10 & 30 instructor for General Industry. Areas of specialization include program development, auditing and management systems implementation. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and Boston University. He is a professional member of ASSP. He can be reached at jack@fearing-international.com or (908) 303-8359.
Proposed SNUR for Asbestos

EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) for certain uses of asbestos (including asbestos-containing goods) that would require manufacturers and importers to receive EPA approval before starting or resuming manufacturing, and importing or processing of asbestos. This review process would provide EPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use of asbestos and, when necessary, take action to prohibit or limit the use. In the absence of this proposed rule, the importing or processing of asbestos (including as part of an article) for the significant new uses proposed in this rule may begin at any time, without prior notice to EPA.


CSP Question of the Month

By Anthony Krake
The repetitive motion injury, medically known as epicondylitis, affects which part of the body?
1. Elbow
2. Wrist
3. Rotator Cuff
4. Lower Back

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Letter from the Editor

Dear NJ ASSP Colleagues,

What’s new in your career and life? We are hoping to create a “People on the Move” section in which members tell our ASSP colleagues about job and life changes as well as speaking engagements, volunteerism, etc. Please send your news to news@nj.assp.org.

Have a safe, successful day,

Wayne

Wayne Baruch, MBA, NJ ASSP Newsletter Editor

Safe + Sound Week

Many thanks to our C & F Interns (and future leaders) for developing the Safe and Sound flyer – (L-R) Emmanuel Lopez; Richard Katz; NJ ASSP President, Louise Vallee; Lela Reynolds (L & D Manager), and Macarena Campos.

SAFE + SOUND WEEK

August 13-19, 2018

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event to raise awareness and understanding of the value of safety and health programs that include management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces.

Illness and injuries can be prevented through successful safety programs which cover common hazards such as:
- Electrical hazards
- Chemical hazards
- Construction hazards
- Slip and fall hazards
  ... and more!

We’re all called to participate:
Business owners, executives, managers, supervisors, and workers.

Are you participating?
Host a private or public event to engage your community and gain some recognition!

Participating in Safe + Sound Week is easy. To get started, follow the link below:
https://www.osha.gov/safesoundweek/
Answer to CSP Question of the Month
Correct Answer: A, Elbow. Commonly known as Tennis Elbow or Carpenters Elbow, this repetitive motion injury is common among construction workers handing small tools such as hammers or paint brushes.