Letter from the President

Greetings ASSP Members and Friends,

Our 2019-2020 Chapter Year is off to an auspicious start following the unqualified success of the Technical Tour at Picatinny Arsenal in September as well as the highly well-attended October meeting at the center of the beauty universe L’Oréal! We kept the momentum going in November at the Middlesex Fire Academy Emergency Management meeting there hosted by John Ferguson, Deputy Emergency Manager! The calendar year was then capped off with our Gala Celebration of Past Presidents and Holiday Party!

The tour at Picatinny opened our eyes to the design and engineering of various types of guns that are used by our military warfighters. We saw first-hand where they are designed, built, and tested stepping into a world of weapons technology that was not known to us before. We even got to step up to their main firing range where the Bradley Infantry Vehicle’s guns are tested! The main range is 300 Meters long and packed with sand and armor plating at the end! Incredible! We were escorted by Picatinny Arsenal Associate April Kryluk who is now one of NJASSPs newest members!

We kept the operational tempo going the following month at the convergence points of safety, sustainability, and beauty when we met at L’Oréal North American Headquarters in Clark, New Jersey. There were over seventy members of NJASSP and NJAHMP combined as well as several prospective student members from Rutgers University! Kristen Herman and Jay Harf presented on their global safety and sustainability programs that have L’Oréal receiving top awards from safety organizations across Canada & Latin-America. The gourmet dinner in their restaurant-like cafeteria was sumptuous down to the dessert! Their parting gifts of L’Oréal SWAG was indeed a generous capstone to the event. Thank you!
The November meeting provided us an inside look at Emergency Management from the perspective of a county emergency manager who’s seen his share of storms, floods, fires, power outages and active shooter events. We were shown slides where route 18 in New Brunswick was under water, as well as evacuation and housing of storm related homeless residents of the county. This meeting drew at least 7 new members, 4 from Rutgers’ new EHS program Kai, Simone, Houdris, and Salimata and 3 from the world of work, Mike, Matt and Ted! Food was great and the conversations were upbeat!

We closed the calendar year by paying homage to our Past Presidents while extending our best wishes to all for a safe and peace-filled Seasons Greetings full of promise for 2020. Nine Past Presidents were in attendance including the chapter’s first woman president Joann V. West 1991-1992. We all took turns writing notes of encouragement to our deployed troops to include in the boxes we stuffed boxes with games, candy and snacks as a “care” package; dropped off gifts for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots® drive and then feasted on Italian family style food while being entertained by a magician-comedian-mentalist who stole my watch during a “magic” trick! We recognized Ann Minzner Conley for 25, and Victor Sordillo for 40 years of service to NJASSP! Three brand new members were in attendance Deanene Hightower, Kyle Kutsup, and Mike Lynch! Kudos & Welcome All!!

Our goal has always been and will continue to be, to provide you with face to face professional development encounters at a level of technical engagement and leadership that you, our members will benefit from and will be able to immediately apply to your work environment. In the remaining chapter year from January to June, we have planned exciting, and immersive meetings and events that include the business value of safety, health physics updates, industrial hygiene and safety updates as well as a blockbuster PDC at Beaver Brook Country Club.

Come, join us, learn with us, fellowship with us, break bread with us, let us know what we’re doing right for you, and where we can, and should, improve. We sincerely look forward to seeing you!

Fraternally yours in Safety,

Robert “Pt Rob” Ortiz, CSP, OHST, Chapter President

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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 (a PDF reader is required on your device ...if you don’t have one yet). The Chapter Members and Officers extend a heartfelt welcome to our new members and 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. A sincere welcome to our new student and general members. We are proud to have you as members of our ASSP chapter. Congratulations to our longstanding members!!

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Updated Standards for Mobile Elevated Work Platforms
Effective January, 2020, ANSI MEWP standards require all operators and supervisors to be certified in the safe operation of scissor lifts, boom lifts, and mast lifts. You will also learn about other new regulations and probably correct some bad practices that have crept into your MEWP usage.

Check these and other organizations for qualified operator and trainer training:
- https://www.ivestraining.com
- http://www.garequipment.com/operator.php#main
**Holiday Party and Past Presidents Recognition**

Holiday Party and Past Presidents Recognition at Maggiano’s December 4th!

Another great event incorporating not just warm and celebratory networking, but Toys for Tots, Treats for Troops, Jack Fearing 2019 SPY award, long term member recognition, and awesome mentalist entertainment. Wonderful time for members and guests!

*Past Presidents - John Kraynanski, Joe Schwed, Pat Delaney, Frank Gesualdo, Rob Ortiz, Bob Sagendorf, Ivan Cohen, Kathy Seabrook, Lauren Cranmer, Joann West, and Louise Vallee*

*Thank you generous Treats for Troops Donating Partners; Wakefern, J & J, L’Oreal, Atlantic Environmental, Frank Colavita and NJ Friends of the Guard and Reserve, Jack Fearing, Maria Danyo, Kari Lyons and John Binder, and Louise Vallee. Thank you partner members Ruben Rodriguez (Wakefern) and John Kraynanski (J & J), Kristin Herman (L’Oreal), Bob Sheriff (Atlantic Environmental) AND especially event coordinator – Kari Lyons.*
Another GREAT Toys for Tots year! Thank you Jack Fearing!

Congratulations and thank you 40 year member, Victor Sordillo and 25 year member, Ann Minzner Conley.
Thanks for coming Joann West and ASSP SPY!

Congratulations Jack Fearing – 2019 NJ ASSP SPY!

Mentalist Henry C amazed and confounded all and especially Tammy Rossomando, John Binder, and Jessie Vallee-Vasquez!

Thanks for coming! See you next year!
Kudos and BIG Chapter THANKS to Kari for the completion of her dream Treats for Troops project! Friday, Kari and I spent 3 hours with PO employee Teddy at the Morristown Ridgedale PO shipping 50 packages for overseas troops. Sincere thanks to Kristin Herman (and L’Oreal), John Kraynanski (and J & J), and Ruben Rodriguez (and Wakefern) for such generous and welcome donations – all guaranteed to awe our troops! Thanks to Jack Fearing for connecting us with Frank Colavita, President of NJ Friends of the Guard and Reserve. Frank helped us with the process, donations, and a generous $500 shipping donation. Thanks to Frank! This developed into the project that no one could say NO to and brought out the BEST in everyone. What a great NJ ASSP event!

Kari and John kindly donated their home space to 100+ boxes and thousands of items that had to be repacked! The boxes were artistically decorated and packed by Kari – it became her second job. The packing and card signing at Maggiano’s spread the love-thank you to our volunteers! All donations were packed and shipped! The largest size available box was packed full! Thanks to Maria Danyo for distributing and gathering holiday cards at C & F overflowing with warm thoughts and signatures. Reading them was sure heartwarming and they went into each box.

Please join me in thanking Kari and all for an exceptional effort truly displaying the good spirits of the season and the BEST of NJ ASSP! It was a LOT of work and she is a true CHAMPION and our partners are truly inspirational.
**OSHA Embraces Leading Indicators**

In his November 5 *EHS Today* article, David Sparkman presents an interesting discussion on a change in OSHA from dealing with compliance by studying leading indicators, rather than lagging indicators. We obviously prefer to be proactive and anticipate potential injuries and illnesses. Leading indicators help us to better do so.

See David’s article at:
https://www.ehstoday.com/standards/osha/article/21920446/osha-embraces-leading-indicators

To assist employers in learning about the use of leading indicators in more detail, OSHA has published an 18-page detailed guide called: *Using Leading Indicators to Improve Safety and Health Outcomes.*

OSHA has scheduled a Nov. 7 stakeholders meeting in Washington, DC, to discuss the development of this initiative and to seek answers from employers to questions about leading indicators and their use in EHS management.

The new leading indicator policy is just the latest in changes the agency has made to its enforcement policy and practices. OSHA also recently began using a new system for weighing and measuring enforcement priorities that now includes added emphases depending on the type of hazard inspected and whether the actions were taken in pursuit of the agency’s enforcement initiatives.

*Editor’s note: Thanks to Jack Fearing for picking out a timely, important article for us to read.*

**Certifications from Crane Institute Certification (CIC)**

OSHA has just issued an announcement concerning crane operator certifications issued by Crane Institute Certification (CIC), effective 12/2/2019. https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/11262019-0

A link to NCCO is also attached for your convenience: https://www.nccco.org/home

**NJ ASSP on LinkedIn and Social Media**

Did you know that the NJ ASSP has its own community on LinkedIn? Click here to join!

Follow us on twitter: https://twitter.com/ASSP_Safety
Friend us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ASSPSafety
Next webinar: https://learn.assp.org/products/professional-codes-of-conduct-key-issues-for-the-osh-professional

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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.

Please contact: Rob Ortiz, NJ ASSP President, president@nj.assp.org or 201-640-9224.
For more information, visit: https://nj.assp.org/sponsorship/
OSHA Enforcement and Compliance Increases in 2019

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) fiscal year (FY) 2019 final statistics show a significant increase in the number of inspections and a record amount of compliance assistance to further the mission of ensuring that employers provide workplaces free of hazards.

OSHA’s enforcement activities reflect the Department’s continued focus on worker safety. Federal OSHA conducted 33,401 inspections—more inspections than the previous three years—addressing violations related to trenching, falls, chemical exposure, silica and other hazards.

In FY19, OSHA provided a record 1,392,611 workers with training on safety and health requirements through the Agency’s various education programs, including the OSHA Training Institute Education Centers, Outreach Training Program and Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. OSHA’s compliance assistance programs have helped small businesses address safety and health hazards in their workplaces. In FY19, OSHA’s no-cost On-Site Consultation Program identified 137,885 workplace hazards, and protected 3.2 million workers from potential harm.

“OSHA’s efforts – rulemaking, enforcement, compliance assistance and training – are tools to accomplish our mission of safety and health for every worker,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt. “I am proud of the diligent, hard work of all OSHA personnel who contributed to a memorable year of protecting our nation’s workers.”

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights


CSP Question of the Month

Match the fall protection standard.

A. Six-foot fall 1) 1926, Subpart R
B. Four-foot fall 2) 1926, Subpart X
C. Fifteen-foot fall 3) 1926, Subpart L
D. 9.8 foot fall 4) 1926, Subpart M
E. 30 foot fall 5) 1910, Subpart D
F. Six-foot leading edge setback
G. Fifteen-foot leading edge setback
H. 42” +/- 3”

Seeking Employment or have a job or article to post?

Visit https://nj.assp.org/current-openings/
Submit resume and/or job or career-related postings, as well as articles of interest to NJ ASSP members to: news@nj.assp.org.
Another great search site: https://ehscareers.com/
November ASSP Meeting

We met at the Middlesex County Fire Academy to learn about the County Emergency Preparedness program.

Answer to CSP Question of the Month
Correct Answer:
A. Six-foot fall __4__
B. Four-foot fall __5__
C. Fifteen-foot fall __1__
D. 9.8 foot fall __3__
E. 30 foot fall __1__
F. Six-foot leading edge setback __4__
G. Fifteen-foot leading edge setback __4__
H. 42” +/- 3” __2__
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