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# **December Newsletter**

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Frank Tiralla, President, Chesapeake ASSP

Happy holidays!

It's unfortunate that this saying will not be true for everyone this holiday season. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), approximately 200 residential fires occur each holiday season due to Christmas trees, holiday decorations, candles, and holiday cooking. As a volunteer firefighter, over the past few weeks other firefighters and I have seen our share of residential fires increase. It's heart-wrenching to see and hear of so many displacing fires that have occurred. As a firefighter, sadly, I know it's that time of year again. All too often we are the first to see

the results; missing animals, children without their warm beds they know and love, their toys gone, etc., and all as a result of undue inattention.

Cold nights and days coupled with the holidays result in a higher number of people using their wood stoves, fireplaces, and pellet stoves. In addition, running of space heaters and electric blankets, holiday lights and decorations all lead to overloaded electrical outlets. As you know, all these things are potential fire hazards in your home. This holiday season, I ask you to scope out your homes and educate those you live with and/or work with about the potential fire dangers. As safety professionals you know that you can never be too safe. Fire prevention is everything, and far too often it's taken for granted. Unplug what you are not using and think about what you leave on/keep running when you're not home. Make sure even the smallest flammable items are away from open flames. More importantly, check your smoke detectors – they do save lives!

Trust me, I've seen my share of fires – you don't want to be a victim of a house fire. For additional information on holiday fires, please visit <a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Winter-holidays/Holiday-fires-by-the-numbers">https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Winter-holidays/Holiday-fires-by-the-numbers</a>

Have a safe and joyous holiday.

Frank Tiralla

President, Chesapeake Chapter ASSP

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

### **Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members!**

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Member Class	Sponsor Name
Jermaine	Hawkins	11/1/19	Student	
Michael	Quashne	11/1/19	Member	Matthew Hallowell
Justin	Sherbine	11/1/19	Member	
Jeffrey	Simet	11/1/19	Associate	

#### **Total Number of Current Members:**

418

We look forward to meeting you at the next Chapter Meeting. **Remember your first chapter meeting is free!** 

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **CHAPTER MEETINGS & WEBINARS**

Our monthly chapter meetings are valuable opportunities for professional development, networking and catching up with friends and colleagues. Take a look below to see what we've got in store for you!

You can also view prior Chapter Webinars on the website: http://chesapeake.assp.org/files/



# **December Chapter Meeting**

**Heart of the Matter** 

December 18, 2019 | 12 pm - 3:30 pm

**Kelsey's Restaurant & Irish Pub** 

8480 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland, 21043

### Calling all members, calling all members!

Join us for Chesapeake Chapter's December Meeting – "Heart of the Matter", an informal open mic style meeting where chapter members are invited to give a 5-10 minute presentation on a lesson learned, tidbit of wisdom or a "did you know" story. Not interested in presenting, that's OK! Come partake of the wit and wisdom of your safety colleagues.

Contact Chapter Secretary James Woodward (<u>jwoodward@mcleancontracting.com</u>) to register as a speaker.

For more information, see our website: <a href="https://chesapeake.assp.org/event/">https://chesapeake.assp.org/event/</a>

**REGISTER HERE** 



# **Chesapeake Chapter PDC**

Save the Date!

April 16, 2020

Chapter Events



### **CALL FOR SPEAKERS!**

Region VI of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) proudly invites those interested in presenting at our 2020 Professional Development Conference (PDC) to submit an application for review by the Planning Committee. The objective is to give attendees the opportunity to:

- · Build upon their professional skills and knowledge
- Prepare for new challenges in the Safety, Health and Environmental fields
- · Provide practical solutions to the challenges in these fields

The Planning Committee is looking for advanced, technically oriented and practical presentations that fulfill the needs of Safety, Health and Environmental Professionals. Speakers should consider topics related to safety, as well as personal development and growth.

Don't Miss the December 1, 2019 Deadline for Submittals!

#### Materials to Be Submitted

Application Form (Online Submittal click here)

- 2. **Abstract of the Presentation**: Provide an abstract of your proposal presentation sufficient to evaluate the content and assess the interest level for attendees. Abstract should not be more than two double-spaced pages. List sources for your material if not original. Include the learning outcomes you expect attendees to achieve this session.
- 3. **Biographical Data and References**: For each speaker, include name, address, education, current position, certifications, designations, qualifications and relevant speaking experience. List any significant articles and publications for the last 3 years. **NOTE: Please include phone or email contacts for your reference**
- 4. **Program Description**: Provide a 50-word description of your presentation. If your presentation is selected, this description will be used in the conference brochure and program. Description may be edited.

#### **Policy and Other Information**

- 1. **Levels**: Sessions are evaluated as follows: Basic = Focused for the attendees with two to five years' experience; Intermediate = Six to 10 years' experience; Advanced = 10 plus years; Executive = Executive-level material.
- 2. **Length of Presentation**: Each concurrent session lasts 75 minutes. Each Keynote session lasts 90 minutes.
- 3. **Handouts**: We encourage speakers to provide handouts for 50 attendees.
- 4. **Honoraria**: Speakers receive a complimentary registration for the conference.
- 5. **Email**: Submissions may be sent via email (one copy only) to <u>wangdahl.amy@dol.gov</u> by **December 1, 2019**. Please be sure to include all required information listed above. In the subject line of the email, include "**Region VI PDC 2020**".

For more information: <a href="https://region6.assp.org/pdc/call-for-speakers/">https://region6.assp.org/pdc/call-for-speakers/</a>

### Did you know MOSH offers FREE classes on a variety of safety topics?

Check out the website for more information:

https://www.dllr.state.md.us/DLIOutreach/web/content/MOSHHome.aspx

#### **NFWS**

# **ChapterWISE**

Did you know the Chesapeake Chapter is starting a chapterWISE? Are you interested in being on the team or attending activities? Let us know! Please complete the survey below.

**ChapterWISE Survey** 

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C37L2CP

■ For more information you can reach the chesapeakeWISE representative Kelsey Nutter at chapterWISE email wise@chesapeake.assp.org

### **ASSP Online Community**

Have you checked out the ASSP online community platform? The exclusive online ASSP Community connects you with great resources and great people to help you grow professionally and engage with other safety professionals. The ASSP Community provides a forum for members to get help with a technical safety problem and provides a platform for members to showcase their technical expertise. Members can also share experiences, post photos from local events, and so much more!

Log in at <a href="https://community.assp.org/home">https://community.assp.org/home</a>

Have questions? Contact Kelsey Nutter, one of the ASSP Community Influencers, at <a href="NutterKB@gmail.com">NutterKB@gmail.com</a>!

# **Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Scholarships**

Applications for 2019 scholarships are now accepted!

Follow this link for application forms: <a href="https://chesapeake.assp.org/education/">https://chesapeake.assp.org/education/</a>

Contact Barb Ruble <u>bruble@stcenv.com</u> for more information.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### See the Chapter website for information and job opportunities

https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/

### Safety Systems Analyst

### Edgewood, MD

Teledyne Brown Engineering is looking for a mid-level safety professional that wants to make the world a safer place. Become part of the team working to eliminate the legacy of chemical weapons. We have an opening for a safety engineer supporting the Recovered Chemical Materiel Directorate (RCMD) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (APG).

In this role you will interface with RCMD staff and other project stakeholders to provide safety and risk management support to RCMD systems and programs. As a member of the RCMD support contractor team you will:

- Facilitate ongoing compliance with applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and Army Regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety standards, and Department of Transportation (DOT) hazardous materials transport requirements.
- Perform and document routine audits and inspections of RCMD site facilities and operations to evaluate compliance with regulatory health and safety requirements.
- Assist program staff in developing compliance solutions.
- Review existing plans and procedures for compliance with applicable federal,
  State, and local laws and regulations. Develop new operational, and health and safety documentation for future RCMD operations.
- Coordinate, conduct, and participate in Preoperational Surveys by preparing survey plans, establishing survey test contingencies and exercises, writing survey reports, and documenting the survey in the Preoperational Survey database.
- Prepare and submit a report every month detailing the safety activities completed for the period.

This is a full time position, co-located with the team in the RCMD office on APG, with occasional travel to field sites for Preoperational surveys or observing operations.

Required to carry a company cell phone and be available for consultation 24/7 in the event of an incident.

### Qualifications

- Minimum five years' experience in occupational health and safety in a hazardous chemical and/or hazardous waste operation.
- Requires a favorable National Agency Check or DoD clearance.
- CSP or similar certification (CIH, CHMM, etc.)
- Familiarity with RCMD destruction technologies is a plus.
- Working knowledge of OSHA, DoD, and Army safety regulations covering occupational safety and health, radiation, explosives, and chemical agent.
- Ability to wear respiratory protective equipment (gas mask) and common occupational PPE (hard hat, safety shoes, eye and hearing protection.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office products such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Teledyne is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, religious creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, pregnancy, marital status, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status,

age, disability, protected Veteran Status, genetics or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

### **Apply**

https://careers-teledyne.icims.com/jobs/11914/safety-systems-analyst/job

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Goal:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession, safety professionals, and development of its members in the geographical area served.

The Executive Committee meets monthly to further these goals. Contact anyone below for more details, and if you would like to participate!

See Chapter Website For More Information: https://chesapeake.assp.org/chapter-officers/

#### **Executive Committee Members**

#### Elected positions:

**President**: Frank Tiralla **Vice President**: Jim Kane

2nd Vice President: Kim Brown

**Treasurer:** Anthony Lee **Secretary:** James Woodward

### Nominated positions:

Communications: Mike Wolf Past President: Robb Altenburg

Nominations & Elections: Robb Altenburg

Programs Chair: John A Adams

Government Affairs Chair: Patrick J Wheltle, CSP

Scholarship & Awards Chair: Barbara Jo Ruble, QEP, CPEA,

WISE Liaison: Kelsey Nutter Membership Chair: Mary Smith Newsletter Chair: Laura Wickersham

Professional Organization Liaison: Jim Lewis

**Delegate:** Ned Fitter

**Chapter PDC Chair:** Jim Lewis

### Professional Development Conference (PDC) Committees:

**Chapter Committee Member:** Mary Doyle

Chapter Committee Member: Robert L. Lawson Chapter Committee Member: Joseph Opauski Chapter Committee Member: Mike Ginther, CSP

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