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ASSE MEETING NOTICE & HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY— DECEMBER 12, 2006

Boeing as a DHS "Critical Infrastructure" – (Countering the Domestic and International Terrorist Threat)

Please join us and Mr. Phillip B. J. Reid, Boeing Chicago Corporate Center Security Director on the topic of "Boeing as a DHS "Critical Infrastructure" – (Countering the Domestic and International Terrorist Threat)".

Mr. Reid will show us the reason Boeing is considered a Critical Infrastructure" by DHS and FBI. Threat Assessments done show our vulnerabilities and how we are countering the threats.

Phil Reid has 36 years of law enforcement experience. He served as a Baltimore City, MD. Police Officer from 1969 to 1977 and was with the FBI from 1977 - 2005. He retired from the FBI as the Special Agent -in-Charge of the Denver FBI Field Office.

Since his retirement from the FBI in May 2005, Mr. Reid has been working for the Boeing Company as their Chicago Corporate Center Security Director.

This meeting is a special holiday meeting and will be FREE to the first 50 members who respond and RSVP for the meeting on the 12th.

In addition, we will be collecting unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Bring your toy, not required, to the December meeting. We will be delivering these to needy kids over Chicagoland.

Wishing each of you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2007.

Lunch and Meeting Pricing:

Advanced Registration: FREE to first 50

50 people who register

Registration at the Door: \$25

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 December 8th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.



Dear Chapter Members,

As we approach on the end of 2006, the mad rush begins! We are trying to accomplish many things both at work and home in a short period of time. Have you given any thought lately to how the Chicago Chapter is able to meet your needs? Our goal is to increase participation and recruit additional members to our Chapter. We need for you to let us know how we can do that! Please drop an email to one of the members on the Board. (email addresses are on the first page)

The December Holiday Chapter meeting is free to the first 50 members. Reservations will be taken until December 8th. We are hoping those who attend will either bring an unwrapped toy to donate or make a donation to the Toys for Tots Representative who will be at the meeting. We will also have Phillip Reid, the Security Director of Boeing who will be providing a discussion on "Countering the Domestic and International Terrorist Threat." As a Safety Officer for IMERT and an employee of O'Hare, this topic and the prevention of terrorist threats is near and dear to me. So come join us for some great information and merriment festivities!

Thank you to the new members who came to our November meeting! It was very nice to meet with you!

Congratulations to Marion Synowiec who was presented with the Region Spy award by Chris Patton, Region 5 Vice President at our November Chapter meeting. Marion, you deserve the recognition!

Please let us know what we can do to better serve your needs or if you have any suggestions. Hope to see you at the December Holiday 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

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.

What Does It Mean?

IM, WWW, HTML, WAP, PPE, SCBA, QLFT, SAR

Did you ever hear of any of these terms, that people use all the time: IM, WWW, HTML, WAP (instant message, world wide web, hypertext markup language, and wireless application protocol)? Today, the world is trying to shorten how we communicate to others. To shorten their communications, many people today, use common and uncommon acronyms, which can be very difficult for many people to understand. Safety people use many acronyms, such as PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), SCBA (Self-contained breathing apparatus), now it gets a little harder, QLFT (Qualitative Fit Test) and SAR (Supplied-air Respirator) often without explaining to people what we mean. Safety professionals, like people in all professions, use acronyms often assuming that everyone knows what the letters or terms mean.

Below is a list of acronyms used by many safety and compliance people. The list is far from complete. I hope you can use this to educate your safety people and add additional acronyms used in your workplace.

Safety Acronyms (terms in orange are associations or government agencies)

ABC- Airway, Breathing, Circulation, for first aid responder to check.

AEL-Acceptable Exposure Limit

AHERA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986

ALCM-Associate in Loss Control Management

ANSI-American National Standards Institute

ASSE-American Society of Safety Engineers

AST-Above ground storage tanks

BBP-Bloodborne Pathogens

BLS-Bureau of Labor Statistics

BTU-British Thermal Unit, a traditional unit of measure for heat

CDL-Commercial Driver's License, for driving trucks

CHMM-Certified Hazardous Materials Manager

CFR-Code of Federal Regulations, the official compliance regulations for a specific agency of the US Federal Government.

CIH-Certified Industrial Hygienist

CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CSP-Certified Safety Professional

DB-Decibels

DFM-dust, fume, and mist. This abbreviation refers to a respirator filter cartridge suitable for use against dusts, fumes or mists, and is used in the new NIOSH regulation on Respirator Certification.

DOL-Department of Labor

DOT-Department of Transportation

EPA-Environmental Protection Agency

ERG-Emergency Response Guide book

FMCSR- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

GC- Gas Chromatography

GFCI-Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter

HAZCOM-Hazardous Communications (continued to next page)

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What does it mean? Continued

HAZCOM-Hazardous Communications

HAZMAT-dealing with Hazardous Materials

HAZWOPER-Hazardous Waste Operations Emergency Response

HBV-Hepatitis B Virus

HPD-Hearing Protection Device

ICAO- International Civil Aviation Organization, for shipping hazardous materials internationally by air

IMDG-International Marine Dangerous Goods, for shipping hazardous materials by ocean vessel.

ISO- International Organization for Standardization

JHA- Job Hazard Analysis

LEL- Lower Explosive Limit - The minimum percent by volume of a gas or vapor, which when mixed with air, will form a flammable mixture.

LWDII- Lost Workday Injury and Illness

MCL- Maximum Concentration Limits or Maximum Contaminant Levels (SDWA)

MSDS- Material Safety Data Sheet provided by chemical manufacturers, required by OSHA to be available to workers

NFPA- National Fire Protection Association publishes useful hazard ratings on many chemicals. Not a regulatory agency.

NIOSH- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health An arm of the US Centers for Disease Control, it does research and suggests guidelines for exposure control, but is not a regulatory agency.

NRR- Noise Reduction Rating, is used as a laboratory based indicator of the relative effectiveness of hearing protectors.

NSC- National Safety Council, a US (Chicago) based safety organization dealing with industrial safety, school and college safety and transportation safety.

OSHA- Occupational Safety & Health Administration, a part of the US Department of Labor, it regulates many job safety issues, including chemical handling and storage; also Occupational Safety & Health Act, the US Federal legislation which created OSHA (the Administration) and NIOSH.

PAPR- Powered Air-Purifying Respirator

PEL- Permissible Exposure Limit, the maximum occupational exposure permitted under the OSHA regulations.

PHMSA-Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of US DOT

PPE-Personal Protective Equipment

ppm- Parts of contaminant Per Million parts of air or other fluid. Usually called simply "parts per million" - a unit of measure of the concentration of one material mixed or dissolved into another. This unit may be converted to milligrams per cubic meter.

QA/QC- Quality Assurance/Quality Control

QRA- Quantitative Risk Assessment

RCRA- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act - US Federal legislation which regulates materials and wastes currently being generated, treated, stored, disposed or distributed.

RMI- Repetitive Motion Injury

SARA- Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act - US federal Legislation which reauthorized the "Superfund", a fund intended to clean up existing hazardous waste sites. It also established a federal community Right to Know and tightened industrial reporting requirements.

SCBA- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

SPCC- Spill Prevention, Control (or Containment) and Countermeasures

STEL- Short Term Exposure Limit (chemical exposure)

STP- Standard Temperature and Pressure

TQM- Total Quality Management, the name of a management system or philosophy involving the use of employee participation, Quality Committees, formalized problem solving methods, and a focus on product quality and customer requirements.

UL- Underwriter's Laboratories, one of a number of agencies that test and approve various products for safety and then permit the manufacturer to display their seal on the product as an indication of that testing.

VPP- Voluntary Protection Program - An OSHA program which promotes excellence in workplace safety and health programs in exchange for limitations on scheduled inspections by OSHA.

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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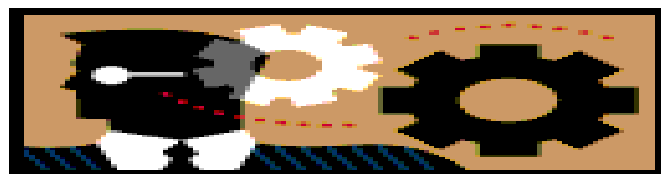
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

**No new member during November
2006...**



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.