



## ***ASSE April Meeting Emphasizes Readiness***

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, Time: 12 to 1 pm

**TOPIC:** EMERGENCY RESPONSE BEST PRACTICES



**SPEAKER:** Jay Jamali- CSP, CHMM, CHCM. Environmental Health and Safety Director for Enviro Safetech. Mr. Jamali has a bachelors in safety engineering and a masters in safety management. He has over 20 years of emergency response experience in industry. Jay has responded to hundreds of medical, fire, hazmat and natural disaster emergencies (Loma Prieta, Northridge and Katrina). Mr. Jamali is a regular presenter at major safety conferences.

**DESCRIPTION:** The presentation will discuss strategies and tactics (best practices) before, during and after an emergency. Topics to be discussed include written programs, training, Emergency Response Teams (ERT) roles, evacuation procedures, pandemic flu, earthquake preparedness, equipment and drills as well as internet resources.

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### ***President-Elect Notes***

*1st quarter 2009 has already made history. From all the way to the first African-American U.S. President to some of the worst economic indicators our world has seen in many years. If this year continues the way it currently is, 2009 will be one of the most defining years in global history. It seems the downs will out-weigh any good news in the short term but these periods of turmoil always turn. We just need to hang in there.*

**CONSULTANT DIRECTORY:** *Our chapter has started a directory of occupational health and safety professionals that provide services on a contract consulting basis on our web site. The Chapter provides the directory as a benefit to its member. It neither endorses nor warrants the services offered for hire. The directory is not intended to be a "resume posting service" for individuals in search of regular employment. To appear in the directory, the listing professional must be a member of the Greater San Jose Chapter of ASSE.*

### ***Membership News***

*Let's extend a warm welcome to JESSICA RODRIGUEZ., as the Chapter's newest member. Jessica is from Livermore. Membership Chairperson Jim Beeby stated that current membership comprises of 299 members compared to 297 in February and 292 in March of 2008.*



## *April is Earthquake Preparedness Month*

*By Brenda Buescher, Newsletter Editor*

**APRIL IS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH.** Scientists estimate the following probabilities of California for the next 30 years. There is a 67 percent probability of an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 or larger occurring on the San Andreas, Hayward or Rodgers Creek faults in the San Francisco Bay Area. If a major earthquake struck in your area today, you might be without direct assistance for up to 72 hours. Are you prepared to be self sufficient? Is your family? Your Neighborhood?

### **INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PREPAREDNESS**

- Know the safe spots in each room—under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls
- Know the danger spots—windows, mirrors, hanging objects fireplaces, tall furniture
- Conduct practice drills. Physically place yourself and your children in safe locations
- Learn First Aid, CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitations) from your local Red Cross Chapter or other community organizations
- Decide where your family will reunite, if separated
- Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom family members can call after the quake to report whereabouts and conditions

### **HOME PREPAREDNESS**

- Learn how to shut off gas, water and electricity in case lines are damaged
- Check chimneys, roofs, and wall foundations for stability. Make sure your home is bolted to its foundation. Call a licensed contractor if there are any questions.
- Keep breakable and heavy objects on lower shelves
- Secure hanging plants and heavy picture frames or mirrors
- Put latches on cabinet doors to keep closed during shaking
- Keep flammable or hazardous liquids such as paints, pest sprays or cleaning products in cabinets or secured on lower shelves
- Maintain emergency food, water and other supplies including medicine, first aid kit and clothing

### **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS**

- Suggest that local organizations of which you are a member undertake a specific preparedness program or acquire special training to be of assistance in the event of a damaging earthquake.
- Organize a neighborhood earthquake preparedness program
- Conduct training for neighborhood residents in preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, damage assessment and search and rescue
- Develop self-help networks between families and neighborhoods through a skills and resource bank which includes a listing of tools, equipment, materials and neighborhood members who have special skills and resources to share
- Identify neighbors who have special needs or will require special assistance
- Have neighbors agree to hang a white flag out after the quake if everyone and everything is okay

### **SUGGESTED PREPAREDNESS WEBSITES**

- CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
- FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
- AMERICAN RED CROSS



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## Conference, Seminar and Courses

University of California, Santa Cruz Extension has quite a few courses geared toward safety, health and environmental management. Current courses in environmental safety and health; hazardous materials; hazardous waste; and occupational safety and health t either advance your career choice or update your knowledge base. These training offer both hands-on skills as well as high-level management techniques allowing participatns to perform at the highest level.

<http://www.ucsc-extension.edu/view/ehs/home>

The American Industrial Hygiene Association—Northern California Section is sponsoring a day-long event on the topic of “Sustainability in the EH&S World” slated for Thursday, April 30, 2009. Venue is SRI International in Menlo Park, California.

<http://www.aiha-ncs.org/>

**SAVE THE DATE**—Our very own Professional Development Conference sponsored by the Greater San Jose Chapter of the ASSE is scheduled for **October 8 and 9, 2009 in Monterey, California.**

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

May 12, 2009	Accident Photography	Jon Moldestad LLC, Analytical and Forensic Safety Consultant
June 9, 2009	Seismic Mitigation to Minimize Earthquakes and Other Disasters' Damage to Your Property	Glen Granholm, Project Manager, Essrig Taylor Construction, Inc.
July 14, 2009	A Psychologist's Perspective on Safety Leadership: How to Motivate Safety Behaviors in 4 Simple Steps	Thomas E. (Ted) Boyce, Ph.D. , President and Sr. Consultant Center for Behavioral Safety LLC