



September, the Harbinger End of Summer and Arrival of Fall, Back to School

By Tyler Nguyen

The kids head back to school, The Labor Day Holiday weekend barbeque with friends and neighbors, Watching the NFL on high-definition television - These are some of the joys that come with the arrival of Fall. Last, but not least, the ASSE marches on with the business of advancing members' interest and the safety profession.

President Jay Jamali will represent the Greater San Jose Chapter at the next meeting of the ROC in San Diego this month. The acronym stands for Regional Operating Committee, currently headed by our own Vice President Terrie Norris of the Orange County Chapter. Earlier this month, some ideas got kicked around during the Board Meeting. To increase our effort in the member recruit and retention plan, a student chapter and a mentoring program were mentioned as worthwhile ideas. You will want to touch base with our own Membership Director Jim Beeby as he is compiling and considering all input, suggestions, and recommendations to make this plan an effective one. Benefits are many with a few highlighted here: increased prestige to the Safety Profession, positive public relations, infusion of candidates and talent into the pool or pipeline of safety work, foster the well-being of Society members and development of our own chosen career field.

That means the delegated task of running the September Executive Committee Board meeting which happens to be on the same day as the ROC, falls on the shoulders of yours truly. September 9th, of course, is also our next chapter meeting. Drop in to rub elbows with Chapter officers around 10:30 a.m. just prior to the monthly luncheon meeting or contact the officers by telephone or e-mail. We love to hear from you.

Back to School Safety Professionals, Are you interested in learning about how your workers' compensation insurance premium is calculated? Who calculates the mod factor? How is a mod calculated? What is a credit vs. a debit mod? What is the experience rating period? How do your losses compare? How can you control your mod? How can your experience rating save you money?

Bring your own related questions and direct them to expert Dave Smith, CSP, ARM, REA. Learn the underlying principles of rate calculations. Learn the role each party (you the Safety Professional, your company, your insurance broker, your third-party claims administrator, your insurance carrier, your employees) plays in the determination of rates. And learn the tried-and-true recommendations to reduce losses and insurance premiums and ultimately save money for your organization.



Upcoming Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 12 to 1 p.m.

Topic- Manage Your EMR: Why Ex Mods are a Poor Safety Measure and What You Can Do About It

Speakers: Dave Smith, CSP, ARM, REA <http://www.DaveSmithCo.com>



Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health Promotes And Provides a Necessary Service to the Greater Bay Area Practicing Safety Professionals

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“Environmental Health reflects the continued assessment, preservation, and improvement of environmental conditions and circumstances that affect the health and safety of our community” states and introduces Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) to its web page visitors in the public domain.

Surfing the website, I found very useful information for the safety practitioners. The website is designed to serve as a community resource for the general public, the businesses regulated, students seeking a career in sustaining environmental health, and environmental health professionals seeking tools to enhance their work products.

DEH’s web site’s purpose is to address general questions and inquiries about the variety and scope of services provided by the Santa Clara County DEH as well as provide access to: Timely information regarding hot issues; Online reporting of complaints and concerns; Information regarding plan check and permitting processes; Up-to-date standards, state laws, regulations, and ordinances enforced by DEH; Links to other information sources.

Current featured information on the page include information on:

- Food Recalls, Notices & Alerts
- View Local Oversight Program Case Documents Online
- Inspection Reports for: Restaurants, Groceries and other Food Facilities
- E-Waste Recycling List

Just using the E-Waste Recycling List alone, I was able to dispose of my ancient tube television for free by dropping it off at a location within a mile from my office.

The Consumer Protection Division, the Hazardous Materials Compliance Division, and the Vector Control District are all under the umbrella of Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health. Visit them on the world wide web at <http://www.EHinfo.org/>





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Michael Frye, DOSH Foster City District Manager, highlights the Heat Illness Prevention Regulation, August 12, 2008 meeting.



Andrew Peterson, Xilinx EH&S Manager, accepts appreciation certificate and personal safety kit gift from President Jay Jamali, August 12, 2008 meeting after making his Heat Illness Prevention, Risk-Based presentation.