



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the April 2015 newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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President's Corner

Happy Spring ASSE Members!

I just wanted to take a moment to congratulate all the recipients of the 87th Occupational Safety and Health Governor's Award. It takes a lot of hard work from all to achieve the recognition that goes with that award. I also want to thank Powell Stevenson who coordinated the dinner and Penn-Jersey ASSE team for helping Powell make the awards dinner a success. See you all at the May 19th meeting.

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Chapter President

What's New

ASSE News - Volunteer opportunities within the Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS) will help you sharpen your existing skills, develop new skills in a risk-free environment, expand your horizons, become more motivated and energized about safety, increase your visibility within the profession, boost self-satisfaction and demonstrate workplace and leadership skills that can be documented on your resume. To learn more about volunteering go to the ASSE home page, Practice Specialties Tab and click on CoPS Volunteer Opportunities.

ASSE Local Chapter News – Help is

requested. Linda Tapp, past Penn-Jersey Chapter President sent in the following request. The Boys & Girls Club of Camden County provides a safe place for children in Camden, NJ to learn and grow. Executive Director Bernadette Shanahan is looking for a few new members for the organization's safety committee. Right now, the committee needs some specific help with a communication plan and lock-down procedures but general building safety expertise would also be helpful. If you would like to know more, contact Linda Tapp, at Linda@SafetyFUNDamentals.com.

OSHA News – On April 2, 2015, OSHA kicked off National Workplace Violence Prevention month by releasing an update to its [Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Healthcare and Social Service Workers](#)(PDF*). In 2013, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported over 23,000 significant injuries due to assaults in the workplace. Over 70 percent were in the healthcare and social service settings. Healthcare and social service workers are almost four times as likely to be injured as a result of violence as the average private sector worker. OSHA's updated violence prevention guidelines include industry best practices and incorporate the most effective way to reduce the risk of violence in a range of healthcare and social service settings.

OSHA seeks membership nominations for Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee

OSHA is now accepting nominations for members to serve on the [Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee](#). The committee was established to advise and make recommendations to the secretary of labor and the assistant secretary for OSHA on ways to improve the fairness, efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of OSHA's whistleblower protection activities. Six positions will become vacant Dec. 1, 2015, to serve on the 12-member committee for a two-year term. Nominations will be accepted from those interested in representing management (2), labor (2), the public (1), and State Occupational Safety and Health Plan states (1). Submit nominations electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, by mail or facsimile

and must be submitted by May 18, 2015.

Upcoming Events

No April Technical Meeting – Our efforts are focused on the Governor's Award Dinner this month. Technical sessions will resume at the May 19th chapter meeting.

App of the Month

OSHA Heat Safety Tool by the US DOL

With the OSHA Heat Safety Tool, you have vital safety information available whenever and wherever you need it - right on your mobile phone.

The App allows workers and supervisors to calculate the **heat index** for their worksite, and, based on the heat index, displays a **risk level** to outdoor workers. Then, with a simple "click," you can get reminders about the **protective measures** that should be taken at that risk level to protect workers from heat-related illness-reminders about drinking enough fluids, scheduling rest breaks, planning for and knowing what to do in an emergency, adjusting work operations, gradually building up the workload for new workers, training on heat illness signs and symptoms, and monitoring each other for signs and symptoms of heat-related illness.

The OSHA Heat Tool is available in Spanish for Android and iPhone devices. To access the Spanish version on the iPhone, set the phone language setting to Spanish before downloading the app.

Available at
https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html

Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

Contact our newsletter editor, Cynthia Baldwin at chiefbee25@gmail.com.

Be Safe!
