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Technical Audioconference: Nov. 8
On Nov. 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CST, ASSE will host a technical audioconference called "Critical Elements for Maximizing Safety Performance Excellence." This call will review the 13 critical elements found in organizations that consistently achieve safety performance excellence.

Deadlines for Foundation Scholarships/Grants & Fellowship Approaching
Applications for ASSE Foundation scholarships and grants are due Dec. 1, 2006. More than $100,000 is available this year to students pursuing SH&E-related degrees and SH&E professionals pursuing continuing education and certification.

In addition, applications for the Liberty Mutual Safety Research Fellowship Program for summer 2007 are due Feb. 1, 2007. Recipients will spend 4 to 6 weeks at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety in Hopkinton, MA. The Foundation provides a stipend, while the institute provides access to current research projects, databases, equipment, researchers and other resources.

ASSE Offers Three New Brochures
ASSE has produced three new brochures, which are now available in PDF from the ASSE website. Youth Workplace Safety provides information about safety on the job, including questions teens should ask, facts they should know about laws protecting young workers and contact information for organizations regarding youth labor laws and occupational safety and health. Preventing Roadway Crashes offers work zone safety tips, and discusses protective measures, commercial vehicle safety and child passenger safety. Hazardous Materials provides key information such as facts and statistics, HazMat laws and emergency response.

More News

Spill the Beans about ASSE
By participating in the annual Member-Get-a-Member campaign, members can share the benefits of ASSE membership with other SH&E professionals, helping them advance their careers. Of course, there are prizes in it for you. There is still time to get in on the goods. Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 31, 2007, and you could win a trip for two to Hawaii valued at $5,000. Each member sponsored gives you an entry into the drawing.

ANSI Standard on Lockout/Tagout in Construction Published
A10.44-2006, Control of Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout) for Construction and Demolition Operations, is now available. Part of the A10 series of standards that focuses on construction and demolition operations, A10.44 is designed to help prevent injury and damage caused by unexpected start-up or release of stored energy from equipment, system/process or induced energy during repair, maintenance, operation, installation and other activities involving machines or equipment. Key topics include minimum requirements for and implementation of lockout/tagout procedures; materials and hardware selection; and assigning duties and responsibilities. The standard also includes an equipment-specific lockout/tagout procedure development form. Member price for the standard is $37.

ASSE's Chapter Website Hosting Service Continues to Grow
Three years ago, ASSE launched a service to host and maintain chapter websites for a nominal fee. As of October 2006, 86 of ASSE's 152 chapters have signed on and the number is growing each month. According to Jon Schwerman, ASSE's e-commerce marketing manager, the program addresses two main problems facing chapters: lack of web experience and lack of time. Because of those problems, some chapters either don't have sites or aren't able to keep them up to date, he explains. "Through this service, chapters can tap into ASSE's web design resources and staff expertise to create interesting, informative sites that are kept current," Schwerman says.

Member News

Jacobson Joins ASSE Foundation Legacy Trust
Several years ago, Karl Jacobson, a former trustee and chair of the ASSE Foundation, was asked to work with visionary donors who included ASSE in their estate planning. Now, he's joined this group of visionaries. Jacobson recently donated his life insurance to the Foundation as part of the Legacy Trust. "Life insurance is an easy giving option," he says. "We all have life insurance, or we should. It made sense for me to include ASSEF as a beneficiary on my life insurance policy.''

Robinson Recognized for Outstanding Work
Keith Robinson, CHP, CHMM, of ASSE's Triad Chapter was recently recognized for his continuing efforts to enhance safety. Robinson helped mobilize ASSE members in North Carolina to support a bill that would ban teens under age 18 from using cell phones while driving. He worked with the state legislature and ASSE members to promote this law and safe driving. The law was supported by the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force and was passed last summer. In his efforts, Robinson communicated that the many hazards of distracted driving can kill and that transportation crashes continue to be the leading cause of on-the-job deaths.