



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

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## President's Message to Chapter

Hello Penn-Jersey,

November is a great time to sit back, reflect on our accomplishments of the past year, and give thanks to the folks who directly or indirectly impact our daily lives. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to serve you, such a dynamic team of safety professionals.

I challenge you this month to give thanks, to your family, friends, and co-workers. Let them know how thankful you truly are for what they do day in and day out. A little thanks can go a long way in boosting spirits and engaging folks to go that extra mile with you.

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Michael McGowan, CHMM  
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

## What's New

**OSHA News:** The Guidelines for Safety and Health Programs has been updated. They provide proactive and gradual approach for implementing safety and health programs. If you need assistance in building safety programs this would be a reliable place to begin. A downloadable program guide, tools and resources are available at:

<https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/explore-tools.html>

**ASSE News:** Once again if you are in need of earning some CEUs or attend a certificate program then you may want to register for SeminarFest. This is an opportunity to choose from over 90 seminars that provide you with managerial, leadership, technical, and skill-building topics. SeminarFest is held February 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada. A list of the seminar topics and registration information can be viewed at the following website: <http://seminarfest.asse.org>.

It's never too early to start planning for next summers Professional Development Conference. It will be held June 19<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Colorado Convention Center. Group registration is currently open and more information can be found at [Safety 2017](#).

**ASSE Local Chapter News:** Let's congratulate Ashleigh Layton on passing the CSP exam and David Guirgness on passing the ASP exam. Great job!



**Call for Speakers:** The Princeton University Office of Environmental Health and Safety invites presenters for the Northeast Workplace Safety Conference, planned for March 22-23, 2017, to submit proposals for review by the Conference Planning Committee. The deadline for submittal is December 1, 2016. This conference will focus on tackling new and existing challenges faced by safety and health professionals charged with providing safety services for workers in workplace settings such as facilities maintenance, information technology and technical services, athletics grounds workers, libraries, and other non-laboratory areas. Please submit your application using the online application form (<https://ehs.princeton.edu/northeast-workplace-safety-conference>)



Check out the latest [Howard Talks Tech](#) written by our very own Howard Spencer. 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).



## Upcoming Events

### Technical Session

Mark your calendars because our next technical session will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Villa Mannino Ristorante, 73 Route 130, in Bordentown, New Jersey. Registration will begin at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$30. Technical sessions can be used for 0.08 COC points under "Continuing Education Courses/Seminars" per BCSP's *Continuance of Certification Guide*.

The speaker during the next technical session is Brian Bennett, CSP, CHMM. He has over 30 years experience working in the health and safety field in construction and general industry, and is currently employed as the President of EHS Excellence Consulting LLC. His company is an OSHA VPP Star Worksite, and Brian is a member of the VPPPA Region 2 Board of Directors. Formerly, Brian was a Corporate Safety Manager for an international chemical manufacturing company, and was responsible for emergency preparedness and response for 18 facilities in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. He is a professional member of ASSE's New Jersey Chapter and an OSHA Special Government Employee (SGE).

Brian has also been a volunteer firefighter for 33 years, and has served as Fire Chief for 20 years and the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for 8 years in New Jersey's fifth largest municipality. He holds numerous state and national emergency response certifications, including Incident Safety Officer and Health and Safety Officer, and is an Instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

## App of the Month

Get ready for this winter season with the Winter Survival Kit. The app will assist you in finding your current location, call for help, and calculate how long you can keep warm in your vehicle and stay safe from carbon monoxide poisoning. The app



also provides information about what to pack in an emergency travel kit and what type of vehicle checks to perform before it's too late.

## 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*