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ASSE New Jersey Chapter President’s Message

As I begin my term as President, I first want to thank Joe Smith for his work as President and commitment through the years. Also, congratulations to Joe Piccolo for receiving the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award for the NJ Chapter.

Where did the summer go? For those of us with children the fall brings the added responsibility of homework with endless sports games and practices. There never seems to be enough time in each day. As the mother of five children I know that free time is sparse and activities must be prioritized. I invite you to find 3 hours each month to attend our monthly meetings.

Our Executive Board met over the summer to plan for the upcoming year. YOU the members spoke and WE listened. Meetings will start and end EARLIER. Each dinner meeting will begin with networking at 4:30pm and the dinner and technical program will end by 7 pm. There will be more TOURS. We will visit the Anheuser-Busch BREWERY in January and Benjamin Moore Plant in February.

I have set several goals for the Executive Board and Committees:

1. Reach out to the community and give back
 - Volunteer in 2 Special Olympics events
 - Assist with 1 Habitat for Humanity project
 - Provide 3 Library Donations
2. Increase student participation from local Colleges and Universities
3. Change to electronic voting
4. Obtain a National recognition award (STAR Chapter Achievement)

It truly is an honor and privilege to serve as President of the NJ Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting and welcome your comments and ideas president@njasse.org.

Sincerely,

Gina Mayer-Costa, CSP, CHMM
President, NJ Chapter ASSE



Our First Meeting...

September 15, 2005

**Expanding Individual Liabilities
for EH&S Professionals
(Sarbanes – Oxley)**

Location: Snuffy’s Pantagis Restaurant

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NJ ASSE Website
www.njasse.org
Meeting registration, job postings, scholarship information, updated meeting information... Check it out!

NJ Chapter Newsletter

Published nine times a year from September to May by the NJ Chapter of ASSE. Members are invited to submit articles, ads, member news, etc. All material is subject to editing and will be included as space allows.

Calling all ASSE members...

Help us get a National Award!

Submit information on:

- Awards
- Promotion
- Presentation at a conference
- Submission of an article to a magazine

Your information will be highlighted in each newsletter.

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FEATURED ARTICLE

Window Cleaning Can Be A RISKY Business

Whether you subcontract out your window cleaning or you have your own employees cleaning windows, the risk and the potential for liability exposure just got easier to manage. Although window cleaning normally represents a very small portion of an entire cleaning contract, it does expose workers and building service contractors to a disproportionate amount of risk. How is one to know if window cleaners are following the latest laws and standards? One sure way of knowing is to, in the ease of those who subcontract their window cleaning, hire an [IWCCI](#) (International Window Cleaner Certification institute) Certified Window Cleaner.

Currently the IWCCI has 137 member companies. These companies have pre-purchased close to 500 training slots. Since its founding in 2002, the institute has certified close to 100 window cleaners in the United States, IWCCI anticipates this number will continue to climb as marketplace pressures increase and members log their on-the-job training hours.

The institute was formed in 2002 after ANSI (American National Standards Institute) approved the publication of the IWCA-I14 Window Cleaning Safety Standards. The certification program requires a company join the Institute and then purchase training slots for its window cleaners. Window cleaners can be certified at four levels:

- 1) CWC/RR - Certified Window Cleaners - Route/Residential (For ground-based route/residential properties)
- 2) CWC - Certified Window Cleaners (For ground-based commercial cleaning)
- 3) CWC/RDS - Certified Window Cleaners (For commercial work using suspended rope descent system)
- 4) CWC/SS - Certified Window Cleaners (For commercial work using suspended scaffolding)

Each student must log the required on-the-job training hours, and pass a comprehensive exam in order to earn the designation of Certified Window Cleaner.

Why is it important to use or have certified window cleaners? The first and most important reason is the human factor. Having well trained, knowledgeable window cleaners may avert an accident that could potentially hurt or even kill someone and also helps reduce the chance of causing damage to property if an accident does happen, first you must deal with the emotional trauma of having an employee or one of your subcontractors hurt or killed. Then you must deal with the business trauma.

If an accident is severe enough; property/facility managers have no choice but to show action by replacing the "unsafe" contractor with a new one. Hiring certified window cleaners may not always be the cheapest avenue, but it may be less costly route. If the window cleaners are your employees, you will surely see your workers' compensation or your general liability rates climb, if you are subcontracting your window cleaning, some of the burden many come back to you if your subcontractor is inadequately insured.

Lastly, you may get a visit from OSHA. Fines can be stiff if employers cannot prove their employees are working in accordance with the laws & standards governing window cleaning. The old adage, "if it was not documented, it wasn't done", certainly holds true. What better way to prove your window cleaners are trained than to produce a document of certification?

Getting certified is not easy. In some instances window cleaners need to take the test three times to get a passing grade. In order to obtain the Certificated Window Cleaners/Rope Descent System certification, window cleaners must get 92% of the 140 exam questions correct. They also must log the correct number of on-the-job training hours. Using the above example, to be certified on Rope Descent Systems, a window cleaner must log in 1,155 hours of on-the-job training hours. For many workers, taking the test is very intimidating since most have not taken such an extensive test in years. To allow as many window cleaners as possible to get certified, the test and study material are offered in both English and Spanish.

Make your life easier and partner with companies that have certified window cleaners on staff, or have your window cleaners certified. I have seen recent Request for Quotations demand that the ANSI 1-14 Window Cleaning Safety Standard be adhered to. A major portion of the standard is dedicated to training and having competent workers. I have also been required by a client to have only certified window cleaners onsite. Certification is here to stay and as more people learn about it and demand it, it will be a part of everyday life.

BY: MICHAEL AMOROSO

Michael Amoroso is the President of Valcourt Building Services of New Jersey LC and has been in the industry for 14 years. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of the IWCCI (International Window Cleaner Certification Institute) and Past President of the IWCA (International Window Cleaning Association).

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Meet the Team Joe Schwed, Bob Sagendorf, Kristin Kelley, Joe Smith and Gina Mayer-Costa



Meeting Schedule

Listed below is the tentative schedule of 2005-2006 ASSE meetings, locations and topics for the upcoming months. Please be sure to check the NJ ASSE website njasse.org for changes or updates.

Date	Topic	Location	Time
September 15, 2005	Expanding Individual Liabilities for EH&S Professionals (Sarbanes – Oxley)	Snuffy Pantagis Restaurant (Scotch Plains)	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
October 25, 2005	Joint ASSE-ACHMM Meeting EHS Issues Facing Multi-National Companies	Wyeth, Madison	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
November 1, 2005	Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing for EHS	PSEG Edison Training & Development Ctr., Edison	PDC 8am-4pm
November 10, 2005	Fleet Safety for Company Drivers	TBD	TBD
December 8, 2005	OSHA Update and Past Presidents Meeting	L’Affaire, Mountainside	Dinner: 4:30 – 8pm
January 12, 2006	EHS for the US Army in Iraq and Brewery Tour	Anheuser-Busch, Newark	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
February 9, 2006	Behavior Based Safety and Benjamin Moore Tour	Benjamin Moore & Co., Flanders	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
March 9, 2006	Joint ASSE-AIHA Meeting: Nanotechnology	TBD	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
April 2006	NFPA 70E: Electrical Safety in the Workplace	TBD	PDC 8am-4pm
April 26, 2006	ANSI Z-10 Occupational H & S Management Systems	Safety Expo - Atlantic City, NJ	2:00 pm
May 11, 2006	Joint Meeting with Penn Jersey: Workzone Safety and Scholarship Awards	TBD	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm

EHS News and Information

OSHA Announces Targeted Inspection Plan for 2005 Agency targets about 4,400 high-hazard worksites

WASHINGTON -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced today that its [2005 site-specific targeting \(SST\)](#) plan will focus on approximately 4,400 high-hazard worksites for unannounced comprehensive inspections over the coming year.

"Our targeted inspection program maximizes the effectiveness of our inspection resources to those workplaces with the highest safety and health hazards," said Jonathan L. Snare, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. "This program gives us the opportunity to focus our enforcement efforts where it will have the most benefit for workers and employers."

Over the past seven years, OSHA has used a site-specific targeting inspection program based on injury and illness data. This year's program (SST-05) stems from the agency's Data Initiative for 2004, which surveyed approximately 80,000 employers to attain their injury and illness numbers for 2003.

This year's program will initially cover about 4,400 individual worksites on the primary list that reported 12 or more injuries or illnesses resulting in days away from work, restricted work activity, or job transfer for every 100 full-time workers (known as the DART rate). The primary list will also include sites based on a "Days Away from Work Injury and Illness" (DAFWII) rate of 9 or higher (9 or more cases that involve days away from work per 100 full-time employees). Employers not on the primary list who reported DART rates of between 7.0 and 12.0, or DAFWII rates of between 5.0 and 9.0, will be placed on a secondary list for possible inspection. The national incident DART rate in 2003 for private industry was 2.6, while the national incident DAFWII rate was 1.5.

OSHA will again inspect nursing homes and personal care facilities, but only the highest 50% rated establishments will be included on the Primary List. Inspections will focus primarily on ergonomic hazards relating to resident handling; exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials; exposure to tuberculosis; and slips, trips, and falls.

The agency will also randomly select and inspect about 400 workplaces (with 75 or more employees) across the nation that reported low injury and illness rates for the purpose of reviewing the actual degree of compliance with OSHA requirements. These establishments are selected from those industries with above the national incident DART and DAFWII rates.

Finally, the agency will include on the primary list some establishments that did not respond to the 2004 data survey.

Employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

National Preparedness Month

The Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross will co-sponsor National Preparedness Month 2005 in September to encourage all Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Information about this effort can be obtained at the following websites:

- Department of Homeland Security <http://www.ready.gov>
- State Emergency Management Sites <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=14&content=3283>
- American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/everyday.html>
- OSHA <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/index.html>
- National Safety Council <http://www.nsc.org/>
- Citizen Corp <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>

SAFETY IDEA

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS

It is well documented that early clinical intervention during the onset of cardiac arrest greatly increases the victims survival rate. Data shows that survival rates decrease by 10% with each passing minute. The availability of automatic external defibrillators (AED) and the improvements in their technology make it possible for properly trained non-medical personnel to deliver life-saving care to certain heart attack victims.

With that, the American Heart Association has recently endorsed public access defibrillation as a concept and a goal. Additionally, laws in many states have been changed to include defibrillation under the "Good Samaritan" provision. Pioneered by Qantas and American Airlines, thousands of flight attendants are being training in CPR and defibrillator use, so the devices can be made available on all flights.

There are many legal and practical issues that need to be considered before implementing such an endeavor.

- Evaluate all Federal, State, and Local statutes relative to the issue.
- Conduct a risk assessment to determine the likelihood of AED usage.
- Ensure all responders receive proper training on the use and function of the equipment and at a minimum, CPR training.
- Develop an inspection, testing and maintenance program for all AED equipment.
- Ensure a medical officer signs off as the responsible party.

Although the evidence may support the use of AED devices, only through employing a thorough approach to evaluating their acquisition and use can the benefits to the Municipality be determined. For additional information, please contact Patrick Lorimer of PMK Group at 800.289.6681.

News from our Members

Congratulations to Michelle and Alex Ruiz on the birth of their new baby girl – Isabella. Isabella, was born on August 1, 2005 at 8:17pm, weighing 8 lbs. 1oz. and 20.5 inches long.



Louisa and Bob Sagendorf are pleased to announce the birth of their newest addition, John Paul. John Paul was born at 12:10 AM on August 15, 2005 weighing in at 7 pounds 14 ounces and 21 inches long.

Frank Gesualdo, Jeremy Schwed and Siena Mayer-Costa at the June NJ ASSE Officer Installation Dinner at the Patriots game.



Have you received a promotion, new job, marriage, birth? Let us know. We would like to share this information with our membership. Email: Newsletter@njasse.org



American Society of Safety Engineers—New Jersey Chapter

DATE: September 15, 2005 DINNER MEETING

TOPIC: “Expanding Individual Liabilities for EH&S Professionals”

SPEAKER: Stephen W. Smithson, Esq.
Lowenstein Sandler
Roseland, NJ

LOCATION: Snuffy Pantagis Restaurant (Scotch Plains, NJ)

PROGRAM:

4:30 PM Registration, **NETWORKING** and Cash Bar Happy Hour

5:30 PM Dinner

6:15 PM Technical Program (45 minutes)

“Expanding Individual Liabilities for EH&S Professionals”

- *Impacts of Sarbanes/Oxley*
- *“Responsible Person” designations*
- *Whether Workers’ Compensation will Continue to Provide Protection*

7:00 PM Safe Journey Home

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Mr. Smithson has represented **Fortune** 100 corporations, small companies, industry groups, non-governmental organizations and individuals in wide-ranging areas of environmental, insurance, and health and safety law. He is a frequent speaker and author on these issues. His activities include Co-Founder of the Justice Stewart G. Pollock Environmental American Inn of Court, Co-Founder of the Technical Regulations Advisory Coalition, Environmental Editor of Commerce Magazine, and Editor of [The Environment](#) weblog. Mr. Smithson’s academic credentials are as follows: University of Virginia (M.E., 1996, Civil Engineering, Deans' Fellow), Rutgers University School of Law-Newark (J.D., 1994, Managing Development Editor, *Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal*, Legal Research & Writing Instructor; Moot Court Board) and University of Virginia (B.S., 1990, Chemical Engineering, Rodman Scholar, Lawn Resident, B.A., English).

COST

\$25.00 (Pay at the door by cash or check, payable to “NJ ASSE”)

REGISTRATION:

Register On-Line at www.niasse.org by **September 13**

Directions: visit website