



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the June 2018 newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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## President's Message to Chapter

Good Day Penn-Jersey,

The Chapter year is quickly coming to a close and so is my tenure as President of this great Chapter. Time sure does fly when you are having fun. As I reflect back on the experience, I am humbled by what we have accomplished as a group and by the support provided by the great volunteers of our Chapter. We continued to provide a slate of Technical talks throughout the year, continued to support education by offering the ASP/CSP course, continued to support and sponsor the State Safety Awards Program, reinstated our annual Past-President and Recognition Dinner, and because of our hard work and dedication to the Safety Profession, our Chapter was awarded Platinum Status for the 2016-2017 Chapter year.

A lot of folks have volunteered their time to achieve all that we have. I'd like to take a moment to thank our Executive Committee: Howard Spencer, Cindy Baldwin, David Guirguess, and Powell Stevenson; or committee chairs: Ashleigh Layton and Dhurti Thacker; and our Past-Presidents whom I have relied on as a sounding board and for guidance: Danielle DiGironimo and Shaundree Davis. I could not have done this without everyone's support and dedication.

Our Chapter is stronger than ever and in great hands with Cindy Baldwin and her Executive Committee. I cannot wait

to help support her and her vision to take our Chapter to the next level!

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Michael McGowan, CHMM  
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

## What's New

### OSHA News:

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ISSUES MEMORANDUM OUTLINING ENFORCEMENT OF SILICA STANDARD FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY AND MARITIME**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on June 8<sup>th</sup>, issued a [memorandum](#) outlining the initial enforcement of the [standard for respirable crystalline silica in general industry and maritime](#). General industry and maritime employers must comply with OSHA's silica standard by June 23, except for phase-in dates for medical surveillance and for engineering controls in the oil and gas industry. Visit the silica webpage for guidance on complying with the standard, as well as information on silica sampling and analysis, health effects of silica exposure, and answers to frequently asked questions. The standard establishes a new 8-hour time-weighted average permissible exposure limit, action level, and associated ancillary requirements.

During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA will offer compliance assistance for employers who make good faith efforts to comply with the new standard. OSHA intends to issue interim enforcement guidance until a compliance directive on the new standards is finalized.

### **OSHA PROPOSES RULE TO ENSURE THAT CRANE OPERATORS ARE QUALIFIED TO SAFELY OPERATE EQUIPMENT**

OSHA has proposed a rule to increase the safety of America's construction sites. The proposal clarifies crane operator certification requirements and reinstates the employer duty to ensure that a crane operator is qualified to safely operate equipment. Originally the comments



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were to be submitted by June 20. Comments will now be accepted through July 5, 2018. This extension allows stakeholders more time to review the proposed rule.

Comments may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, or by facsimile or mail. See the Federal Register notice for submission details.

## ASSE Local Chapter News:

### New Board Members

Congratulations to the incoming board members:

1. President – Cynthia Baldwin, CSP
2. Vice President – Howard Spencer, CSP
3. Treasurer – David Guirguess, CSP
4. Secretary – Kelly States, CSP
5. Delegate - Danielle DiGironimo, CSP

### PLATINUM LEVEL Award

Our chapter received Platinum Level for the year 2016-2017. Chapter President Mike McGowan received the award at ASSP Safety 2018.



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?



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## CHAPTER UPDATE

### *Chapter Meeting:*

Our next technical session will be in September 2018. The Executive Committee will be meeting during the summer months to plan 2018-2019 year. If you have any suggestions, ideas, topics, etc. for consideration, please email [president@penn-jersey.assp.org](mailto:president@penn-jersey.assp.org).

## APP OF THE MONTH



### THE FIRST AID APP

The official First Aid App by the American Red Cross puts expert information in the palm of your hand. Easy-to-digest step-by-step instruction lets workers and managers quickly and efficiently address an array of mishaps, accidents, and serious injuries.

#### Key Features:

- Use in English or Spanish;
- Integrated with 911
- Assisted video learning

This free App is available on apple or android platforms.

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## Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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