



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

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President's Corner

With summer upon us we are reaching the end of our technical meetings for the 2014-2015 chapter year. Be ready for the calendar of technical meeting for 2015-2016. I want to thank each of you for your help and input to make the Penn-Jersey Chapter one of the best organizations to belong to.

Danielle DiGironimo
Chapter President

What's New

ASSE News - The ASSE Foundation generates funding and provides resources for scholarship, applied research, academic accreditation and related academic initiatives to advance the OSH profession. A new record was set in 2015, by granting in excess of \$273,000 in scholarships to 108 students pursuing college degrees, and safety professionals furthering their credentials, in occupational, safety, and health, at universities across the country.

ASSE Local Chapter News – Thanks to all involved in the planning, organizing and execution of the 87th Annual Governor's Award Banquet held on April 21st. A big congratulation goes out to all the award recipients.

The **Philadelphia ASSE Chapter** is hosting a PDC on May 21st at the Villanova University in Radnor,

PA. Details about the full day event can be found at <http://phila.asse.org/events>.

OSHA News – Fall protection was the most frequently cited OSHA standard during fiscal year 2014. With this in mind, the agency has published two publications aimed to help construction workers avoid falls from roofs.

Protecting Roofing Workers is a booklet that provides information about personal fall arrest systems, worker rescues, using fall-restraint and guardrail systems, ladders, scaffolding, lifts and emergency action plans.

Fall Protection in Construction includes information about Subpart M, which has criteria for fall protection in construction work. In addition, it provides examples of fall protection requirements in construction, specifically in the areas of leading edges, low-slope roofs, steep roofs and overhand bricklaying. Visit www.osha.gov/Publications for more details.

Construction Confined Spaces. On May 4, 2015, OSHA issued a new standard for construction work in confined spaces, which will be effective starting August 3, 2015. Confined spaces can present physical and atmospheric hazards that can be avoided if they are recognized and addressed prior to entering these spaces to perform work. The new standard, Subpart AA of 29 CFR 1926 will help prevent construction workers from being hurt or killed by eliminating and isolating hazards in confined spaces at construction sites similar to the way workers in other industries are already protected. Check out the requirements at <https://www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/index.html>

Upcoming Events

May Technical Meeting – Our monthly dinner meeting and technical session will be held on May 19th. Our guest speaker will be Frank Gesualdo, CSP, Region Manager for Risk Control Services at

Liberty Mutual. He will be presenting “How to Assess and Reduce Risk” using Liberty Mutual’s risk assessment process. The objectives of the session will be to:

- Understand the difference between Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment
- Become familiar with Risk Assessment tools
- Be able to reduce risk in your organization
- See the value and power of employee involvement

The meeting will be at Villa Mannino Restaurant, 73 Route 130, in Bordentown, New Jersey. Registration will begin at 5:30 PM at a cost of \$30. We look forward to seeing you! Please RSVP to ddigironimo@hotmail.com by May 17th if you plan on attending. Technical sessions can be used for 0.08 COC points under “Continuing Education Courses/Seminars” *per BCSP’s Continuance of Certification Guide.*

App of the Month

Miller Fall Clearance Calculator

Provided by Honeywell International, Inc.

The great tool you have been using online is NOW available as an app - making it possible to calculate your fall clearance on any mobile device.

- Real-time fall clearance results with animation
- Fall clearance calculations at your fingertips
- Lanyard and SRL calculations, including swing fall
- Ability to email results
- Multilingual support in English, Spanish and French with metric conversion
- Available for download on both Apple and Android devices

General Safety Note

Now that spring is here, maybe you’re thinking about a new project on your property.

Remember **BEFORE YOU DIG...**

Calling 811 is the most important step!

Call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means

calling 811 before each job.

Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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Be Safe!

Penn-Jersey Executive Board
