



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the March 2017 newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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President's Message to Chapter

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for entrusting us to run your Chapter of ASSE. It truly is an honor to work closely with a dynamic group of Professionals such as ours. I would also like to recognize our Past-President, Danielle DiGironimo on leading our Chapter to Gold Status during the 2015-2016 Chapter year! I had the privilege of accepting the award, on her behalf, during Safety 2017.

Your Executive Committee is currently working hard to plan the 2017/2018 Chapter Year. We are looking to enhance your chapter experience by bringing back the "Past-Presidents Dinner" in November, as well as other events. Any feedback or suggestions is greatly appreciated. Feel free to send any comments or suggestions to president@penn-jersey.asse.org.

Speaking of "Professionals!" Did you hear? During Safety 2018 in San Antonio, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) will formally change to the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). More information can be found here: <http://www.asse.org/its-official-aspe-to-become-american-society-of-safety-professionals/>

Michael McGowan, CHMM
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

What's New

UPDATE: OSHA ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING:

Provisions call for employers to electronically submit injury and illness data that they already record. The system to accomplish this task went live on August 8, 2017 a bit delayed from the original launch date.

This change in OSHA's rulemaking requirements will improve safety for workers across the country. One important reason stems from our understanding of human behavior and motivation. Behavioral economics tells us that making injury information publicly available will "nudge" employers to focus on safety. More attention to safety can and will save the lives and limbs of many workers, and will ultimately help the employer's bottom line as well. Finally, this regulation will improve the accuracy of this data by ensuring that workers will not fear retaliation for reporting injuries or illnesses.

The new rule, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2017, requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness data that they are already required to record on their onsite OSHA Injury and Illness forms. Analysis of this data will enable OSHA to use its enforcement and compliance assistance resources more efficiently. Some of the data will also be posted to the OSHA website. OSHA believes that public disclosure will encourage employers to improve workplace safety and provide valuable information to workers, job seekers, customers, researchers and the general public. The amount of data submitted will vary depending on the size of company and type of industry.

OSHA has provided a secure website that offers three options for data submission. First, users are able to manually enter data into a webform. Second, users are able to upload a CSV file to process single or multiple establishments at the same time. Last, users of automated recordkeeping systems will have the ability to transmit data electronically via an API (application

programming interface). The Injury Tracking Application (ITA) is accessible from the ITA launch page, where you are able to provide the Agency your 2016 OSHA Form 300A information.

To read all the information and not just an excerpt please visit the OSHA website for more info.

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/finalrule/index.html>

ASSE Local Chapter News:

Technical Meeting to start back up! Woohoo!!!!!!

It's been a very quick summer but is it time to start our technical meetings again. I am sure we have all missed seeing each other but the wait is over.

Our first technical meeting of the 2017-2018 chapter year will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30pm. The location will be the same as last year, Villa Mannino, in Bordentown, NJ. Septembers topic will be "Playground Safety" presented by our own, Howard Spencer. Check the chapter website for future topics and to also pay ahead via PayPal if you are interested.

<http://penn-jersey.asse.org/>

Chapter SPY Award

The Penn-Jersey Chapter is honored to award Michael McGowan, CHMM the 2016-2017 Chapter SPY Award. Nominations were sent out last spring and Mike was chosen by the membership to receive this award. Each year we elicit nominations for our Chapters Safety Professional of the Year. Congratulations to Mike and please make sure to attend out Chapter meeting so that you can see him receive his awards.

Congratulations Howard!

Our very own Howard Spenser received the SPY Award for Public Sector at Safety 2017 in Denver. Please take a moment and congratulate Howard on his award the next time you see him. Howard is photographed along with Leo DeBobes, Public Sector Practice Specialty Chairperson. Congratulations Howard!



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 explore 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 61 members and counting! Will you be the next member?

Are you always wondering how to support the ASSE Foundation than look no further because 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.



Upcoming Events

ASP/CSP Prep Course:

Do not miss this tremendous cost saving opportunity! Once again, the Penn-Jersey, New Jersey, and Philadelphia Chapters of ASSE are sponsoring a 3 day ASP and a 3 day CSP certification preparation course in November of 2017. Each course will be taught by Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc., who are the

trainers used by ASSE and NSC. The cost of attending this course is approximately 25% of the total cost if you were to travel to take the ASP or CSP prep course. We are offering an early registration discount and there are only 25 seats available in each course, so act quickly. The details for each course are as follows:

ASP Certification Preparation Course

Dates: Monday, November 13, 2017 – Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Location: Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ
<http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/>

Instructors: Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc.

Cost: \$575* for those who register prior to August 31, 2017. \$625* for all persons registering September 1, 2017 through October 13, 2017

* Fee includes course manual and meals (continental breakfast and lunch)

CSP Certification Preparation Course

Dates: Thursday, November 16, 2017 - Saturday, November 18, 2017

Location: Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ
<http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/>

Instructors: Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc.

Cost: \$575* for those who register prior to August 31, 2017. \$625* for all persons registering September 1, 2017 through October 13, 2017

* Fee includes course manual and meals (continental breakfast and lunch)

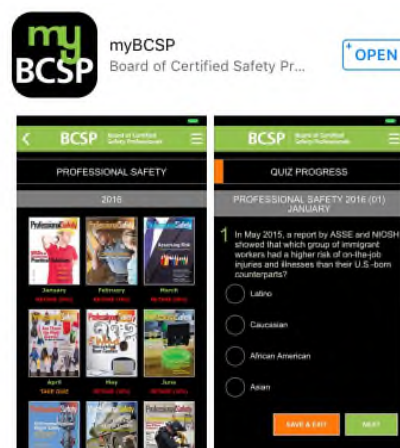
If you have any questions regarding this course, please contact Shaundree Davis at shaundreef@hotmail.com

App of the Month

Earn Recertification Points on Your Mobile Device

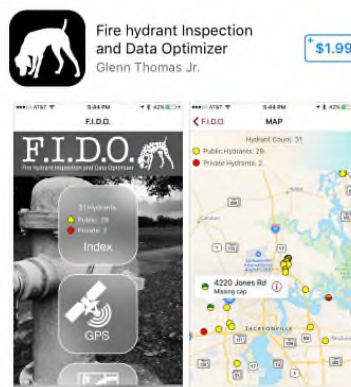
BCSP has launched the Recertification Quiz Program on the MyBCSP mobile app, now available for the Apple iPhone and iPad. The BCSP Recertification Quiz Program gives you the opportunity to earn recertification points by testing your knowledge of developments in safety practice, as covered in articles from Professional Safety and Safety + Health magazines. Each complimentary online quiz you pass provides you 0.1 recertification points.

To get started, download the MyBCSP app on your Apple or Android device.



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