



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the September 2016 newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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## President's Message to Chapter

Happy New Chapter Year!!!!

On behalf of the Penn-Jersey Chapter Executive Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2016/2017 Chapter year. Your Executive Committee has been hard at work this summer putting together a series of Technical talks that will educate and inform. We are still firming things up, however, please mark your calendars for the third Tuesday of the month to join us.

I look forward to serving you as your President. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at one technical talks, via email, or phone.

I look forward to see you at a future meeting!

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**Michael McGowan**  
**President**

## What's New

**ASSE News:** Currently, the ASSE Region VIII is looking to fulfill some volunteer positions. The positions are the following: Deputy Regional Vice President, CoRa Committees (Education and Training, Chapter Operations, and Membership Development), and Assistant Regional Vice Presidents. If you are interested

in volunteering for any of the mentioned positions please contact Michael McGowan at (856) 906-7777 or at michael.mcgowan@onebadgarage.com.

Do you need help with funding to expand your professional development? If you do apply for an ASSE Foundation's Professional Grant. Awarded grant money can be used for CEU's, certification, conferences, or college courses. There is more than \$20,000 available to OSH professionals who need assistance in advancing their careers and education. Applications are being accepted now until December 1, 2016 and awards will be disbursed in April 2017. Applications can be completed online through the [ASSE Foundation](#).

## Safety this

**Month:** September is National Preparedness Month, which reminds us to prepare for disasters and emergencies.

From tornadoes and floods to snow and ice you should be prepared for any type of emergency. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a dedicated [website](#) that includes toolkits for raising awareness to emergency preparedness. FEMA is a great resource to help plan for emergencies in your area.



**ASSE Local Chapter News:** Check out the latest [Howard Talks Tech](#) written by our very own Howard Spencer. Some of his latest discussions include open sourcing safety that examines sharing our knowledge with each other, thereby offering "battle-tested solutions" to various encountered safety problems. Another latest discussion assesses caution signs and how people respond to them to produce a safe act. These articles are perfect discussion starters that are useful in guiding others to safety so please take a moment and check out the collection of topics.

If you are currently signed-up for LinkedIn don't forget to connect with the ASSE Penn-Jersey Chapter network. We have 59 members and counting! Who will be the next member?

We are still selling “I LOVE SAFETY” t-shirts for \$20/each. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ASSE Foundation. Please contact Danielle DiGironimo if you are interested in making a purchase at [ddigironimo@hotmail.com](mailto:ddigironimo@hotmail.com).



**OSHA News** – Throughout the past few months the Zika virus has been making headlines. Both OSHA and NIOSH have been monitoring the outbreak. This may be a concern at your place of business if you have employees traveling or working in Central or South America, Mexico, parts of the Caribbean, and now Florida. So make sure to get the latest up-to-date information about the virus at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](http://www.cdc.gov)). The CDC provides information regarding how to prevent occupational exposure and they also list various communication resources such as videos, infographics, and toolkits for educational purposes.



## Upcoming Events

### Technical Session

Mark your calendars because our next technical session will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the traditional Villa Mannino Ristorante, 73 Route 130, in Bordentown, New Jersey. Registration will begin at 5:30 PM at a cost of \$30. Technical sessions can be used for 0.08 COC points under “Continuing Education Courses/Seminars” per BCSP’s Continuation of Certification Guide.

During the next technical session Michael Corbett will be speaking. He is a Compliance Assistance Specialist that supports the OSHA area offices in New Jersey. He specializes in education and training, outreach, providing technical advice concerning OSHA standards

and regulations, organizational assistance, development of partnerships and alliances, and encouraging participation in the Voluntary Protection Program. Mr. Corbett has a vast knowledge of safety and health from his beginnings in the private sector and through his career with the State of New Jersey’s Consultative services and now currently with OSHA.

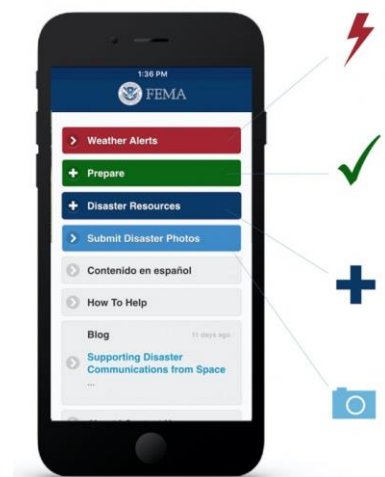
He will be presenting on OSHA’s Final Rule to Improve Protections for Workers Exposed to Respirable Silica Dust. The silica rule will curb lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease by limiting exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust.

### Live Webcast

On September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM, ASSE will be holding a live webcast entitled “How to Design and Hold Great Safety Meetings.” The speaker is Alan Quilley and will last approximately 90 minutes. You can register for this webcast through the ASSE website (or by clicking [here](#)). For ASSE members the price of registration is \$95 and it can be used for 0.2 CEUs.

### App of the Month

FEMA has a free app available that allows you to receive weather alerts, safety reminders, shelter locations, and more. The app assists in preparing you for emergency situations and is the perfect tool to coincide with National Preparedness Month. The app is available for download onto Apple, Android, and Blackberry mobile devices. Download the app today or to learn more about it by following this link: [FEMA App](#).



### Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

Contact our newsletter editor, Julia Toth at [jtoth@pppl.gov](mailto:jtoth@pppl.gov).

*Be Safe!*

*Penn-Jersey Executive Board*