

**GREATER CHICAGO
CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**



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ASSE MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY— SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

" ELECTRICAL SAFETY MYTHS "



The first meeting of 2006-2007 Chapter Year for the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE will be Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Our speaker will Bob LoMastro. I can guarantee you that Bob will "electrify" you with his great presentation.

Bob is a former Green Beret, Navy Hospital Corpsman and Supervisor of the National Safety Council's *Safety Training Institute*. He holds a Master Degree in Safety Management and Engineering and first developed his unique teaching style as an instructor at the Naval School of Health Sciences. As President of LoMastro & Associates, Inc. Bob draws upon a career spanning over thirty years of teaching safety and health related topics in both general industry and construction companies.

Bob will be presenting on Electrical Safety Myths. His unique and interactive training techniques will be beneficial to all who are involved in Electrical Safety. Those completing the training will be more knowledgeable in their understanding of : Electrical safety standards; hazard in home and at work; design NFPA's 709E Code; recognition; procedures

for testing; risk assessment and PPE. All this delivered in the light hearted, motivational style Bob is famous for providing.

All new members are invited to attend this meeting for FREE....Please come start the year with the Greater Chicago Chapter.

Lunch and Meeting Pricing:

Advanced Registration: \$20

Registration at the Door: \$25

Retired Members: \$10

Meeting Information:

11:30 am Registration

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Presentation

2:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (all are welcome to attend)

Cucina Biagio Restaurant, 7313

W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-4641). *Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South. Go approximately 1 mile to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.*

RSVP to 773-894-7065, by September 11th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.

Dear Chapter Members,

I look forward to serving you again as Chapter President. I also appreciate the opportunity to represent a group of professionals who take pride in our profession. The Executive Board and Committee members have been busy this summer planning the upcoming meetings in the hope that the meeting speaker topics will be of great benefit to you. I would also like to thank Allan Kaufman for working very hard to secure our speakers for the whole Chapter year!

As a Chapter, we will be continually working on activities that contribute to our Stars program. The Stars Program is Nationally recognized through ASSE, which evaluates Chapters based on our activities and what we provide for our members. Please take a look at our Chapter web-site www.assechgo.org for the Stars Program criteria. Your activities as a Safety Professional can contribute to our Chapters total points. We welcome you to submit your information.

Our next Regional Operating Committee meeting will be held in September. If you have any information that you would like to bring forth to the National Committee, please send along.

Over the last several years, we have seen greater attendance at our meetings even though overall membership has changed due to redistricting. Our responsibility is to create a Chapter that is beneficial to you as a Safety Professional. Membership in ASSE is not just a line on your resume. I am sure we share the belief that safety is essential in everything we do. That belief has fueled our need to obtain ongoing education and experience to provide the best service that we can to those we serve.

Please contact me to let us know what we can do to better serve your needs or if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer just a little bit of time toward any of our open Committee Chair sections. Remember many hands make lighter work.

Thank you for being a member of our Chapter!

Maribeth Anderson—President, Greater Chicago Chapter

2006 – 2007 Greater Chicago ASSE Speakers— SAVE THE DATES

October 10, 2006	Barbara Waller (US DOT office of Hazardous Materials), Updates and Compliance when shipping hazardous materials
November 14, 2006	Nancy Hauer (OSHA), Noise Compliance
December 12, 2006	Phil Reid, Boeing (Director of Security, Boeing), Security and Homeland Security
January 9, 2007	Tom Ryan (City of Chicago Fire Dept), Fire Extinguisher Safety
February 13, 2007	Jim Solomon (National Safety Council), Defensive Driving
March 13, 2007	Ed Glod (EH&S Manager, Northrop Grumman), Achieving VPP & ISO 14000 Status
April 10, 2007	Steve Jensen (President American Safety Training), Confined Space Safety
May 8, 2007	Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium
June 12, 2007	Don Dixon (Safety Manager, Pepper Construction), Cultural changes necessary to get to the next safety level.

The New Tag Team WORLD CHAMPS..... **LOCKOUT/TAGOUT**

Have you ever watched professional wrestling? One of the matches often shown is a tag team match. Now you can have your own safety tag team.

"Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)" refers to specific practices and procedures to safeguard employees from the unexpected energization or startup of machinery and equipment, or the release of hazardous energy during service or maintenance activities. It is the number five (5) most fined area in OSHA.

Approximately 3 million workers service equipment and face the greatest risk of injury if lockout/tagout is not properly implemented. Compliance with the lockout/tagout standard ([29 CFR 1910.147](#)) prevents an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries each year. The lockout/tagout standard's formal name is The Control of Hazardous Energy, 29 CFR 1910.147. To get a copy of the full standard, all you need to do is visit a page of OSHA's Web site at www.osha-slc.gov/OshStd_data/1910_0147.html. Workers injured on the job from exposure to hazardous energy lose an average of 24 workdays for recuperation.

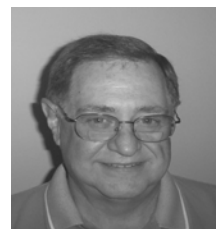
In a study conducted by the United Auto Workers (UAW), 20% of the fatalities (83 of 414) that occurred among their members between 1973 and 1995 were attributed to inadequate hazardous energy control procedures specifically, lockout/tagout procedures. The two (2) main fined areas are failure to have policies and procedures and failure to do training. Part of compliance means *having GOOD written lockout/tagout policies and procedures, and a GOOD training program.*

Most professional athletics will tell you (even professional wrestlers), that a good and effective training program can often make the difference between a championship, or finishing near the bottom. Watching some Chicago Cub baseball games, I can't help but notice the number of mental errors the players make.

Many of the baseball and safety errors can be dramatically reduced, by initiating a good training program and a continued refresher-training schedule. Most Lockout/Tagout incidents occur when someone is trying to rush or has not been trained properly. Make you team part of the LOCKOUT/TAGOUT World Champion Tag Team.

On the next page is a checklist, which I hope you will find useful in developing your Lockout/Tagout program.

BY ALLAN KAUFMAN, DIRECTOR, THE COMPLIANCE RESOURCE CENTER,
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Lockout/Tagout Checklist

YES	NO	Is all machinery or equipment capable of movement required to be de-energized, disengaged, or locked out during cleaning, servicing, adjusting, or set-up?
YES	NO	If the equipment or lines cannot be shut down, locked out, and tagged, is a safe job procedure established and rigidly followed?
YES	NO	Have all employees been trained not to start up machinery or equipment if it is locked out or tagged out?
YES	NO	Are all workers notified when the machinery or equipment they usually use is shut down and locked out for maintenance or servicing purposes?
YES	NO	After maintenance is completed, is the machinery checked to ensure non-essential items have been removed and the machine is operationally intact?
YES	NO	Before the machinery is activated, are employees removed from possible danger?
YES	NO	When the machinery is fully operational, are the employees notified?
YES	NO	Are all of the equipment control valve handles provided with a means for locking out?
YES	NO	Does the lockout procedure require that stored energy, whether it is mechanical, hydraulic or air, be released or blocked before the equipment is locked out for repairs?
YES	NO	Are appropriate employees provided with individually keyed personal safety locks?
YES	NO	Are the employees required to keep personal control of their keys while they have safety locks in use?
YES	NO	Is it required that only the employee exposed to the hazard install or remove the safety lock?
YES	NO	Is it required that employees check the safety lockout by attempting a start-up after making sure no one is exposed?
YES	NO	After the safety is checked, is the switch again placed in the "off" position?
YES	NO	Are employees instructed always to push the control circuit stop button before reenergizing the main power switch?
YES	NO	Is there a way to identify any or all employees who are working on locked out equipment by their locks or accompanying tags?
YES	NO	Are enough accident prevention signs, tags and safety padlocks provided for any reasonably foreseeable repair emergency?
YES	NO	Where the power disconnect equipment does not disconnect the electrical control circuit, are the appropriate electrical enclosures identified?
YES	NO	Where the power disconnect for equipment does not disconnect the electrical control circuit, is a means provided to assure the control circuit can be disconnected and locked out?
YES	NO	Is it prohibited to lock out control circuits in lieu of locking out main power disconnects?



ASSE NATIONAL NEWS— CONFERENCE CALLS AND CALL FOR PAPERS

SH&E professionals in the United States recognize that impairment by drug or alcohol use can constitute an avoidable workplace hazard and that drug-free workplace programs can help improve worker safety and health and add value to American businesses. SH&E professionals are actively involved in comprehensive drug-free workforce programs, especially within certain workplace environments, such as those involving safety-sensitive duties like operating machinery. This upcoming call will be focused on the general issues and implications of drug abuse and examining the need for drug testing from the perspective of the SH&E professional.

Peter N. Cholakis, Vice President of Marketing, Avitar, Mr. Cholakis has over 25 years of senior management experience, having deployed enterprise-wide safety and business solutions across multiple sectors, including education, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, construction, and business services. At Avitar, Cholakis' key responsibilities include helping organizations realize the importance of a drug free workplace and recognize the need for on-site random drug screening.

Cholakis is a noted speaker and author in the field of workplace drug testing. His safety, business process, and technical articles have appeared in national and trade publications such as Risk Management, Construction Executive, STORES, and Loss Prevention magazines among others. Cholakis is a member of several associations including The Associated General Contractors (AGC), American Staffing Association (ASA), The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association (DATIA), National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), National On-site Testing Association (NOTA), National Safety Council (NSC), National Retail Federation (NRF), and The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Cholakis holds an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Babson College and dual undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry from Skidmore College.

In his presentation, Peter will discuss:

- Implication of drug abuse and examining the need for drug testing
- Current methods, their benefits and drawbacks
- Benefits of drug testing
- Where to begin: How to select and implement a drug testing program, legal, economic considerations and employee relations
- Examples of successful drug policy implementations in a case study format

Save the Date: September 20, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central time

Call for Speakers and Ideas for ASSE Symposium "Performance Measures for Better Safety and Health Outcomes"

The American Society of Safety Engineers is currently planning its next safety management symposium to be held March 29-30, 2007 in Costa Mesa, CA. This symposium will be focused on the use of performance measures to become more proactive in safety and health management.

To begin planning this program, the Symposium Task Force is conducting a **Call for Speakers and Ideas**. The members of the Task Force would appreciate the opportunity to review your ideas and/or a proposal for a presentation at this program. You are welcome to submit an idea for a presentation on this topic or refer a speaker if you are not interested in presenting at the symposium. If you are interested in being considered as a speaker for this symposium or wish to share your idea without presenting it, please write a short description (one or two paragraphs) of your idea linked to one or more of the Learning Outcomes listed above. The members of the Symposium Task Force will review all proposals. You will be advised whether or not your proposal was selected for the symposium by November 1, 2006.

Please submit by email, mail or fax a short written description of your idea to: **DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

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**GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER "ROCKS" THE
ASSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN
SEATTLE, WA**

The Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE received one of the biggest honors of chapter at the ASSE PDC, the STARS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE. This is an award given to chapters who have achieved all of the rigorous requirements for a fabulous chapter and is the accumulation of efforts of many of the chapter members from the Greater Chicago Chapter. Pictured is Al Borzych (Chapter President 2004-2006) receiving his STAR AWARD on behalf of the 2004-2005 Chapter Year with other winners from Region V.



Our other big winner for the Greater Chicago Chapter was having Marion Synowiec named the SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR FOR REGION V. Marion has been a long standing member of the Greater Chicago Chapter and Past President. He maintains his commitment to ASSE, by volunteering at local, regional and national levels. He is currently one of the Chapter Delegates for the Greater Chicago Chapter. Congratulations to Marion for a well deserved Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
WINNERS AND TO OUR CHAPTER !!**



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

UPDATE—LOOKING FOR NEW CHAIRPERSON

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

Email:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

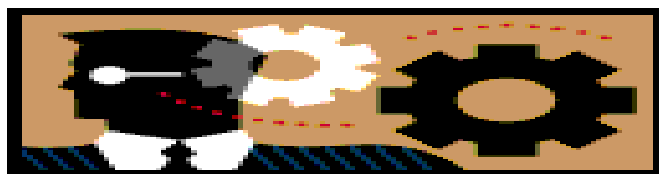
Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Khari Watkins--U S Schneider-Electric

Matthew Gilmore--Marsh USA Inc.

Richard Garcia--OSA Ind. LLC Chicago Campus

Michael Brown--Underwriters Laboratory



REQUEST FOR SAFETY OFFICER VOLUNTEERS

Become a member of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT). Although, there are over 1,200 volunteers, there are only three safety professionals trained as members.

The Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) is a volunteer organization for all levels of emergency medical personnel, as well as individuals with backgrounds in logistics, communications, safety and information technologies whose mission is to respond to and assist in emergency medical treatment at mass casualty incidents. In addition, to coordinate educational programs to Ems participants in Illinois.

The IMERT concept emerged in 1999 when a small group of emergency physicians, nurses and toxicologists met with individuals in the Division of Emergency Medical Services of Illinois Department of Public Health. The initial intent of the group was to assess the level of awareness and preparedness of emergency department personnel in Illinois to respond to a large-scale WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) event that might overwhelm hospitals and surrounding communities.

Although planning to enhance preparedness for a major incident was underway in many large cities, the Illinois group realized that the state as a whole needed a network of coordinated mutual support and a more systematic approach to responding to a large-scale catastrophe. They realized that it was important to develop organized protocols, formalize communications systems and recognize a core of specialty prepared responders to assist in case of a mass casualty event, including one resulting from a WMD.

A standard IMERT response will consist of two medical teams of four to five medical personnel and additional support staff. The team will be comprised of a Physician (MD or DO), Registered Nurse (RN), Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P), and one or two other members, with minimum of Emergency Medical Team Basic (EMT-B) qualification. Support safety for a team consists of a safety specialist, logistics specialist, and a communications specialist.

Teams are organized throughout the state, based on 3 Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) regions and in conjunction with the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) in the City of Chicago. Teams are supported with appropriate equipments and provided education opportunities. Currently there are approximately 1200 medically trained volunteers located throughout the state.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this highly trained group, visit www.imert.org to obtain the application information or contact Emily Lee at 1-866-99-IMERT.