

NEWSLETTER



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October 7, 2008 - Tuesday	8:00am- 4pm, OSHA Update / Doors Open 7:30 am, Ruthe Jackson Center, Grand Prairie
October 15, 2008 - Wednesday	8:30am, OKC Chapter Meeting & Inaugural Sporting Clay Shoot, Guthrie, OK
November 10, 2008 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting
December 8, 2008 - Monday	7pm -9pm Chapter Social & Toy Drive, Outdoor World, Grapevine, Tx
January 12, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting
February 9, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting
March 9, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Dr. Wayne D. Jones, Southeast Oklahoma State University
April 2-3, 2009- Thursday-Friday	PDC
May 11, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting
June 9 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Installation of 2009-2010 Chapter Officers

All meetings (except QUOIN) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – 14315 Midway Rd, Addison except when stated otherwise.

October and December meetings are at other locations.

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Fall is here. The kids are back to get back into the "normal new school year with the latest



in school or off to college! It is time routine." It is time to start out our activities of the Chapter.

Meet Your 2008-2009 Chapter Officers!

President - Phil Bunker has worked for AT&T Environment, Health & Safety as a manager in Strategic Compliance, with assignments in Corporate Security and Wireless Fraud for 15 years. Previously, Phil worked in law enforcement and corporate security.

Vice President - Lori Siegelman is Certified Safety Professional and Certified Industrial Hygienist working as consultant for Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. in the Richardson, Texas office. Prior to joining Bureau Veritas, Lori was the Safety and Environmental Manager for Rockwell Collins, Inc. Lori has been a member of the Southwest.

Treasurer - Brady Steele is a project manager for KJ Environmental in Denton, TX. Brady is also pursuing a science degree and served 12 years in the United States Coast Guard.

Secretary - Michael Pierce has been with Parkland Hospital for 32 years. Michael is the Safety Coordinator and is responsible for assuring Joint Commission compliance for the environment of care, conducting safety training for employees, safety audits and environmental tours. He has also served as a member of the hospital emergency preparedness decontamination team. Michael is a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). He is also certified as an OSHA 500 Train the Trainer in Occupational Safety & Health Standards for Construction Industry.

Annual North Texas OSHA Regulatory Update Seminar

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

8am - 4:30pm, Doors open 7:30am

**Location: Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX**

You should have received the form & announcement via email.

Pre-registration: Mail form with \$50 (members) or \$65 (non-members) to:

OSHA Update

Att: Louis Holtz

**6911 Echo Bluff Dr.
Dallas, TX 75248**

Cost after September 30th \$60 (members) or \$75 (non-members). Price includes box lunch and refreshments.

Certification Points: 1CM: 0.5 COC

More info: contact Louis Holtz 972.404.2458

Email: holtz@oxy.com

ASSE OKC Chapter

October 2008 Chapter Meeting & Inaugural Sporting Clay Shoot

October 15, 2008 – 8:30 am

Exciting filled day of safety and networking at the ASSE OKC Chapter Inaugural Sporting Clay Shoot on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008! Following the Sporting Clay Shoot, the OKC Chapter will hold their monthly meeting entitled "Hunter Safety" in the pavilion at [Silverleaf Shotgun Sports](#). You must sign a waiver from Silverleaf before event begins.

[Silverleaf Shotgun Sports](#)

8513 S. Douglas Blvd.
Guthrie, OK 73044

Cost: \$75

Registration: 8:30am

FACTS & INFORMATION

ASSE (www.asse.org) – approximately 32,000 members in 64 countries.

ASSE Region III (<http://region3.asse.org/>) – 16 Chapters, including Ecuador. 3,500 members.

ASSE Southwest Chapter (www.sw-asse.org) – 549 active members (as of 8/4/08).

Chapter By-Laws posted on website www.sw-asse.org.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University News

ASSE Colleagues,

We just had our largest ASSE student chapter meeting EVER!! Attendance was 57 students and 3 faculty, 60 total!!!

We're also experiencing our largest fall occupational safety enrollment in history here at the university with 450+ students enrolled including 280+ undergraduate and 42 graduate occupational safety majors. After graduating 69 students last year with the BS degree in occupational safety and health (with exceptional placement and starting salaries I might add), I thought we would be down a little this year but, we're actually up 5% over last fall which makes 12 consecutive semesters (excluding summer) of increased enrollment in the SOSU occupational safety department.

2008 - 2009 *Southeastern Oklahoma State University*
ASSE Students Chapter Officers are:

President	Jonathan Ludrick
Vice-President	Ray Stephens
Secretary	Derek Black
Treasurer	Cody Harrison

We also had over 20 students ask for *ASSE Foundation* Scholarship applications so we should have a great representation for this year's scholarship selection committee!!!

Thanks for all of the continuous ASSE support!

Wayne

Dr. Wayne D. Jones

Administrator, ASSE Academic Practice Specialty
Chair – Associate Professor
Department of Occupational Safety & Health
Southeastern Oklahoma State University

We will be providing personal long service recognition to members at chapter meetings in appreciation for their many years of dedication to the Society and an opportunity to thank them.

Phil Bunker, President

ASSE's Standards Activities Update.

George W. Pearson, CSP, ARM, Vice President
Council on Practices & Standards

C. Gary Lopez, Chai, Standards Development
Committee

"Safety Requirements for Pile Installation and
Extraction Operations" (ANSI/ASSE A10.19-2008),
is now available through ASSE.

Standard applies to:

- Employment & places of employment where employees are exposed to hazards associated with pile installation & extraction operations during construction & demolition operations
- Piles comprised of hot & cold rolled steel, concrete, wood and composite materials

Government Affairs, The Elections

The reg/leg activities in Texas and also the nation are heating up. The coming election is loaded with a lot of questions regarding EHS...

Will either of the candidates be aggressive in regulatory activity in the early stages of the new administration? There's no real easy answer to that question, but there are some clues:

The U.S. Senate has some Democratic heavy hitters who are quite outspoken regarding OSHA and its perceived sluggishness in regulation proposals; this is particularly true pertaining to the crane and derrick standard, and as of late, combustible dust regulations. If Senator John McCain is elected, will he push to have more regulatory action taken? He may be enough of a maverick to do just that.

There is little doubt that Senator Obama will support the Democrats' push for getting regulations on a fast track--not only those previously mentioned, but also an ergonomics standard.

Adding to the above political issues is the coming Texas legislative session that begins in 2009. There was an abundance of health and safety-related bills last session and there will no doubt be more of the same in the 2009 session.

There will be a lot of activity, and as previously written in this column, the bills and laws impact each of us-- and our livelihood. It might be a good idea to bookmark legislative websites in the coming year!

In a personal aside, I'm standing in as the Southwest Chapter GA guy for our good friend and colleague, Skip Thomas, who is courageously fighting cancer. Skip has a tremendous spirit and attitude, but we all know that this is a tough battle. So please keep him in your prayers and drop him a note when you have the chance. His e-mail address is sthomas@lockton.com.

Bill Propes
ARVP - CoPA
Region 3

Loss Control Experience Symposium

Loss control/risk control professionals have a lot that rests on their shoulders – reduce ultimate loss exposure, develop positive business relationships and impact account retention, just to name a few. But the business of managing risk is changing. The global marketplace, new technologies and a shifting workforce are just some of the changes we'll need to adapt to.

Prepare for the changes ahead by joining in Chicago on October 7th and 8th for this day and a half ASSE symposium, hosted at the headquarters of CNA insurance. Through keynotes from leaders in the field, in-depth breakout sessions and interactive panel discussions, focusing on the loss control/risk control profession and the emerging trends and opportunities that lie ahead.

Learning Outcomes

- Potential exposures associated with emerging issues and technologies.
- Trends and forecasts within the global marketplace that may impact loss control issues.
- Best practices in the loss control profession.
- Real-world case studies that show the impact of safety and loss control activities on risk financing methods.
- Techniques that will better your business acumen skills – like relationship building, influence management and operational effectiveness.

Session Snapshots

- **The Future of Loss Control** - Hear from leaders in the loss control field such as Naveen Anand and Bill Boyd of CNA and Rick Pollock, President and founder of Comprehensive Loss Management on their forecasts on the future of loss control.
- **Emerging Issues** - Mark Oldham, Fireman's Fund Insurance presents a session on liability issues stemming from the global marketplace.
- **The Loss Control/Risk Control Profession** - Fran Sehn, Assistant Vice President - Risk Management Services explores risk control - based on the financial perspectives of a carrier, client and broker.
- **Emerging Technologies** - Linda Tapp, President of Crown Safety looks at the emergence of "Web 2.0" as a loss control method

(Attendees of the Loss Control symposium may receive 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU)).

Here is the address link:

<http://www.asse.org/losscontrolexperience/index.php>

ASSE President Warren K. Brown's, CSP, ARM, CSHM, statement on release of 07 Workplace Fatality Numbers

DES PLAINES, IL (August 21, 2008) – Our sympathy goes out to the family, friends and co-workers of the 5,488 people who lost their lives in 2007 due to

workplace injuries and we reiterate the commitment of our American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) members, 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals, to continue to work around the clock to make sure that the millions of people who go to work return home safely every day.

We are pleased to see a reduction in the number of on-the-job fatalities in 2007 over 2006. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries reported Wednesday that there were 5,488 workplace fatalities in 2007 compared with 5,840 in 2006. The numbers will be finalized in the spring of 2009.

With the expanded ongoing efforts of our members the past few years at increasing fleet safety to address the annual increase in on-the-job transportation-related fatalities we are pleased to see a reduction in those fatalities, but concerned that they still continue to be the number one cause of on-the-job deaths. We will continue through communications, sharing best practices, symposiums, mentoring and more to work to reduce these roadway tragedies.

Another major concern is the fact that homicides were reported by the BLS to be the second leading cause of on-the-job deaths, an increase of 13 percent, in 2007 with 491 people dying as a result of a shooting and 39 people died from being stabbed. The BLS notes that workplace homicides involving police officers and supervisors of retail sales workers both saw substantial increases in 2007.

In May of 2004 the "Workplace Violence Survey of ASSE members & White Paper" done by the ASSE Risk Management and Insurance (RM/I) Practice Specialty found that many companies and organizations in all industries had yet to address the problem of workplace violence. Noting that one size does not fit all, the ASSE RM/I members suggested employers consider doing the following to address the prevention of workplace violence:

- Officers and directors – establish a workplace violence prevention policy; upper management must promote a clear antiviolenace corporate policy; and, establish and maintain security policies.
- Human resource managers – examine and improve hiring practices; implement prescreening techniques; utilize background checks; encourage employees to report threats or violent behavior; establish termination policies; and, provide post-termination counseling.
- Risk management and safety, health and environmental departments – train all employees in the warning signs of aggressive or violent behavior; train

management in threat assessment and de-escalation techniques; conduct a formal workplace violence risk assessment; increase security as needed; develop and communicate a contingency plan to all employees which includes crisis management; review insurance coverage and verify coverage and exclusions; and, identify a defensive strategy.

As we move forward ASSE and its members will continue to work to protect people, property and the environment. They work in all areas of safety including: environmental, system safety, risk management, mining, transportation, industrial hygiene, ergonomics, fire protection, radiation, chemical process, construction and much, much more utilizing safety science and promoting good leadership and management techniques.

Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL-based ASSE is the largest and oldest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. For more information please go to <http://www.asse.org> or to <http://www.bls.gov> for a copy of the fatality report.

ASSE Standards Activities Update

ASSE Compendium of Slip & Fall Prevention Standards Available

ASSE has created a compendium, which includes the following slip and fall prevention standards:

ANSI/ASSE A1264.1-2007: Safety Requirements for Workplace Walking/Working Surfaces and Their Access; Workplace, Floor, Wall and Roof Openings; Stairs and Guardrails Systems

ANSI/ASSE A1264.2-2006: Standard for the Provision of Slip Resistance on Walking/Working Surfaces

ANSI/ASSE A10.18-2007: Safety Requirements for Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges in Construction and Demolition Operations

ASTM F1637-07: Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces

ASTM F1694-96 (R2004): Standard Guide for Composing Walkway Surface Evaluation and

Incident Report Forms for Slips, Stumbles, Trips and Falls

ASTM F1240-01: Standard Guide for Ranking Footwear Bottom Materials on Contaminated Walkway Surfaces According to Slip Resistance Test Results

ASTM F802-83 (R2003): Standard Guide for Selection of Certain Walkway Surfaces When Considering Footwear Traction

The compendium also includes ANSI/ASSE A1264.1-1995 (R2002), ANSI/ASSE A1264.2-2001 and ANSI A10.18-1996 as historic documents and the technical report, "Using Variable Angle Tribometers (VAT) for Measurement of the Slip Resistance of Walkway Surfaces" (ANSI/ASSE TR-A1264.3-2007).

[New A10 Standards Package Available](#)

Now that construction and demolition operations are in full swing across the country, be sure to protect your workers with ASSE's new A10 standards package.

Package includes following standards:

ANSI/ASSE A10.8-2001: Safety Requirements for Scaffolding

ANSI/ASSE A10.12-1998 (R2005): Safety Requirements for Excavation

ANSI/ASSE A10.13-2001: Safety Requirements for Steel Erection

ANSI/ASSE A10.18-2007: Safety Requirements for Temporary Roof & Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways & Other Unprotected Edges in Construction & Demolition Operations

ANSI/ASSE A10.32-2004: Fall Protection Systems