

# GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## ASSE MEETING NOTICE

### TUESDAY— NOVEMBER 14, 2006

### " NOISE—THE FORGOTTEN HAZARD"



Come the join the November 14th Greater Chicago Chapter Meeting for a "Noise the Forgotten Hazard".

As many as 30 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise and are at risk for noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL). While NIHL is 100% preventable there is no cure. In this session we will look into how noise affects our hearing. We will also explore OSHA's permissible exposure limits on noise and what can be done to control the noise in the work environment.

The objectives of the discussion today will be:

- List the effects of noise on hearing.
- Explain OSHA's permissible exposure limit.
- Determine means to comply with OSHA regulations.

The speaker will be Nancy Hauter is an Industrial Hygienist. She has worked for OSHA for the past 19 years. She started as a Compliance Safety and Health Officer in the Calumet City Area Office. In 1990, she became an industrial hygiene training instructor at OSHA's National Training Institute in Arlington

Heights Illinois. Nancy is currently a Compliance Assistance Specialist with OSHA's Chicago North Area Office. She holds a Bachelors of Science degree in biology from Purdue University.

### 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 November 10th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.

Dear Chapter Members,

The Chapter Year has begun with a GREAT start! The meeting in September presented by Bob Lo-Mastro was enlightening and entertaining. He is truly an interesting speaker! I will never look at water and a hair dryer quite the same again! Our meeting attendance is also growing! It is so nice to meet many new members! If you haven't been to a meeting for a long time, check out the upcoming meetings. The meetings and topics will be listed in our monthly newsletter. Try to pick at least one meeting this Chapter year to squeeze into your busy schedule. Let your membership with ASSE provide you with an afternoon of information and great food!

A BIG THANK YOU to our previous Chapter President Al Borzych, who worked diligently on the Chapter Stars for last Chapter year! Our Chapter earned enough to be considered for the award. We'll know the outcome next Spring.

I would like to pose the following challenge to our members. We have a few committee positions available. The time commitment is minimal. My challenge is to have several members call or email me to assist on the committees.

Please let me know what we can do to better serve your needs or if you have any suggestions. Hope to see you at the November Chapter meeting!

Thank you for being a member of our Chapter!

Maribeth Anderson

President, Greater Chicago Chapter

## **2006 – 2007 Greater Chicago ASSE Speakers—**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

<b>November 14, 2006</b>	<b>Nancy Hauter (OSHA), Noise Compliance</b>
<b>December 12, 2006</b>	<b>Phil Reid, Boeing (Director of Security, Boeing), Security and Homeland Security</b>
<b>January 9, 2007</b>	<b>Tom Ryan (City of Chicago Fire Dept), Fire Extinguisher Safety</b>
<b>February 13, 2007</b>	<b>Jim Solomon (National Safety Council), Defensive Driving</b>
<b>March 13, 2007</b>	<b>Ed Glod (EH&amp;S Manager, Northrop Grumman), Achieving VPP &amp; ISO 14000 Status</b>
<b>April 10, 2007</b>	<b>Steve Jensen (President American Safety Training), Confined Space Safety</b>
<b>May 8, 2007</b>	<b>Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium</b>
<b>June 12, 2007</b>	<b>Don Dixon (Safety Manager, Pepper Construction), Cultural changes necessary to get to the next safety level.</b>



## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

By Allan Kaufman, Director of The Compliance Resource Center

One of the most common pieces of equipment used in most companies is the forklift. How many forklifts do you have at your company? Each new operator must receive training by a competent person and refresher training is required every 3 years, unless the operator is involved with one of the following:

- The operator has been observed operating the powdered industrial truck in an unsafe manner.

- The operator has been involved in an accident or near miss.

- The operator has been evaluated as an unsafe driver.

- There is a change in the vehicle used.

- A change in the workplace, which could create a new hazard.

Training is usually done in-house on the forklifts used by the company. The training should include a few hours of classroom work followed by a practical session with each person operating the forklift.

Most forklifts are powered by either electric batteries or propane. The forklift is designated as a powered industrial truck, and is regulated by OSHA under 29CFR part 1910.78.

On the next page, I have added a forklift checklist provided by OSHA.

For additional information check out the OSHA link; [http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/ote/trng-materials/pit/pit\\_checklist.html](http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/ote/trng-materials/pit/pit_checklist.html)

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## Daily Inspection Checklist: Propane Forklift Truck

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### KEY OFF Procedures

- ✦ The vehicle inspection
- ✦ Overhead guard
- ✦ Hydraulic cylinders
- ✦ Mast assembly
- ✦ Lift chains and rollers
- ✦ Forks
- ✦ Tires
- ✦ LPG tank and locator pin
- ✦ LPG tank hose
- ✦ Gas gauge
- ✦ Check the engine oil level
- ✦ Examine the battery
- ✦ Check the hydraulic fluid level

Check the engine coolant level



### KEY ON Procedures

Test the front, tail, and brake lights

### ENGINE RUNNING Procedures

- ✦ Check the gauges
- ✦ Oil pressure indicator lamp
- ✦ Ammeter indicator lamp
- ✦ Hour meter
- ✦ Water temperature gauge
- ✦ Test the standard equipment
- ✦ Steering
- ✦ Brakes
- ✦ Horn
- ✦ Safety seat (if equipped)
- ✦ Check the operation of load-handling attachments
- ✦ Check the transmission fluid level



## ASSE NATIONAL NEWS— CONFERENCE CALLS AND CALL FOR PAPERS

### **Critical Elements for Maximizing Safety Performance Excellence**

For organizations to move from good to great performance, several elements need to be institutionalized. These elements become the building blocks for the achievement of safety performance excellence. However, SH&E professionals must first better understand the various reasons why managers and organizations are compelled to improve their safety performance along with the most important drivers for changing a safety culture. This technical audio conference call reviews the thirteen critical elements found in organizations that consistently achieve safety performance excellence.

Our speaker will be Sam Gualardo, CSP. Sam is a highly regarded and respected safety professional and served as President of ASSE from 2000-2001. To read more about Sam's background please feel free to review his bio at the URL below:

To learn more about Sam and his professional background please visit his website or review his bio:

<http://www.safetyexcellence.org/>

In his presentation, Sam will discuss:

1. Learn the 5 reasons why organizations are compelled to achieve safety and health performance excellence and which are the most important to influence the culture.
2. Understand what compels senior managers and line managers to demonstrate their personal commitment and involvement in changing the culture.
3. Gain knowledge of the 13 critical elements found in organizations that consistently achieve safety and health performance excellence.

**Save the Date: November 8, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central time**

If you would like to participate, go to [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) or **contact our Customer Service Department at 847/699-2929**

### **SeminarFest**

Jan 21-27, 2007

Las Vegas, NV

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### **Math Review, ASP & CSP Workshops**

November 12-16

Scottsdale, AZ

### **Corporate Safety Management**

November 13-15 Scottsdale, AZ

### **Math Review, ASP & CSP Workshops**

December 3-9

Des Plaines, IL



June 24-27

Orlando, FL

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## GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER ASSISTS AT THE O'HARE SAFETY EXPO

The O'Hare Safety Expo was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the AMC Building. The purpose of the event is to provide the latest and greatest information on safety products and services to the Aviation community. Over 1,400 people were in attendance. The events of the day included: a ramp rodeo and a special aircraft brought in for the event. The Greater Chicago Chapter hosted a table available to recruit new members. Special thanks to Rich Moscato and Al Borzych for their participation in the event.



"David Fachie is the Regional Manager of the Chicago Chapter of the National Safety Council (NSC). He managed the display table for NSC adjacent to the ASSE display table, which Al Borzych and Rich Moscato (both Past Presidents of our Greater Chicago Chapter) managed. AL and Rich talked to many people, giving great publicity for the Society, and influenced at least two attendees to potentially become members of ASSE.



## 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.

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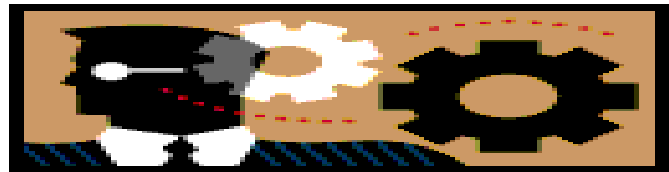
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

**Brian Schell**  
**Chicago International Trucks**

**Jon Koppari**  
**Aldridge Electric**



## 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](http://www.imert.org) to obtain the application information or contact Emily Lee at 1-866-99-IMERT.