



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the new Chapter year November 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.

This month we will give thanks to our Past-Presidents and Long Service Award members. Please join us on Tuesday, November 14th to celebrate! **Even better, this dinner is free of charge!!!** Hope to see you there!

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Michael McGowan, CHMM
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

What's New

OSHA News:

RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA STANDARD INFORMATION

Information on silica hazards and related OSHA standards are now in one location on OSHA's website. The updated [silica page](#) contains links to guidance on complying with OSHA's silica standards in both [construction](#) and [general industry and maritime](#), as well as information on silica sampling and analysis, health effects of silica exposure, and answers to frequently asked questions.

OSHA AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

The personal protective equipment will be distributed to area businesses and recovery workers by staff from OSHA's Houston and Corpus Christi offices as they provide support to the many employers and contractors assisting with cleanup and recovery. ASSE members will also distribute the donations to the community to aid in the cleanup of residential locations.

NEW FACTSHEETS FROM OSHA

OSHA published fact sheet for Confined Spaces in Residential Construction in June 2017. This provides clarity on the standard for confined spaces in construction. The fact sheet describes obligations of various types of employers including host employers that own or manage the property where construction is taking place, controlling contractors that are responsible for the construction at a work site, and entry employers/subcontractors that decide whether an employee will enter a confined space. Visit <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3914.pdf> to view the fact sheet.



ASSE Local Chapter News:

PLATINUM STATUS ACHIEVED

The Executive Committee is proud to announce that the Penn-Jersey Chapter has received Platinum Status for the 2016-2017 Chapter Year. Platinum Status is the highest level status offered as part of the Society’s Chapter Recognition Program. Congrats to all Chapter members on this recognition!

GET INVOLVED

The Penn-Jersey Chapter is always looking for assistance with the Chapter. If you are interest in helping out on a committee or potential running for one of the elected positions please let any member of the executive board know. The Chapter is always happy to have more volunteers.



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?

Still time to buy your own T-shirt to support the ASSE Foundation. Look no further! BUY “I LOVE SAFETY” t-shirts for \$20/each. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ASSE Foundation. The Foundation is the charitable arm of the American Society of Safety Engineers, focusing on educational programs that advance the profession we serve, developing tomorrow’s safety leaders, and supporting research to expand the knowledge of the safety community.

Please contact Danielle DiGironimo if you are interested in making a purchase at ddigironimo@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Events

Technical Session:

NOTE – This month the meeting date is a week earlier on November 14, 2017. We will be hosting our Annual Health and Safety Round-Table. We are bringing back Past President’s Night to honor the past leadership. The following long term membership awards will be given out during this dinner event. The session is **free** for all members.

Years.	Member Name	
25	Kenneth	Bickerton
40	James	Burkhart
25	Kenneth	Child
25	Barry	Conaway
25	Christine	Galzerano
25	Aldo	Gonzalez
25	Maureen	Modica
25	Philip	Solomon

ASP/CSP Review Course:

Sponsored by the Penn-Jersey, Philadelphia and New Jersey Chapters of ASSE is **almost here...**

Associate Safety Professional (ASP) Prep Course (3-day course). Monday, November 13, 2017 – Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Prep Course (3-day course). Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Saturday, November 18, 2017

Both will be held at: Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ



<http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/>. The instructors for both class are from Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc. (Instructors used by ASSE). The cost per course is \$625 from now through October 13, 2017. The fee includes course manual and meals (continental breakfast and lunch). Those with a CSP or other certification can attend it as a refresher course and obtain recertification points and CEU's.

Register using PayPal at the Penn-Jersey ASSE website, <http://penn-jersey.asse.org/>

TECH UPDATE

Apple Rolls Out Safety Feature With iOS 11; a feature that blocks phone use when driving.

When enabled, the phone displays a blank screen if the user attempts to view the screen while driving. Do Not Disturb While Driving feature can automatically reply to incoming messages with a customizable message. The default message says, "I'm driving with Do Not Disturb While Driving on. I'll see your message when I arrive at my destination." Contacts that need to get a message to someone who has the feature enabled can do so by following up their first message with a second that says "urgent." According to DOT, distraction affected crashes involving cell phone use accounted for 14% of all fatal car crashes and for 8% of all U.S. crashes in 2015.

If you or your family member / friend own iPhone and you have not yet enabled this feature, please do so. It is worth to help young drivers to break the habit of text and drive. Not recommended at all, but system can override it as well and select "I'm not driving" to fool the system.

Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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