

# ASSE New Jersey Chapter



## President's Message

Spring has finally arrived. As the temperature starts to warm, the daffodils emerge and the robins return, people begin to spend more time outside. Children playing ball or riding their bicycles, families enjoying a walk down your street, or people just out for a drive along a country road, the warmer weather will lead to more activity on our roadways. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. A wealth of information is available on the web related to the consequences of distracted driving, such as drivers are 4X more likely to be in an accident while using a cell phone, hands-free or not. As a safety professional, you have the unique ability to raise the awareness of distracted driving to the employees you train. Collect some data and present it at your next safety training, meeting, or tool box talk. If each of us in the New Jersey Chapter reached just five of our employees and got them to limit the use of a cell phone while driving, 2500 motor vehicle operators in NJ would drive safer.

Last month, I announced that elections for our board positions were open. In addition to voting for your Chapter Officers, I also asked that you vote on NJ Chapter By-Law changes and the proposed changes to the ASSE Governance Structure. The elections will close on April 11<sup>th</sup>, so please vote. The ballot can be found on the home page [www.njasse.org](http://www.njasse.org) under "Chapter Elections". Thank you for your anticipated vote.

Our April meeting will be unique. It will be a daytime meeting at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway, NJ. Picatinny Arsenal is the Joint Center of Excellence for Armaments and Munitions, providing products and services to all branches of the U.S. military. Nestled in the northern New Jersey skylands, a team of 5,000-strong specializes in the research, development, acquisition and lifecycle management of advanced conventional weapon systems and advanced ammunition. Picatinny's portfolio comprises nearly 90 percent of the Army's lethality and all conventional ammunition for joint warfighters. We will be given a presentation on Picatinny Arsenal and their safety program.

Since we will be at an active military facility, there are added security measures. The meeting will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will close registration on April 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be **NO walk-ins**. You must register through the website. In addition to registering on the website, you must send me an e-mail at [president@njasse.org](mailto:president@njasse.org) with the following information:

- Name (from your registration)
- Company
- Indicate if you are not a US citizen
- Car make and model

Hope to see you at the meeting. Details of the meeting are below.

**John Vogler**, CSP  
President, New Jersey Chapter  
American Society of Safety Engineers

## **April Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**PLACE:** Picatinny Arsenal, Rockaway, NJ, Building

**AGENDA:**   **12:30 pm** Executive Board Meeting  
                  **1:15 pm**   Registration  
                  **1:30 pm**   Presentation and tour  
                  **Note:** No food will be served at this meeting

**COST:**   \$25. Register at [WWW.NJASSE.ORG](http://WWW.NJASSE.ORG) and send separate e-mail as described above.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **From West**

- I-78 westbound to Route 24 westbound.
- Exit Route 24 westbound to I-287 northbound.
- Exit I-287 northbound to I-80 westbound.
- Exit I-80 westbound at Exit 34 to Route 15 northbound (Sparta & Picatinny Arsenal).
- Go through traffic light, bear right to Picatinny Entrance (up small hill) before underpass.
- Stop at the Visitor Control Building on your left before the guard shack.

### **From East**

- I-80 eastbound at Exit 34 (to Wharton & Picatinny Arsenal) in New Jersey.
- Bear right at exit, go underneath I-80 overpass.
- Go straight at traffic light, bear right at fork (small shopping center on right).
- Go underneath overpass, through traffic light, bear right to Picatinny Entrance (up small hill).
- Stop at the Visitor Control Building on your left before the guard shack.

## **On-site directions to Building 458**

- Building 458 is at the northern part of the base across the street from Lake Picatinny.
- From gate continue on Parker Road to the first traffic light.
- Go straight after the traffic light and after a short drive bear left onto Buffington Road. You will pass by the golf club and pro shop on your left.
- Go straight after the stop sign, continuing on Buffington Road. You will see the Installation Commanders Building on your left with a large flag pole.
- Eventually, Buffington Road ends and turns into Whitemore Ave, just as the road bends to the left.
- Building 458 is the large building on your left as the road bends to the left.

## **Future Meetings**

Our May meeting is not yet confirmed.

## **Legislation**

## OSHA's Proposed Reporting Rule

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the Risk Management Society (RIMS), are urging OSHA to withdraw its electronic reporting proposed rule, while the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) stops short of asking the agency to withdraw the proposed rule but does indicate it has concerns about the rule.

OSHA's proposed rule, [Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses](#), already has proved controversial, with the agency extending the comment period by 30 days at the request of the National Association of Home Builders. The rule would amend [OSHA's current recordkeeping regulations](#) to require the nation's 38,000 establishments with more than 250 employees (and that already are required to keep records) to electronically submit the records on a quarterly basis to OSHA. The 440,000 U.S. companies with more than 20 employees but fewer than 250 that are in certain industries with high injury and illness rates would be required to electronically submit their summary of work-related injuries and illnesses to OSHA once a year.

"In our [comments](#) submitted for the record, ASSE urged OSHA to withdraw its proposed rule, Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, until the agency develops clearer objectives and a stronger rationale for requiring establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit each quarter injury and illness records and each year summary data," said ASSE President Kathy Seabrook, CSP, CMIOSH, EurOSHM. "ASSE does not believe OSHA has explained adequately how collecting the information will actually improve workplace safety, or how OSHA will manage the information once it is collected", she added. "ASSE believes publishing the information collected will make more difficult the efforts of safety professionals to focus companies on preventing hazards instead of reporting injuries." ([EHS Today](#), March 13, 2014).

## OSHA Announces National Stand-Down for Fall Prevention in Construction

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration today announced a national safety stand-down from June 2 to 6 to raise awareness among employers and workers about the hazards of falls, which account for the highest number of deaths in the construction industry.

"Falls account for more than a third of all deaths in this industry," said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. "We're working with employers, workers, industry groups, state OSH plans, and civic and faith-based organizations to host safety stand-downs that focus on recognizing hazards and preventing falls. We are getting the message out to America's employers that safety pays and falls cost."

During the stand-down, employers and workers are asked to pause their workday to talk about fall prevention in construction, and discuss topics like ladder safety, scaffolding safety and roofing work safety. OSHA has also launched an official [national safety stand-down website](#) with information on how to conduct a successful stand-down. Afterwards, employers will be able to provide feedback and receive a personalized certificate of participation.

The stand-down is part of OSHA's ongoing [Fall Prevention Campaign](#), which was started in 2012 and was developed in partnership with the [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#) and [NIOSH's National Occupational Research Agenda](#) program. The campaign provides employers with lifesaving information and [educational materials](#) on how to plan ahead to prevent falls, provide the right equipment

for their workers and train all employees in the proper use of that equipment.

"We are pleased to join again with OSHA and our NORA partners to focus on fall prevention at construction sites," said Dr. John Howard, NIOSH director. "Preventing falls in the construction industry benefits everyone, from the worker, to the employer, to the community at large. This safety stand-down serves as an important opportunity for everyone to take the time to learn how to recognize and prevent fall hazards."

To learn how to partner with OSHA in this stand-down, visit <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>. The page provides details on how to conduct a stand-down; receive a certificate of participation; and access free education and training resources, fact sheets and other outreach materials in English and Spanish. To learn more about preventing falls in construction visit <http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/>.

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 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](http://www.osha.gov). (Office of Communications, OSHA, March 19, 2014)

## Professional Development

NJASSE is pleased to offer a professional development opportunity for our members. A free webinar is available to anyone who would like to attend. Specifics are below.

April 10, 2014  
2PM - 3PM EST

### Job Safety Analysis: A Safety Building Block

*Discover how to create effective job safety analyses that pinpoint hazards and identify controls to safeguard your employees. Learn to mitigate risk by selecting and prioritizing jobs to analyze within your operation.*

To access the webinar, click on the following link <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1029176>

The last field on registration will ask for an Account Number. Please enter **ASSENJ** as the account number.

## New Members

The New Jersey Chapter of ASSE would like to welcome the following new members. If you have any questions about the chapter, please e-mail your question to [info@njasse.org](mailto:info@njasse.org). We hope to see you at future meetings.

Eman Alawamleh  
Anthony Alston  
Jennifer Arrison  
Danyella Coffey  
Anthony Lionetto  
Alex Tanquino

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